



King County

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516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Agenda Regional Policy Committee

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3:00 PM

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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1. Call to Order

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2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes **p. 3**

Minutes of May 13, 2026 Special meeting.

Briefing

4. [Briefing No. 2026-B0078](#) **p. 6**

King County Youth Diversion and Intervention Program Update

Jen Tanaka, Acting Director, DCHS Children, Youth, and Young Adults Division

Jennifer Hill, Acting Deputy Director, DCHS Children, Youth, and Young Adults Division

Other Business

Adjournment



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Meeting Minutes

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SPECIAL MEETING

Renton City Hall

**7th Floor, Conferencing Center #726, 1055 S. Grady Way,
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1. Call to Order

Chair von Reichbauer called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Arnold, Backus, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Barón, Perry, Robinson and Ralph

Excused: 2 - Juarez and Lin

3. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Backus moved approval of February 11, 2026, meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Discussion and Possible Action

4. **Proposed Motion No. 2025-0252**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the summary letter and completion of the online annual report requirement for the Crisis Care Centers Levy, in accordance with Ordinance 19572, Section 7.C.9, and Attachment A to Ordinance 19783, Section VIII.A.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

Sam Porter, Council staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from members. Denille Bezemer, Interim Deputy Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD), Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) and Kelly Tongg, Project/Program Manager, Community & Human Services, DCHS, briefed the Committee via PowerPoint Presentation and answered questions from the members. and Katie Rogers, Chief of Staff, Community & Human Services Department and Jennifer Winslow, Crisis Care Centers Strategic Planning Manager, BHRD, DCHS, also answered questions from the members.

Due to the design of the legislative tracking software used to produce the proceedings, the vote on this item is misreported. The correct vote is:

Votes: Yes: 10 von Reichbauer, Barón, Perry, Arnold, Backus, Pavone, and Robinson
Excused: Juarez and Lin

A motion was made by Mayor Backus that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Arnold, Backus, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Barón, Perry, Robinson and Ralph

Excused: 2 - Juarez and Lin

Briefing

5. Briefing No. 2026-B0054

Solid Waste General Update

Rebecca Singer, Solid Waste Division Director, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, briefed the Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature

King County Youth Diversion and Intervention Program (KCYDI)

Regional Policy Committee

June 10, 2026

Presenter: Jen Tanaka, Acting Director, Children, Youth and Young Adult Division



Background

Community organizations, King County Dept. of Public Defense, and Prosecuting Attorney's Office proposed Restorative Community Pathways for youth and harmed parties in 2020.

King County included RCP in the 2021-2022 budget.

Services launched in November 2021 to:

- Meet **the individualized needs** of youth **and** the harmed parties referred by PAO.
- Foster long-lasting **relationships and support**
- Provide **harmed parties a voice in their healing** process.
- Meaningful **accountability** for harm caused.

In 2025 KC Executive put forth changes from RCP to KCYDI in response to Ordinance 19861.

In April 2026, KC Executive transmitted the KCYDIvProgram Report, require by the biennial budget



2025 Total Youth and Community Members Served

522 youth served

- 290 exited services in 2025
- Of those, 223 (77%) completed RCP programming

107 community members who experienced harm served

- 61 exited services in 2025
- Of those, 45 (74%) completed RCP programming.

