



2026 Legislative Agenda

Building Changes advances equitable responses to homelessness across Washington by developing community-driven strategies, advocating for systems change, and partnering across sectors to ensure children, youth, and families can thrive.



Codify McKinney-Vento Protections into State Law

- Introduce and pass a bill to enshrine the federal protections of the McKinney-Vento Act into state law, ensuring homeless students remain protected despite uncertainty in federal education funding. Without these protections, students experiencing homelessness risk losing their right to a quality education.



Renew Funding for the Homeless Student Stability Education Program (HSSeP)

- Continue the \$1.2 million in funding, currently *only* allocated for 2025–2026, into the 2026–2027 school year. This ensures the Homeless Student Stability Program remains fully operational, and can continue connecting students experiencing homelessness in Washington’s K-12 education system with housing supports in a stable and supportive way.



Protect and Maintain Funding for Existing Programs

- Call on the legislature to protect funding for vital safety net programs that serve as the only remaining support for many of our most vulnerable residents.