

WFF Systems Initiative Homeless Families Impact Study

Preliminary Data on Cohort 1:

Outcome Measures “Six Months” Since Entering Shelter

Family Homelessness Tri-County Meeting

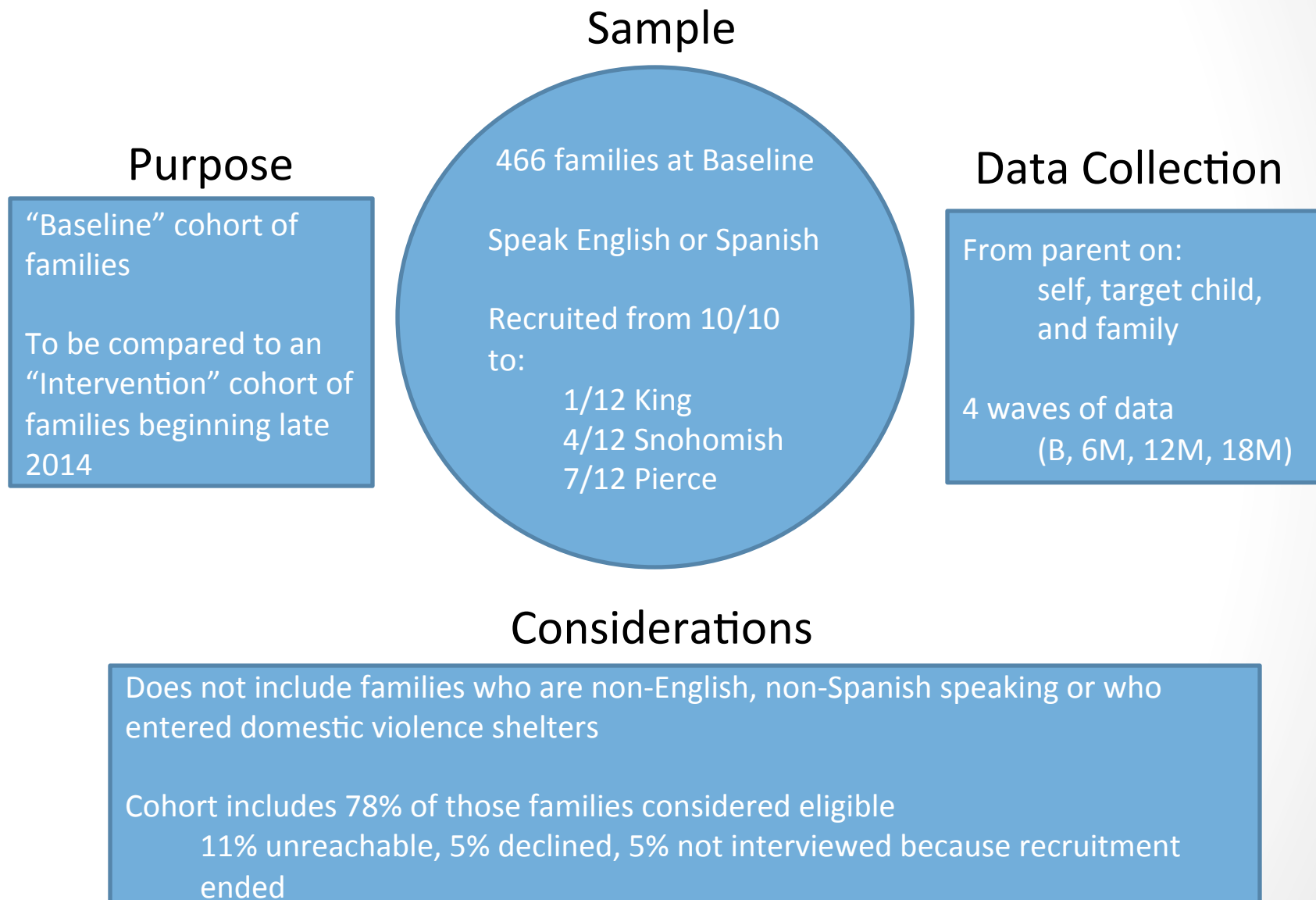
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Overview of Presentation

- Brief Overview of Methodology and Status of Data Collection
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Methodology



Status of Data Collection

	Total	King	Pierce	Snohomish
Baseline Interviews	466	156	156	154
6 Month Interviews	396	134	129	133
In this analysis	366	134	99*	133
6 Month Response Rate	79%	86%	63%	86%

***Samples in Pierce is not complete. Final numbers may vary slightly.**

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Qualifications

- Pierce sample not complete. Final numbers may vary slightly.
- Variation in the timing of the interview may account for some differences in results among individuals and counties. Additional analyses will account for timing, though initial analyses suggest little impact.

Summary of Findings: Family Composition and Reunification

- Family composition remains relatively stable.
- Family separations fluctuate overtime; after baseline a considerable percentage of children are reunited, but similar a percentage are newly separated.
- There are not significant differences across the counties.