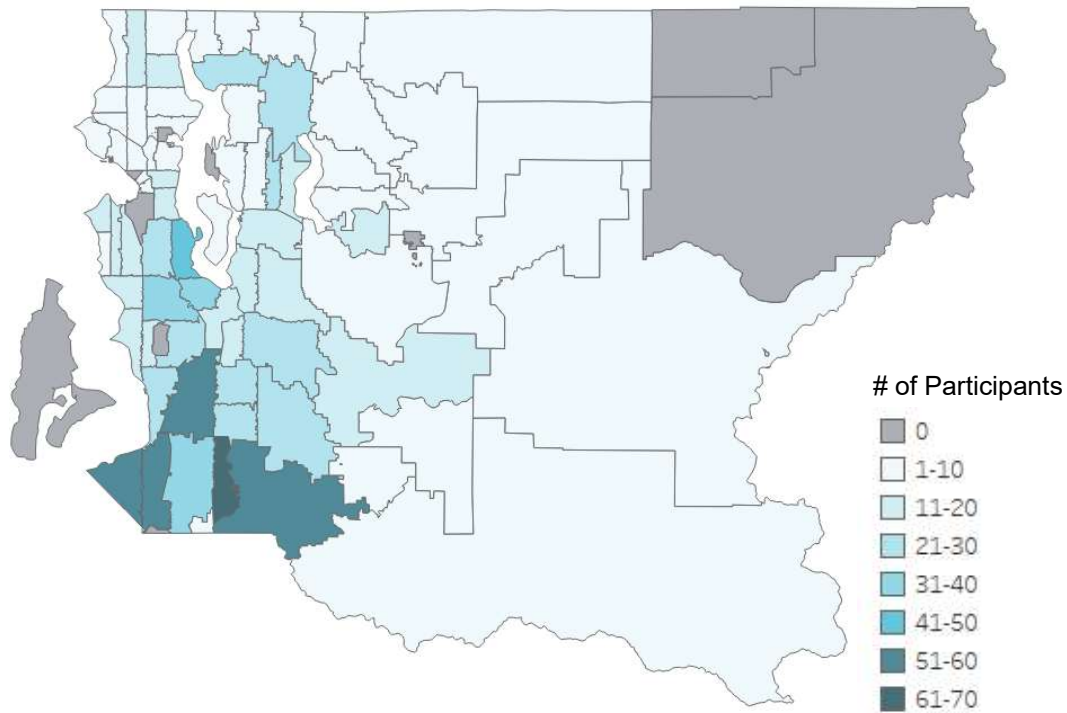
15.4 years is the average age of youth

18.8 years is the average age of community members

Note: Completion is reported once a participant exits the program. Average enrollment is currently 9 months.



RCP Program Participants: Geographic Distribution



From Shoreline past North Bend,
Vashon Island to Greenwater

Top Five Zip Codes Served

- Auburn (98002, 98092)
- Federal Way (98023, 98003)
- Kent (98032)

Figures show distribution between January 2023 and March 2025.



What is the King County Youth Diversion & Intervention Program?

Formerly Restorative Community Pathways (RCP)



- King County's **pre-filing community-based diversion for youth under 18 years** referred from law enforcement to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office (PAO) for alleged misdemeanors.
- **A network of community navigation and support services** that help children and harmed community members with accountability, healing, and stability.
- **Program Goal:** Reduce youth involvement in the juvenile legal system through non-punitive accountability and connection to needed support services. JT1

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JT1 [@Hill, Jennifer-Community Services] I've changed this a bit, and want to make sure it still aligns. I think we need to use the word accountability...

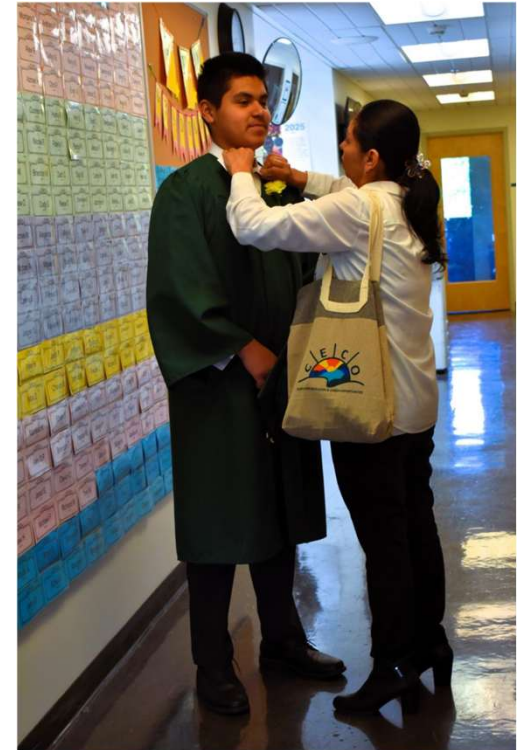
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Improvements for 2026/2027

- ✓ Move the roles of referral administration and consortium coordination from a community organization into DCHS.
- ✓ **Launch a new RFP to reprocure community-based services.**
- Enhance data collection and reporting, especially around school and education engagement.
- Strengthen connections between KCYDI service providers and DCHS services.
- Add a School Liaison (one FTE) to support getting youth back into school, staying in school, and being successful in school.
- Decentralize the distribution of the Youth and Family Fund.
- Shift the role of a Youth Steering Committee away from decision-making to informing continuous quality Improvement.



