

Foundational Community Supports Program

in a nutshell



WHAT IS IT?

The Foundational Community Supports (FCS) program is part of Washington State's 5-year Medicaid waiver, which began in 2017. It is sometimes referred to as "Initiative 3" of the Healthier Washington Medicaid Transformation. FCS services are designed to help the most vulnerable Medicaid beneficiaries get and keep stable *housing and employment*, in support of their broader health needs. FCS services are targeted benefits, so not every Medicaid enrollee is eligible.



Supportive Housing Services

- Housing assessments
- Identifying housing resources
- Support obtaining a lease
- Independent living skills development
- Landlord relations
- Crisis management



Supported Employment Services

- Vocational and job-related discovery or assessment
- Planning for employment
- Job placement, development, coaching
- Skills-building for negotiating with prospective employers

WHO DOES THE PROGRAM SERVE?

Since the program began, *about 150 NCACH residents* received FCS services. The program targets *individuals with complex needs who have Medicaid insurance*.



- History of homelessness
- Lived in a residential or nursing facility
- Multiple or long-term stays in hospitals or prisons
- Need a lot of help with complex health issues
- Had a lot of in-home caregivers



- Hard time keeping a job because of age, disability or injury, or health issues
- Diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI), substance use disorder (SUD), or co-occurring mental illness and SUD
- Enrolled in the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program

FCS Program *in a nutshell*



WHO RUNS THE PROGRAM?

Washington State's Health Care Authority contracts with Amerigroup as the third-party administrator managing and providing administrative oversight of the FCS program across the state. Amerigroup manages a provider network of agencies who employ housing and employment coordinators offering services at the local level.

PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS IN NCACH REGION

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| Okanogan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Health Centers• Okanogan Behavioral Health Care• WorkSource Okanogan |
|-----------------|---|
-

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| Grant | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compass SL Start• Grant Integrated Services• Hope Source |
|--------------|--|
-

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| Douglas | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Health Centers |
|----------------|---|
-

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| Chelan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catholic Charities• Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council• Compass SL Start• Elmview• Hope Source• Women's Resource Center |
|---------------|---|
-

ROLE OF HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT COORDINATORS

Employment & Housing Coordinators provide coaching, advocacy, information and referral, linking and coordinating, and ongoing supports to their clients. Face-to-face contact (including video conferences) with clients is prioritized whenever possible. Coordinators can meet their clients wherever they all agree to, including the coordinator's office, out in the community, on the job site, etc. During COVID especially, services can be provided over the phone.

For more information, refer to: <https://provider.amerigroup.com/washington-provider/patient-care/foundational-community-supports>