Hopelink

COVID-19 Response

North & East King County Funders

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Hopelink's Vision

A community free of poverty.

Our Programs



















Hopelink's Mission Statement

Hopelink's mission is to promote self-sufficiency for all members of our community; we help people make lasting change.

February-March 2020

- Formed the Coronavirus Response Team
- Identified Priorities and used those to guide all decisions
 - Safety
 - Meet the need to the best of our ability



- Identified Trusted information sources
 - o CDC
 - King County Public Health
 - State of Washington/Gov. Inslee

ATTENTION

Hopelink Staff, Volunteers and Guests:

Covid-19 Health Screening

By entering this Hopelink facility, I am certifying the following information:



My temperature is at or below 100.4 degrees.

Please place your wrist in front of the thermometer next to this sign.

If your temperature is above 100.4 degrees, please immediately exit the building and contact your supervisor.



I am not aware that I have been exposed to anyone with a positive diagnosis of Covid-19 within the last 14 days.



I am not exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19 including:

- × Cough
- × Fever/Chills
- X Sore throat
- X Shortness of breath
- X Recent loss of taste or smell



I will follow all established health and safety guidelines required by Hopelink and the State of Washington.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone at Hopelink healthy and safe!



Staff & Volunteers

It is natural to feel stress, anxiety, grief, and worry when dealing with uncertainty. Everyone reacts differently, and your own feelings will change over time. Notice and accept how you feel. Taking care of your emotional health will help you think clearly and respond to the urgent needs to protect yourself and your family.

Take the following steps to help you cope:

- Take care of your body: Try to eat healthy well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, and get plenty of sleep. Avoid alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Learn more about wellness strategies external icon for mental health.
- Connect with others: Share your concerns and how you are feeling with a friend or family member. Maintain healthy relationships and build a strong support system. This can be accomplished virtually, should it be necessary or preferred.
- Take breaks: Make time to unwind and remind yourself that strong feelings will fade. Remember to take deep breaths, and try to do activities you enjoy.
- Stay informed: When you feel that you are missing information, you may become more stressed or nervous. Watch, listen to, or read the news for updates from officials. Be aware that there may be rumors during a crisis, especially on social media. Always check your sources and turn to reliable sources of information like your local government authorities.
- . Avoid too much exposure to news: Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories. It can be upsetting to hear about the crisis and see images repeatedly. Try to do enjoyable activities and return to normal life as much as possible and check for updates between breaks.
- Seek help when needed: If distress impacts activities of your daily life for several days or weeks, talk to a clergy member, counselor, or doctor.

Your Employee Assistance Program is also available to help. Call the number below to access services, or to speak with a counselor any time.

Adapted from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Taking Care of Your Emotional Health, retrieved on 2/19/2020 from https://emergency.cdc.gov/coping/selfcare.asp

hopelink PROGRAMS ARE UP AND RUNNING!

While our centers are temporarily closed to the public, Hopelink is still providing services! Here's how to get involved:



Food - Prepackaged boxes of food are available for pick-up at all five Hopelink centers. Visit hopelink.org/need-help/food for current food distribution hours.



Financial Capabilities - Connect with our Financial Coach for help with prioritizing bills and protecting your finances. Phone or video call appointments are available. Call 425.250.3003 or email FinancialCoaching@hopelink.org.



Family Development Program - Case managers are holding phone appointments. If you are interested in family case management, call 425.883.4755.



Energy Assistance - Schedule an energy appointment by calling 425.658.2592 or at hopelink.org/need-help/energy. All appointments will be held over the phone.



Financial Assistance - Call your local center to request assistance. Appointments will be provided over the phone.



Adult Education - Classes are now being offered remotely, and we are accepting new students! For information about GED classes, email DMargolis@hopelink.org. For information about English for Work classes, email EnglishForWork@hopelink.org.



Housing - Hopelink housing units are filled using King County's Coordinated Entry for All system. Find your Regional Access Point at hopelink.org/need-help/housing.



Employment Program - We are actively enrolling new participants and providing remote job coaching services! Virtual workshops and resume review services are available for any job seeker impacted by COVID-19. Email HEP@hopelink.org or call 425.250.3030.



Transportation - Non-Emergency Medical Transportation services are running normally. Go to hopelink.org/need-help/transportation/medicaid-transportation for more information. Mobility transportation resources are still available by phone or email. For trip planning, transportation availability updates, or help understanding how to get around, call 425.943.6760 or email Mobility@hopelink.org.

For more information go online to hopelink.org or call your local Hopelink Center:

Bellevue 425.943.7555 | Kirkland/Northshore 425.889.7880 | Redmond 425.869.6000 | Shoreline 206.440.7300 | Sno-Valley 425.333.4163

Community and Participants



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In 2020, Hopelink served 49,660 unduplicated individuals *

^{*} In order to provide food assistance to large numbers of individuals safely, we stopped collecting data on Food recipients in March of 2020.



Food Assistance

2,931,180 meals (equivalent) distributed.

291,680 pounds of fresh produce provided.

