





### ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019



# **TRANSFORMING THE DIALOGUE**

The time for bold change is now.

As unemployment remains low and average income rises in Seattle-King County, some may question the need for change. But economic inequality towers higher than the cranes dotting the skyline of downtown Seattle, and tragically, those disparities are felt most strongly by communities of color, who bore the brunt of the Great Recession and have seen access to opportunities fail to materialize in the aftermath.

We say it again: the time for bold change is now. Our role as an opportunity generator is to refuse to make excuses—where there are gaps in our approach, we must change the approach. No assumption should be left unexamined.

Transformation is by definition a work in progress. You will see that reflected on these pages, where we have outlined our priorities for identifying and addressing inequities in the workforce system, and for forming a new strategy to harness local business leadership.

All of the work—past, present, and future—is made possible thanks to vital partnerships in the community: service providers, industry leaders, government, labor, and other workforce stakeholders who serve tirelessly to create a more just and prosperous economy.

Thank you for your patience and dedication.



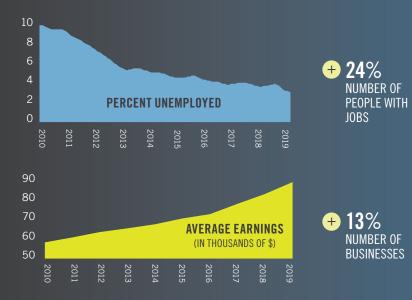
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## **REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Over the last decade in King County



## ABOUT US

The Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County is a nonprofit workforce grant-making organization dedicated to increasing equity and prosperity in our community by developing, supporting, and investing in holistic, demand-driven training and education programs.

We are led by a majority private sector board representing industry, labor, education, government, and community-based organizations. We are proud to serve as stewards of public and private workforce funding, ensuring investments deliver highimpact results and follow transparent processes.

At right: "Transformation" - the Alaskan Way Viaduct morphing into a new waterfront (also in the immediate vicinity of our Seattle office).



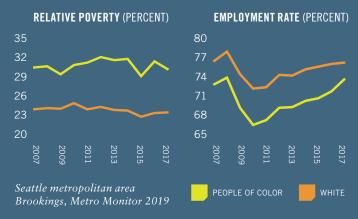
# HOW DO WE BUILD A SYSTEM FOR ALL?

# RACIAL EQUITY IS AN ECONOMIC & MORAL IMPERATIVE

Plenty of middle-skill job opportunities exist in the economy, and are predicted to continue into the future, but access to education and training is lacking, especially for Black, Latinx, Native American, and certain Asian populations.

There is a historic legacy of systemic racism that inflicts harm in every aspect of society, and in addition to the moral imperative, addressing this inequity is necessary for building the talent needed for the economy of the present and future.

#### FROM 2007-2017, A LACK OF PROGRESS ON RACIAL EQUITY



#### GOALS FOR A MORE EQUITABLE FUTURE

- Determine quantitative and qualitative equity metrics and begin measuring progress across programs, partnerships, and regional workforce development efforts
- Disaggregate available data by demographic, including program data, out-of-work data, and community assessment data
- Use qualitative analysis of community and participant feedback to **identify gaps in the data**
- Develop specific strategies for populations farthest from opportunity, with a focus on addressing service delivery and access gaps
- Ensure leaders of color are involved at every level
- Work with employers on equitable hiring practices
- Ensure partners **practice cultural competency** and use as a driving factor for selecting new partners

#### BUILDING RACIAL EQUITY INTO THE FRAMEWORK

In the past year, the Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County has established two new committees within its board: the **Racial Equity Committee** and the **Community Advisory Committee**. These committees create intentional space for leaders of color and program participants to advise every aspect of workforce programs, partnerships, and strategy.

#### ORIGINS IN A COMMUNITY-LED PROCESS

The equity strategy will continue to include community input from leaders of color across community-based organizations and nonprofits, education, government, and business.



