Virtual Advocacy Days 2024

HOW DO WE CREATE SAFE, AFFORDABLE PLACES TO LIVE?



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Topic: <u>How Do We Create Safe, Affordable Places to Live?</u>

Summary: Individuals with disabilities need safe, affordable, and accessible places to live. Because most people with I/DD are considered very low-income and live on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), finding affordable housing is challenging. The cost of housing in Washington has skyrocketed, making it out of reach for many. The state has also not adequately invested in affordable housing for individuals with I/DD and now faces a deficit of more than <u>37,000 units</u>. We need to ensure that we have enough safe, affordable accessible housing for individuals to live in our communities.

What We Need: We need significant investments in affordable, accessible housing for individuals with I/DD.

What you should watch for this session:

- Create an ongoing revenue source for DD housing
- o \$25 million in the Housing Trust Fund for DD Housing
- o <u>Multicultural Village</u>
- o The Arc of King County's Legacy Center

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