

**Vision statement:**

*Every family and youth in Washington state has the individualized support they need so that no young person has to spend a single night without a safe and stable home. Every community has services that are equitable, accessible, effective, responsive, and coordinated.*

**Guiding Principles for Addressing Youth Homelessness:**

- Involve youth voice
- Advance approaches that are data-driven and evidence-based
- Promote accountability in all policies and programs
- Value experiences of youth and families
- Be reliable and responsive to wherever a young person is at in their experience of homelessness
- Be locally-focused and support the ability of youth to remain in their community
- Recognize that not all parents reject their kids and that not all kids can return home safely
- Promote services that are youth-centered and individualized
- Be culturally responsive and reflect the needs of local communities and individual youth
- Foster coordination between funding and systems
- Support an approach that is hopeful and believes in possibility
- Identify and eliminate gaps in services and funding