

# ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS

### THE NEED

Thousands of young people across Washington State live every day without a home. Access to affordable housing is essential to achieving stability, but education and employment training are key to ending youth homelessness. While the economy is booming, Washington's homeless youth lack the opportunity to gain critical skills needed to enter our future workforce.

**40,365**

Washington students  
experienced  
homelessness  
in 2017-2018

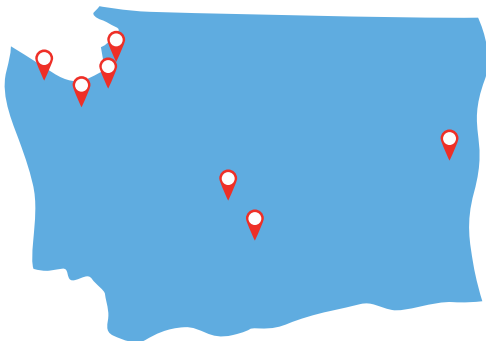
### THE OPPORTUNITY

In 2019, Washington passed landmark legislation, HB 2158, which established a workforce education investment to reduce education and career attainment gaps. This legislation offers a unique opportunity to build an equitable workforce development infrastructure that includes our state's most vulnerable youth.

**740,000**

new Washington  
jobs in the next  
5 years

### Washington YouthBuild Programs



Bremerton, Olympia, Seattle,  
Spokane, Tacoma, Yakima,  
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### PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS

Pre-apprenticeships are proven to be a successful bridge to stability for young people experiencing homelessness. Washington currently has 27 registered pre-apprenticeships, including YouthBuild, an evidence-based, construction training program supported by federal WIOA funds.

### THE INVESTMENT

There are 7 YouthBuild programs in Washington. A \$1.5 million investment could prevent existing YouthBuild programs from closing, generate a 25% state match required for federal grants, or fund additional pre-apprenticeship programs across the state.