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KCYDI Request for Proposals

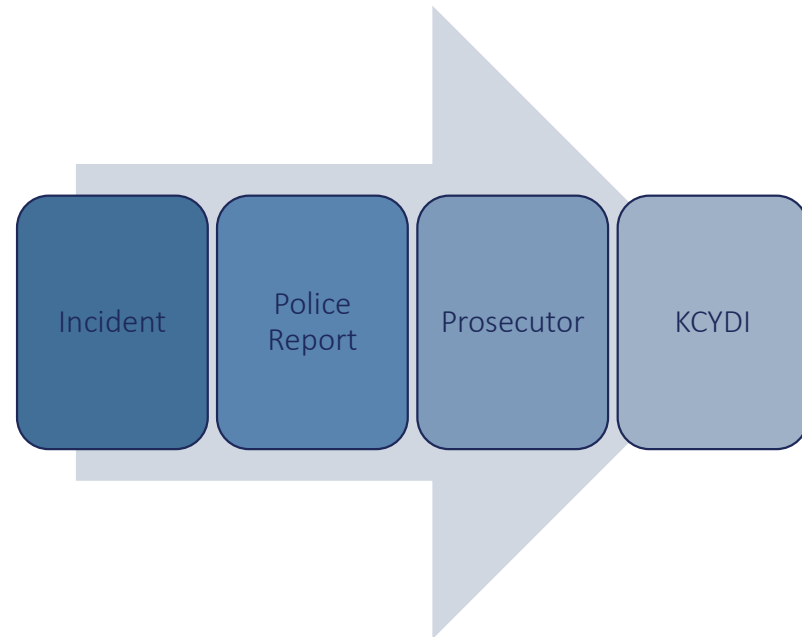
SUMMARY



- Funding available: **\$3 M**
- Application Due Date: **July 15, 2026 @ 2 PM**
- Contract Period: **1-year contract (January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027)**
- Funding request has no limits per RFP but preferred/anticipated range: **\$175K - \$550K**
- Anticipated number of awards: **5-10**

RFP Focus

- **RFP Focus:** Funds navigation and support for youth referred for alleged misdemeanor-level behavior, their families, and community members of all ages impacted by the incident.
- Typical examples: school-based incidents such as fights and shoplifting from retail or department



Core Services

“Applying for college is very expensive. A youth who was unsure that they would be able to afford the process was able to apply to college. We are so excited that the youth was accepted and now with our support has paid their college admissions fee and is prepared to start college in the Fall of 2026!” – Community Navigator



Basic Needs: Supporting participants with resources for basic needs such as housing and rent support, bill payments, groceries, clothing, mental and physical health services, and other needs.

Conflict Resolution, Restoration and Accountability: Creating collective spaces for healing and accountability.

Engagement with Mentors, Education, Employment and Other Support Services: Peer connection and mentorship, educational, employment and vocational opportunities, and referrals to behavioral and physical health services as needed.

Community Connections: Creating and holding space for positive and supportive community connection centered in shared identity (racial, refugee, gender, sexual, religious, cultural, etc.).

KCYDI Reporting Data and Outcomes

Services Delivered:

- Number of youth served,
- Caseload for each navigator,
- Age at referral,
- Grade level/school status (enrolled, expelled, not attending),
- Race, ethnicity, gender identity, zip code, primary language spoken, etc.

Completion Outcomes:

- Completion status (completed, partially completed, withdrawn, or terminated),
- Date of completion,
- Reason for non-completion if applicable,
- Restitution to harmed party and date the restitution was provided.

KCYDI Reporting Data and Outcomes

Program Participation and Engagement:

- Services received (such as but not limited to conflict resolution, restoration and accountability activities, mentoring, education, and/or employment),
- Goals met in participating youth's action plan.
- Referrals to behavioral health treatment or services and services received.
- Referrals to housing resources and information, and
- youth participation in school-based supports and educational resources.

Participant Voice:

- Youth satisfaction,
- Caregiver satisfaction,
- Harmed party satisfaction.



KCYDI Reporting Data and Outcomes

Program Outcomes:

- Lower rates of new referrals or arrests,
- Improved school engagement (attendance, progress towards graduation),
- More equitable outcomes across race, gender, and geography.

Long-Term Outcomes:

- Reduced juvenile legal system involvement,
- Improved youth stability and well-being,
- Continued educational involvement,
- Housing security,
- Reduced racial and ethnic disparities,
- Lower system costs compared to prosecution and detention.



MEET THE TEAM



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