5.5 million pounds of food.

Began providing food boxes (nonperishable, fresh and frozen products) in early March





Mobile Market client quote:

"I lost my aviation-related job in the summer. It's been a struggle to keep up with my mortgage payments and keep my two children fed. I saw the Hopelink Mobile Market sign and decided to check it out five months ago and have been so thankful for the variety of healthy, fresh foods I have received since."



Energy Assistance



9,284 clients received assistance.



Financial Assistance

\$1,469,746 in financial assistance provided (includes eviction prevention).

3,098 clients received assistance.





COVID-related Job Loss Fred and Arlene

Fred and Arlene were both laid off in early 2020 as employers reduced staffing due to the pandemic. It took Fred months to find a new job. Arlene found a new job more quickly, but her hours were unstable and then she found herself laid off yet again. Fred eventually found a new job, and the two began paying down the rent and debts accumulated from months of combined unemployment and underemployment. Then Arlene was laid off a third time from another job she had found. They came to Hopelink for help. With help from Hopelink's Financial Resiliency Program, their total rental debt was reduced to a level they were confident was manageable.



Jim

COVID-19 drove Jim into homelessness. His hours were cut due to the pandemic. He couldn't pay his rent and began living out of his car. He got a job at a warehouse, working as many hours as they'd give him, and managed to save enough while living in his car to pay first and last month's rent and a deposit to move into a new apartment. Hopelink paid his rent for a month, enabling him to rebuild his savings. Jim then qualified for energy assistance through Hopelink, providing even more breathing room. Jim is now working with Hopelink's Employment Program to improve his resume and find a better job.





Housing Services

395 individuals (113 families) were served.

91 percent of families that exited Hopelink housing, achieved greater housing stability.



Family Development

352 clients (105 families) received Family Development services.

98% of households exited with stable housing



Employment Services

196 clients served through employment programs.

\$18.39 is the average hourly wage of those exiting the program employed.

Provided Resume review service to dislocated workers during the beginning of the pandemic to prepare job seekers for when jobs began to return.



Adult Education

212 students enrolled in English for Work or the GED program.

Converted to fully remote classes in April 2020



Financial Capabilities

163 clients received consulting or financial coaching.

17 workshops provided.



Transportation

DART Transit

26 bus routes 1,158,058 miles traveled 428,876 rides



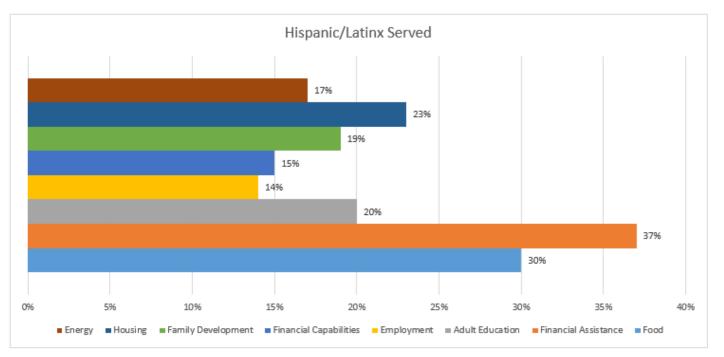
Mobility Management

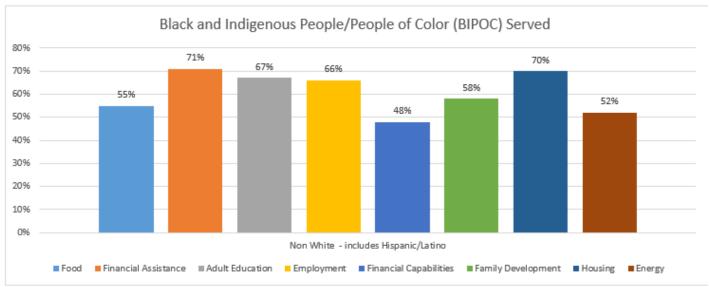
993 Travel Program participants



Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

31,924 Medicaid recipients received 816,880 rides to and from medical appointments





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Race with Ethnicity

	All Food Programs	All FinAsst	All Adult Ed	GED	EFW	All Employment	FinCap	FDP	All Housing	Shelter	TrnHsg	PerHsg	ENERGY
American Indian or Alaska Native	1%	<1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%
Asian	10%	8%	36%	12%	45%	21%	9%	7%	1%	2%	1%	0%	14%
Black or African American	9%	18%	9%	14%	7%	24%	18%	18%	35%	35%	49%	27%	15%
Hispanic/Latino	30%	37%	20%	33%	15%	14%	15%	19%	23%	23%	23%	24%	17%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
White	42%	27%	31%	28%	32%	34%	52%	39%	29%	31%	12%	39%	44%
Multi-Racial	4%	5%	2%	9%	0%	5%	0%	10%	9%	8%	10%	9%	4%
Unknown/refused	4%	4%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%	4%

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Thank you

to all of the North and East King County funders for your trust in Hopelink for CARES funds, Human Services funds and for seeking our partnership to serve the community.