

→ Heroin Forum – Puyallup

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→ Sen. Murray Announces New Federal Housing Vouchers for Homeless Veterans in WA

A total of 142 housing vouchers will help veterans across the state

HUD-VASH vouchers from program Murray helped restart in 2008

(Washington, D.C.) – June 8, U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), a senior member of both the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, announced new resources to help homeless veterans secure stable housing and supportive services. Washington state will receive an additional 142 housing vouchers that will be distributed among housing authorities, part of \$38 million in grants to help veterans around the country.

“The HUD-VASH program is a critical step to address the problem of veteran homelessness in Washington state and around the country, and I’m glad to see so many vouchers specifically targeted to Washington state veterans today,” **Senator Murray said.** “The men and women who served our country deserve our support long after the war is over, and while we’ve made real progress in recent years, I will keep fighting for this program until not a single veteran is forced to sleep on the streets.”

The rental assistance announced today is provided through the [HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing \(HUD-VASH\) Program](#) which combines rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA, a program Murray helped restart in 2008 and which she has continued to help fund every year since. Since 2008, more than 79,000 vouchers have been awarded and over 111,000 homeless veterans have been served through the HUD-VASH program. See a breakdown of the voucher allocation announced today below.

→ Congress

Senate Bill Would Eliminate Nearly All Federal Housing Programs

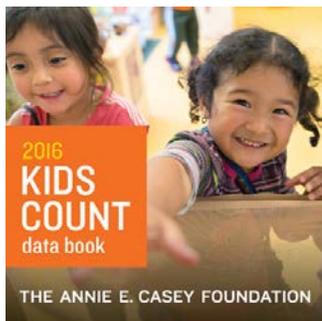
Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) introduced the “Welfare Reform and Upward Mobility Act” (S. 3047) that would eliminate nearly all federal affordable housing programs by consolidating them into a state block grant. S. 3047 is the Senate companion to H.R. 5360, introduced by Representative Jim Jordan (R-OH) (See [Memo 6/6](#)). The bill would prohibit Congress from funding means-tested housing programs beginning in 2017.

[Read more of this article here](#)

→ We're Making Some Progress for Kids, But Not Enough

Kids and families in Washington state have made some progress in the face of poverty rates that have yet to improve, according to the new national **2016 KIDS COUNT Data Book** from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Washington is ranked 15th among the 50 states in the Data Book, moving up four places in the national rankings of child well-being since 2015. Key among the positive changes: Since 2008, the number of children growing up without the health coverage they need to see a doctor when they're sick has improved by 38 percent. What's at work is the success of Apple Health for Kids and the Affordable Care Act.



Yet the child poverty rate is nearly 30 percent higher than it was in 2008, with an additional 59,000 children growing up below the federal poverty level. And poverty disproportionately harms kids and families in communities of color.

The two organizations that make up KIDS COUNT in Washington – the Washington State Budget & Policy Center and the Children's Alliance – support two-generation approaches to creating economic security for both children and their parents. One 2016 proposal that would help both kids and families is Initiative 1433, the \$13.50 minimum wage initiative now gathering signatures for the state's November ballot. It would raise the take-home pay for the working parents of thousands of Washington children.

The implementation of a higher minimum wage would be an important step toward lifting more Washington kids out of poverty. And, as noted in the Data Book, it is one of *many* policy solutions needed to improve the well-being of future generations.

Read the [KIDS COUNT 2016 Washington state profile](#). And read the press release at our [schmudget blog](#).

→ HUD awards \$42M in Housing Counseling Grants

HUD awarded on June 21, 2016 more than \$42 million in housing counseling grants to hundreds of national, regional and local organizations to help families and individuals with their housing needs and to prevent future foreclosures. HUD's housing counseling grants and the additional funding they leverage will assist more than 1.4 million households find housing, make more informed housing choices, or keep their current homes. [See list of all counseling agencies awarded funding today.](#) **WA State: WSHFC \$411,356**

→ Federal Housing Spending

http://www.cbpp.org/research/housing/chart-book-federal-housing-spending-is-poorly-matched-to-need?utm_source=CBPP+Email+Updates&utm_campaign=7ba22cda...

→ Local Housing Levies: "We Know What Works"

<http://wshfc.org/newsletter/2016.06index.htm>

→ News Clips from Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Mt. Vernon is [working to address affordable housing](#)

Update on the Vancouver Housing Levy -

[Columbian editorial board says put housing tax on the ballot](#)

And then the [city council voted to put it on the ballot!](#)

At the same time, [home buying opportunities in Clark County](#) are slipping away
Huge news in Yakima, (there were like 8 different stories on this)
[\\$300,000 has been approved for vouchers to help about 30 people experiencing homelessness!](#)
Meanwhile in Olympia, [a shelter is closing from lack of funding](#)
Port Angeles takes steps to further criminalize homelessness

The Housing Alliance and the Conference on Ending Homelessness got [a nice shout-out in this article about Tiny Homes](#), which highlighted the Tiny Home workshop at the conference.

It seems the cops are [cracking down on folks sleeping](#) at the **Federal Way rest stop on I-5**

➔ Gentrification Is Not Inevitable

Randy Shaw, Tenderloin Housing Clinic

Too often the gentrification of working class neighborhoods is deemed "inevitable" when it is not. Just as gentrification is often promoted by upzoning and other city laws, communities can pass measures to prevent or at least slow this process. But for some reason, in Harlem, that's not happening . . . [More](#)

➔ First TDR Transaction in Tacoma - Celebration

- Time: Monday, July 11, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Location: 102 N. 'G' Street, Tacoma, WA 98403



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➔ MDC Share Breakfast



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Join us at the 2016 Share Breakfast. Be inspired by stories from our community and hear **Ernie Hudson**, famous for his role in **Ghostbusters**, share his story of overcoming adversity.

September 15, 2016
7:30 - 9 a.m.
Doors open at 7 a.m.

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