*Above:* Participants in community input session on racial equity.

# WHERE ARE GAPS VISIBLE?

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NORTH SEATTLE COLLEGE

DOWNTOWN SEATTLE \*

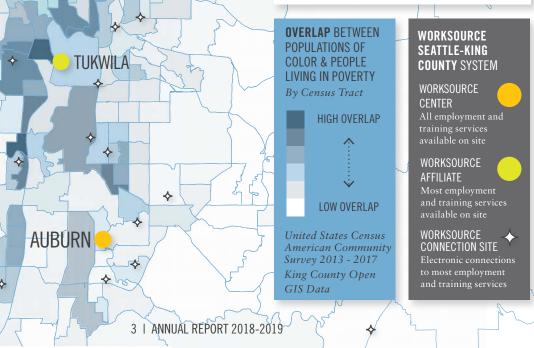
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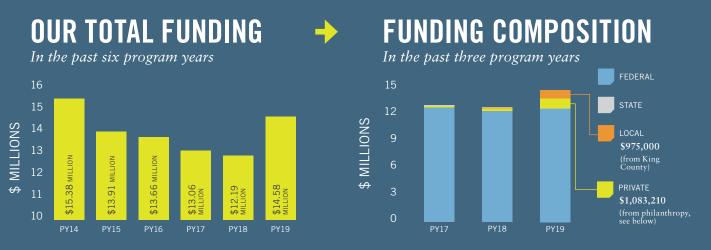
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As we transform our strategy to address inequities within our system, we must validate these measures with local data, develop better measures when necessary, and organize our system to serve the greatest need.



# **HOW CAN FUNDING BE FLEXIBLE?**



## HOW CAN WE PARTNER MORE WITH PHILANTHROPY?



#### Early Success: SEATTLE-KING WORKFORCE FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE

- In the past year, a quarterly forum has been created for philanthropic partners to collaborate on workforce priorities and coordinate funding with public resources.
- Funders lead the organization, and the Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County provides context and resources for strategy and implementation.
- The funders collaborative is **one local part of a national network** supported by the National Fund for Workforce Solutions, which focuses on creating more opportunities for low-wage workers to develop skills, obtain industry-supported credentials, and advance in careers that pay family-sustaining wages.

#### Thanks to investment from our partners...





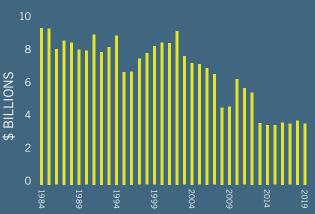
## **DECLINE IN FEDERAL FUNDING**

Since 1935, when the Works Progress Administration spent \$24 billion (in today's dollars) at the height of the Great Depression, federal workforce funding has been on a gradual but steady decline. Since 1984, the reduction has been nearly 50 percent.

Decades of economic racism have compounded with rapid technological change, with opportunities and risks for both job seekers and businesses. We cannot afford to wait for the federal government to catch up to the magnitude of the challenge.

We can work together with industry and the community to redefine our approach and serve populations that have fallen through resource gaps.

Since 1984, adjusted for inflation



## **HOW DOES PUBLIC MONEY GET HERE?**



#### FEDERAL CONGRESS + PRESIDENT PASSED THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT (2014)

The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act makes national workforce funding available and imposes broad criteria on eligibility and allowable costs, but leaves program implementation to state and local entities.

#### STATE GOVERNOR + EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT DESIGNATES LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS

The State of Washington's Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board serves as a convener of state, regional, and local partners, and ESD distributes funding across twelve regional areas.

#### LOCAL KING + CITY OF COUNTY + SEATTLE DESIGNATES RECIPIENT OF WIOA FUNDING

The Local Workforce Development Board aligns and coordinates workforce funding across employment, training, and education programs to promote economic growth.

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# HOW CAN INDUSTRY BE A LEADER?

Achieving racial equity requires industry to play a central role, driving workforce development that breaks down systems barriers from education and training programs to hiring, retention, and career advancement.

