

YWCA SEATTLE | KING | SNOHOMISH

Established in 1894, YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish is the oldest nonprofit in the region focused on the needs of women and girls, and is the second largest YWCA association in the United States.

Through direct services, advocacy, and education, YWCA works to eliminate racial and gender disparities and **create equity in housing, health, and economic advancement**. Our vision is an inclusive society where people thrive and all communities are valued, respected, and self-directed.

Our YWCA is uniquely positioned to make a difference in the communities we serve:

- YWCA's programs for housing, economic advancement, health, domestic violence, and youth served **14,931** women, men, and children in 2016.
- Annually, over **2,000** people are sheltered through YWCA emergency or transitional programs. **58%** of people utilizing those services move to more stable housing.
- Over **14,000** job seekers of all ages used YWCA for self-directed job search. **60%** of adults using YWCA employment services to seek work got jobs.

With more than 20 locations across two counties, each one of YWCA's facilities reflects the growing needs and changing demographics in the region, offering culturally appropriate employment, counseling, family services, and more.

Today, as a regional leader moving women and families out of crisis and towards independence, YWCA believes all women — particularly women of color — should have the opportunity to reach their full potential and no longer experience disparities in housing, health, employment, or safety.

YWCA is on a mission to eliminate racism and empower women, and we're needed more than ever:

- In South King County, people of color are **two to three times** more likely to live in poverty than white communities members.
- The Seattle metro area has the largest gender wage gap in our country. Statewide, women are **losing approximately \$11.2 billion** in earnings each year.
- Homelessness disproportionately impacts people of color. Per the 2017 Count Us In survey, **55%** of those experiencing homelessness in Seattle/King County identified as people of color.