

2022 YDEKC Policy Agenda by Jurisdiction

YDEKC's Overarching Advocacy Goal: We advocate for durable, equitable and sustainable funding for the youth development sector.

Thriving organizations are fully funded to ensure living wage jobs for their employees, sufficient and updated infrastructure (space, technology, and materials), and the full cost of doing business as a not-for-profit. We advocate to ensure a diverse range of youth-serving nonprofits have the infrastructure and resources needed to provide high quality, identity affirming, strengths-based supports for young people.

Overarching Goals for all YDEKC Policy Work 2022-2023:

- Durable, Sustainable Funding Streams that reflect the true cost of doing business as a highly effective non-profit organization serving youth in King County (including new, sustained, and full-cost contracts).
- Addressing compensation, staff shortages, workforce needs, licensing, background checks and other sector-wide challenges.
- Improved, more equitable, funded and sustainable partnerships between schools and community-based organizations.

Focused goals of YDEKC 2022-2023 advocacy will be prioritized based on YDEKC's [Quick Criteria Questions & Policy Screen](#)

1. Is it relevant to the mission of YDEKC? (YDEKC connects, strengthens and amplifies the leaders of youth serving organizations so that all Black, Indigenous and youth of color thrive.)
2. Will the policy positively impact children and youth of color?
3. Will it address a clear need or gap in King County?

Collaborating Coalitions, Advocacy Partners (and other various acronyms):

- ARPA = American Rescue Plan Act
- BC = Brave Commitments - <https://bravecommitments.org/>
- CA = Children's Alliance - <https://childrensalliance.org/>
- CWAC = Child Welfare Advocacy Coalition - <https://www.mockingbirdsociety.org/coalitions/cwac>
- ESSER = Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
- SHSC = Seattle Human Services Coalition - <https://www.shscoalition.org/>
- KCAHS = King County Alliance for Human Services - <https://kingcountyalliance.com/>
- YFSA = Youth and Family Services Association
- YDST = Youth Development Strategy Table (YDEKC, SOWA, CIS of WA and Mentor Washington) - <https://ydstrategy.org/>
- WACHYA = Washington Advocacy Coalition for Homeless Youth Advocacy (led by Mockingbird Society) - <https://www.mockingbirdsociety.org/coalitions/wachya>

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<p>Green = YDEKC Priority / Actively Advocate. Clearly hot topic for members during this period. We are well positioned to LEAD or be ACTIVE on this issue.</p>	<p>Yellow = YDEKC Sign On / Inform members. Others are better positioned to LEAD or less critical issue at this time.</p>	<p>Blue = YDEKC Monitor policy / participate in implementation / Inform members</p>
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OVERARCHING GOAL	STREAMS	MUNICIPAL	KING COUNTY	WASHINGTON STATE
<p>SECTOR WIDE: Durable, Sustainable Funding Streams that reflect the true cost of doing business as a highly effective non-profit organization serving youth in King County</p>	<p>COVID RELIEF & RECOVERY STREAMS</p>	<p>Advocate for COVID relief funding streams to CBOs coming into cities and school districts – ARPA, ESSER, etc.</p>	<p>Advocate for COVID relief funding streams to CBOs coming into County and school districts – ARPA, ESSER, etc.</p>	<p>Advocate for COVID relief funding streams to CBOs coming into Washington State through OSPI, DCYF</p>
	<p><u>NEW</u> FUNDING STREAMS</p>	<p>Increase city funding across King County municipalities going to youth development and human services (<i>KCAHS Lead</i>)</p>	<p>Involvement in Youth Action Plan 2.0 to support taking stock of current King County Needs & Opportunities</p>	<p>Support a new Youth Development funding stream at DCYF (engage with 2021-2022 Youth Development Work Group facilitated by DCYF)</p>
	<p><u>SUSTAIN</u> FUNDING STREAMS</p>	<p>Engage with Seattle City Budget Task Force of SHSC to ensure no cuts to current funding streams and focus on youth-focused funds. (<i>SHSC Lead</i>)</p>	<p>Engage in BSK Implementation where appropriate; cultivate relationships with current and new KC Council Members</p>	<p>Protect PSTAA Investment at the state level – through 2035. (<i>PSTAA Advocacy Group</i>)</p>
	<p><u>STRENGTHEN</u> CONTRACTS & FULL FUNDING</p>	<p>Engage with SHSC to work towards increased annual COLA & Pay Equity. (<i>SHSC Lead</i>)</p>	<p>Procurement process in BSK and other funding streams must include full cost of providing quality services (<i>Brave Commitments Table Lead</i>)</p>	<p>Continue engagement with Washington Nonprofits; Monitor Vendor Rates workgroup</p>

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SPECIFIC ISSUE	MUNICIPAL	KING COUNTY	WASHINGTON STATE
Expanded Learning <i>(Gwen, Pedro, Ranna, Melissa)</i>	Work to improve equitable partnerships between school districts & CBOs.	Engage in BSK implementation for OST & Youth Development	Youth Development Strategy Table Priorities
School Aged Child Care <i>(Angela & Susan)</i>	Seattle Public Schools - long term prioritized space & relationships with SPS; Growth in SACC in South King Co.; need for licensable space. <i>(Biz of Childcare Lead)</i>	Increased School-Aged Licensed Child Care funding through BSK, PSTAA or other funding streams; licensable space for child care.	Continue engagement with OSPI & YDST relationship; significant and on-going investment in the essential services provided by licensed child care (the current system is a failed market system)
Mentoring <i>(Edgar, Jolynn & James)</i>	Work to improve equitable partnerships between school districts & CBOs.	Engage with efforts to support the pledge of Zero Youth Detention by 2025	Background Checks
Wrap Around Supports <i>(David)</i>	Work to improve equitable partnerships between school districts & CBOs.	Engage with efforts to support the pledge of Zero Youth Detention by 2025	Connectivity, Digital Access
Behavioral Health <i>(Anthony, Steve, Paul)</i>	Explore additional investment from municipal levels to address behavioral health needs.	Advocate with KCICN adjust reimbursement formula rate to providers for full cost of care. <i>(YFSA Lead)</i>	Work on Medicaid Reimbursement rate increase; Mental Health Workgroup
Unsheltered Youth & System Engaged <i>(Lauren)</i>		Work with Regional Housing Authority System & Identified Youth	(CWAC & WACHYA Mockingbird Society lead)
Youth Leadership/Engagement	Support and encourage youth focused and youth led initiatives in municipalities in King County.	Support and encourage youth focused and youth led initiatives in municipalities in King County. Support King County's Youth Bill of Rights project	Explore youth engagement at the Youth Development Strategy Table
Reengagement, & College Access	Monitor the RFPs for City of Seattle Youth Development.	Monitor King County Promise (PSTAA & Beyond)	Strengthen Open Doors Program

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