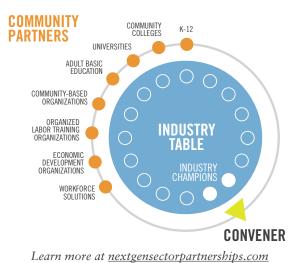
This is why in early 2018 the regional workforce strategy group put forth a recommendation for shared industry tables based on a nationally recognized sector partnership model: Next Generation Sector Partnerships.

### A **NEXT GENERATION** MODEL TO STRENGTHEN THE REGIONAL ECONOMY THROUGH INDUSTRY-LED PARTNERSHIP

Next Generation Sector Partnerships is a national model that puts competing industry leadership at the same table to advance solutions that benefit the entire industry. Community partners including workforce agencies—are ready to jump in when their expertise is required.

The model is based on two principles:

- 1) Industries create and drive a shared agenda.
- 2) Support organizations are intensely integrated into ongoing conversations.



## Early Success:HEALTHCARE INDUSTRYseakinghilt.comLEADERSHIP TABLE

In May of 2018, executives from seven healthcare organizations launched the **Seattle-King County Healthcare Industry Leadership Table** (HILT). In the past year and a half, 60 healthcare organizations have participated in the group's shared priority areas, including talent pipeline and recruitment, internal training and advancement, and affordable workforce housing.

Two achievements of the Seattle-King County HILT include:

- Over 450 students attended a "Chart Your Path to a Healthcare Career" event with two dozen healthcare organizations, over 60 healthcare professionals in top critical occupations, and a dozen education institutions.
- 2) Beta-tested *Map Your Career* inside healthcare organizations to identify best practices for internal worker advancement, sparking an ongoing conversation and shared planning between smaller healthcare providers around medical assistance apprenticeships.

The Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County is playing a key role in forming a regional cross-system approach to industry engagement.



Above: Students participating in a HILT-sponsored career event

### **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE**

"Where do you want to be in ten years?"

mapyourcareer.org

Map Your Career brings together labor market data with research around career pathways—both in the education system and within industries—in order to represent job opportunities in Seattle-King County in a visual format.



#### GET AN OVERVIEW OF IN-DEMAND INDUSTRIES

Industries were identified by their potential for career opportunity over the next 10 years. Job data is placed in the context of population demographics to provide an overview of regional opportunity.

#### DISCOVER YOUR WORK VALUES

Help frame career planning in the context of personal work values, in an open-ended exercise without right or wrong answers.

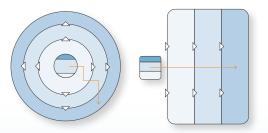
Map Your Career is used in the community by in-school and outof-school education and workforce partners. Feedback and industry intelligence from a diverse range of business, people, and partners informed the redesign and outreach strategy.

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MAP

your CAREER

- UNDERSTAND LABOR MARKET DATA
- A **DISCOVER** CAREER PATHWAYS
- 📄 GET TO WORK

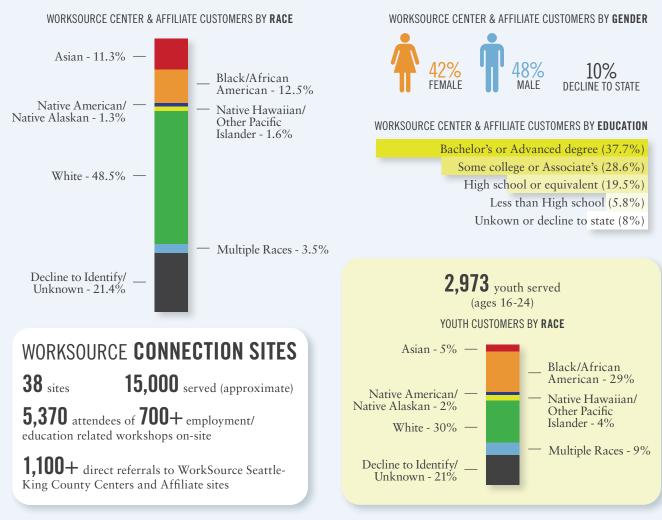


#### EXPLORE CAREER MAPS

The career maps in Map Your Career are designed to show a layered approach to career pathways driven by education and experience, but without creating a false impression of strict, linear progression.

