

2023 Policy Priorities

Our policy priorities are informed by the conversations and feedback we hear from people of color and low-income residents across Washington state.



Basic Needs

We all deserve to have what we need to survive and live healthy lives.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- Increase equity by permanently allowing time limit exemptions for families experiencing hardship and eliminating time limits for child-only cases.
- Improve TANF for all families by increasing access to the program and helping ensure families can earn and keep more of their grant.
- Equitably educate TANF recipients on all available supports by including funding for trusted Community Based Organizations.

Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ABD)

- Remove the requirement for adults with disabilities to repay the state for cash assistance

Office of Fraud and Accountability (OFA)

- Shift funding away from invasive and intimidating OFA investigations towards increasing equitable access to DSHS benefits.

Dental Care Access

We all deserve a healthy smile, no matter our race, where we live, or what insurance we can afford.

Dental Therapy

- Expand dental therapy statewide to improve access to dental care.
- Support \$2M investment in Skagit Valley College's Dental Therapy Program

Capital Investments

- Support \$6M investment in dental capacity for Community Health Centers. Includes additional chairs and renovations to treat more patients.

Building Thriving Communities

We should all be able to live with safety, dignity, and power over our own futures.

Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC)

- Expand access to the Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC), which is set to roll out in February 2023

Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI)

- Create and fund a statewide GBI pilot to ensure a baseline of financial stability for folks who would benefit the most from direct cash assistance.

Washington Futures Fund (WFF)

- Create and fund the Washington Futures Fund, a baby bonds program to create savings for children in low-income families.

Continue the Conversation on Public Safety

- End unfair property seizure by police and invest in community programs.
- Prevent the re-allowance of the use of police chokeholds.