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WDC leads national gathering on homeless jobseekers

SEATTLE—Workforce and homeless services leaders from five cities across the country will come together tomorrow in Seattle to share their expertise in serving the employment needs of homeless individuals.

Thanks to a generous grant to the WDC from the [Butler Family Fund](#), leaders from Houston, Miami, Portland and Phoenix will join Seattle in this first-ever convening of Workforce Investment Boards like the WDC and their partners in housing and homeless services.

The goal is to more effectively connect people experiencing homelessness with the employment services and resources of the public workforce system—such as WorkSource Seattle-King County.

Each city is bringing a representative from the workforce and the homeless world to together share their work in their own communities. The five cities will form a national advisory group that will reach out to additional cities to spread their successful strategies.

In Seattle, the WDC partnered with [Building Changes](#) to provide navigators who would work with people living in transitional housing and connect them to the employment resources of WorkSource. The WDC was honored for this innovative partnership by Building Changes in September 2011.

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The **Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County** (www.seakingwdc.org) is a nonprofit workforce “think tank” and grant-making organization that oversees employment-related programs for youth, the adult workforce and employers in King County, with the goal of a strong economy and self-sufficiency for every resident.