## **JOB SEEKERS** IMPACT OVERVIEW — JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

## 41,610 PEOPLE SERVED



## **BUSINESSES** BUSINESS SERVICES - JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

## **1,203** BUSINESSES ENGAGED

#### BUSINESS BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

#### BUSINESS BY SIZE



### **BUSINESS EVENTS**

129 events

23 youthfocused events

#### TYPES OF EVENTS

- Job fairs
- Hiring & recruitment events
- Employer panels
- Community outreach
- Convenings and roundtables
- Career talks

#### Event Spotlight: YOUTH EMPLOYMENT, **EDUCATION & CAREER FAIR**

February 20, 2019

282 youth in attendance

54 hired after

the event

THANKS TO GOODWILL FOR HOSTING!

#### **BUSINESS-LED** WORKSHOPS

- Nordstrom
- Starbucks
- Chipotle

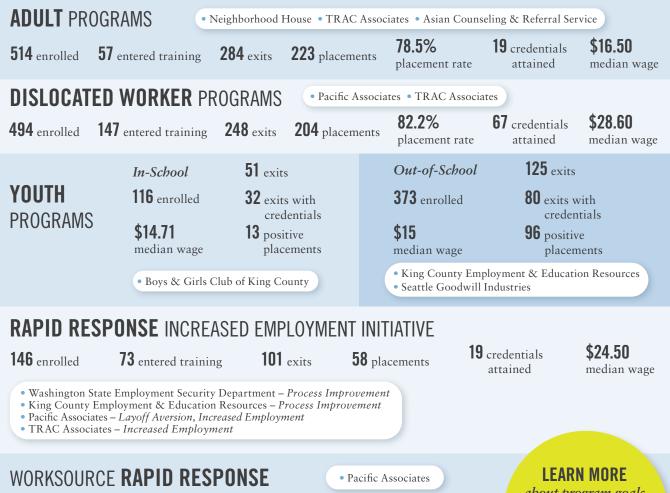
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#### SUPPORT LABS

- Resume building
- Job applications



## WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019



**18** WARN (Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act) notices recieved

**18** businesses contacted

#### **15** businesses chose to have an informational presentation for affected employees

**34** additional businesses contacted Rapid Response team around layoff actitivities and services for affected employees LEARN MORE about program goals & spending in the Program Year Guidebook (<u>seakingwdc.org/</u> <u>guidebook</u>)

#### RESOURCE UPDATE SELF-SUFFICIENCY CALCULATOR

Earlier this year, the Self-Sufficiency Calculator (<u>thecalculator.org</u>) was updated to meet modern



web standards and to upgrade the user interface, incorporating additional tips and context to improve the experience while retaining familiarity.

#### **BEYOND POVERTY - A STANDARD FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

The Self-Sufficiency Calculator is based on the Self-Sufficiency Standard, which incorporates a wide variety of national, state, and local data to determine individual cost of living and account for variation by geography and family composition.

The calculator integrates that information with basic budgeting, career and vocational planning, along with embedded information about work supports, such as food stamps or subsidized healthcare, to invite users and career counselors to plan, budget, explore, test, and determine next steps towards self-sufficiency.

The data supporting the standard will be updated in 2020.

### **Opportunity to Succeed**

**AHMAD** was released from prison in early summer of 2018. For several months he was unable to find work and experienced homelessness. Wherever Ahmad looked, he was told by employers they would not hire him due to his felony record.

