



Action plan

Focus area: Everyone housed



Overview of focus area

Olympic Community of Health (OCH) partners believe that all people deserve to live with dignity. Access to long-term, affordable, quality housing is one of the most important determinants of health. Housing is a complex issue that no single sector or Tribe can tackle alone. Regional partners can strengthen their approach by collaborating on solutions catered to the unique housing needs of each community, county, and Tribe, while leaning on each other’s expertise, perspective, and skills. Together, we can create positive outcomes with collaborative, innovative, upstream, place-based solutions.

Overview of the Olympic Action Collaboratives to date





Partners came together several times in 2022 under the OCH Action Collaborative initiative to create a four-year (2023-2026) regional action that reflects the needs and context of the Olympic region.



- primary care
- behavioral health
- hospitals
- public health
- community-based organizations
- educational settings
- Tribes

Result statement

“Everyone has access to safe, decent, affordable housing that meets their needs.”

Strategy	Actions
<p><u>Convening, Learning, & Maximizing</u> This action will be collaboratively led by OCH with guidance and support from partners</p>	 OCH to convene regional and county-based partners to maximize efforts and increase coordination (e.g., around funding), including health-serving partners.
<p><u>Place-Based Approaches</u> These actions are to be collaboratively implemented by partners in the OCH network with support from OCH</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 10px;"> <div>  Partner with hospitals to ensure access to appropriate respite, supportive, transitional, or long-term housing for those transitioning out of care. </div> <div>  In collaboration with health-serving providers, expand wraparound and support services to keep people housed and meet the needs of the next level of care including medical and behavioral health needs, case management, and to address social needs (alignment with access focus area). </div> <div>  Collaborate with substance use disorder (SUD) treatment partners to increase the availability of long-term, transitional, and respite housing options for people in treatment and recovery for SUD (alignment with SUD focus area). </div> </div>

Indicators: OCH will measure regional progress toward the result statement by tracking these indicators. As needed, OCH will update the list of indicators as more reliable data become available. Funded partners will track performance measures related to their specific projects.

- **All-cause Emergency Department visits:** The rate of *Medicaid* beneficiaries with visits to an emergency department, including visits related to mental health and substance use disorder.
- **Total housing units:** The number of housing units for each year since the most recent decennial census.
- **Vacant housing units:** The number of housing units that are vacant at the time of the census.
- **Housing Affordability Index:** The ability of a middle-income family to carry the mortgage payments on a median price home.
- **Renter Households below 30% AMI:** The number and percentage of households with income below 30% American Median Income.
- **Point-In-Time Homelessness:** An annual count of all persons staying in temporary housing programs and places not meant for human habitation.

Populations of emphasis: While the work of OCH impacts the general population, specific action items may include further refinement and detail of specific populations of emphasis.

People who are unhoused or **housing insecure**

People who are **elderly or aging** with emphasis on those in most need

People receiving **Medicaid, Medicare**, or who are **underinsured**

People with **disabilities**

Health-serving **workforce**

Tribal members

People of **color**

What’s next? OCH partners will come together in 2023 to begin implementation.

There is room for everyone in this important work. Contact OCH@olympicch.org to learn how you can get connected.