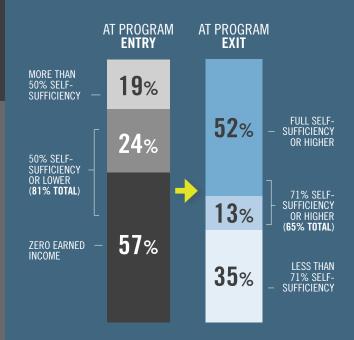
In December 2018, Ahmad was enrolled as a Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) adult program participant

with TRAC Associates and began meeting with a career counselor once or twice a week, in addition to regular phone calls. After a few months of active, supported job search, Ahmad was hired in a part-time position in February 2019 and began attending school full-time at South Seattle College with a goal of a Bachelor's in Business Administration.

Between two part-time jobs, Ahmad now exceeds 150% self-sufficiency with a combined income of \$35 an hour. He was positively exited from WIOA in late March 2019. Ahmad is living with two roommates and is determined to pay off as much college tuition as possible by the time he graduates.

#### **PROGRESS TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

#### ADULT & DISLOCATED WORKER REPORTED INCOME - PY18 SEATTLE-KING COUNTY





## **COMPETITIVE GRANTS** - JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

BANK OF AMERICA, YOUTH EMPLOYMENT 24 internship (90-hour) completions				
BOEING NATIONAL DISLOCATED WORKER GRANT 30 workers enrolled 18 completed training 13 employed after training				
<b>CAREER CONNEC</b> 11 registered youth apprentices	<b>565</b> youth internships	-KING COUNTY 277 youth employed or placed in post- secondary education	<b>4,583</b> youth developed a comprehensive career plan	<b>893</b> youth worked with an adult mentor
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### **COAR** (CENTER FOR ONBOARDING & ADVANCEMENT IN RETAIL)

In partnership with Port Jobs and Starbucks, the Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County brought together retail industry partners to better understand the hiring and staffing needs of employers. Meeting regularly, employers from retail, hospitality, and food service come together to share challenges and explore opportunities. This work is ongoing.

### JP MORGAN CHASE INDUSTRY STRATEGIES TEAM

The goal of this grant is to produce multiple, shared sector partnerships in three critical industries. Partnerships will create space for industry leaders to identify skills gaps, and work with education and workforce partners to develop needed talent and drive career pathway systems-building efforts in King County. This work is ongoing.

### **DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE**

373 served

**29** credentials earned

**37** training completions

**95** obtained employment

Pacific Associates

### TICKET TO WORK

**108** total customers

**43** obtained employment

**29** credentials earned

**37** training completions

## **COMPETITIVE GRANTS** - JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

### **HEALTH WORKFORCE FOR THE FUTURE**



### **HEALTHCARE CAREER PATHWAYS**

TRAC Associates

**163** referrals to tuition assistance and career counseling since project inception in July 2015

### Upskill/Backfill: PROJECT CONNECT: ACCELERATED CAREERS IN MANUFACTURING

Upskill 255 upskill incumbent workers enrolled 255 upskill training completions

- Backfill
- **51** backfill training enrollments
- **51** backfill training completions
- Lake Washington Institute of Technology
- Everett Community College, Corporate & Continuing Education
- Neighborhood House
- TRAC Associates

### Upskill/Backfill: CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY BUILDING ENGINEERS

Upskill

**86** upskill incumbent workers enrolled

**77** upskill training completions

- Backfill
- **32** backfill training enrollments
- **26** backfill training completions
- Emerald Cities Seattle, with subcontractor TRIO
- Associated General Contractors

### Upskill/Backfill: FOCUS ON HEALTHCARE EMPLOYER NEEDS

Upskill

**27** upskill incumbent workers enrolled

**20** upskill training completions

Backfill

**22** positions filled

- Neighborhood House
- Harborview Medical Center - employer partner

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#### **LEARN MORE**

about program goals & spending in the Program Year Guidebook (<u>seakingwdc.org/</u> <u>guidebook</u>)

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