Household Composition

	Baseline (N=363)	6 Months (N=363)
Average family size	3.0	3.2
Number of children under 18		
Mean	1.7	1.8
Range	0-6	0-8
% of households with child 6 and under	66%	67%
% of households with child 2 and under	38%	41%
% of families currently pregnant	9%	5%
% of households with 1 or more adults in the Household	27%	33%

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Family Separation and Reunification

	6 Months (N=363)
% of families with 1 or more children temporarily away at baseline	11%
% of those families with 1 or more children reunited since baseline	63%
% of families with 1 or more children separated by 6 months	9%
% of families with 1 or more children separated since baseline	65%
Average time spent away	

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Child Separation and Reunification

	6 Months
Number of children temporarily away at baseline	62
Number of children reunited since baseline	44 (70%)
Number of children separated by 6 months	57
Number of children separated since baseline	39 (68%)

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Summary of Findings:

Physical Health

- Few respondents report poor physical health, comparable to baseline.
- More than half of respondents report receiving physical health services in the past three months.
- Less than 10% report an unmet need [slightly higher in King (13%) than Pierce (9%) and Snohomish (5%)].
- The majority of respondents report unmet dental needs (similar rates across the three counties).
- High rates of health coverage, but some transitions.

Physical Health Status & Services

In past 3 months	Baseline (N=363)	6 Months (N=363)
Poor physical health functioning (SF8-PCS)	13%	14%
In past 3 months		
Physical health services		
Received	57%	58%
Reported unmet need	13%	9%
Dental services		
Received	15%	17%
Reported unmet need	57%	54%

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Medical Insurance

	Baseline (N=357)	6 Months (N=363)
Had medical insurance at baseline	81.2%	
Got new insurance		7.1%
Lost insurance		9.4%
Change in coverage		9.1%
Sources of medical insurance for children	95.8%	
Got new insurance		4.4%
Lost insurance		2.8%
Change in coverage		3.9%

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Summary of Findings: Behavioral Health

- Comparable levels of mental health indicators and service receipt from baseline to 6 months.
- Fewer respondents screen positive for substance abuse.
- Small percentages (2-6%) experienced DV during three months prior to 6 month interview.

Mental Health Status & Services

	Baseline (N=363)	6 Months (N=356)
Hospitalized for mental health	16% (ever in lifetime)	0% (since last interview)
Moderate or severe depression score (PHQ)	68%	65%
Moderate or severe anxiety score (GAD)	49%	53%
Poor mental health functioning (SF8-MCS)	26%	20%
One or more mental health indicators	82%	80%
In past 3 months		
Received services	33%	32%
Reported unmet need	14%	13%

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Mental Health Services, by County

	Total (N=356)	King (N=133)	Pierce (N=94)	Snohomish (N=129)
Poor mental health functioning (SF8-MCS)	20%	18%	22%	19%
Received services*	53%	58%	29%	68%
Unmet need*	47%	42%	71%	32%

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Substance Abuse Status & Services

	Baseline (N=363)	6 Months (N=359)
Received inpatient care for alcohol or drug use	20% (ever in lifetime)	2% (since last interview)
Positive screen for alcohol abuse (RAPS4)	14%	7%
Positive screen for drug abuse (DAST 10)	11%	7%
Positive screen for alcohol or drug abuse	22%	12%
In past 3 months		
Received services	14%	14%
Reported unmet need	2%	0%

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Substance Abuse Services, by County

	Total (N=359)	King (N=132)	Pierce (N=96)	Snohomish (N=131)
Positive screen for alcohol or drug abuse**	12%	5%	12%	18%
Received services*	40%	0%	55%	46%
Unmet need*	60%	100%	45%	54%

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Exposure to Trauma

	Baseline (N=363)	6 Months (N=339)
Experienced domestic violence*		
Ever	61%	---
In past 3 months	10%	6%
In past 3 months		
Received	14%	11%
Reported unmet need	6%	5%

* Includes someone threatening to do something violent; someone grabbing, shaking, slapping, or kicking; or someone physically hurting in another way.

Trauma Abuse Services, by County

	Total (N=339)	King (N=129)	Pierce (N=86)	Snohomish (N=124)
Experienced domestic violence in last three months	6%	3%	7%	10%
Received services	32%	25%	67%	17%
Unmet need	68%	75%	33%	83%

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Summary of Findings: Education & Employment

- 12% of respondents completed a vocational or GED program; 15% are currently enrolled [more in Pierce (17%) than King (9%) and Snohomish (6%)]
- Non-significant increase in the current employment rate, at comparable jobs in terms of wages, hours, and opportunities for advancement.
- Longest jobs held were not very different in wages or hours than current jobs. On average, they lasted about 3 ½ years and ended an average of 21 months ago.

Education

	Baseline (N=363)	6 Months (N=363)
Had vocational degree at baseline	39%	---
Completed a vocational program or degree since last interview	---	9%
Enrolled in a vocational program (at time of interview)	23%	10%
Less than high school diploma at baseline	28%	---
Completed a GED program since last interview	---	3%
Enrolled in a GED program (at time of interview)	4%	5%
Enrolled ESL program	1%	1%

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Employment Status (N=363)

Employed at Baseline	Employed at 6 Months			
		Yes	No	Total
	Yes	12%	8%	20%
	No	15%	65%	80%
Total	27%	73%	100%	

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Activity Status, by County

	Total (N=363)	King (N=134)	Pierce (N=98)	Snohomish (N=131)
Employed	27%	32%	22%	25%
Completed a vocational or degree program/GED	12%	13%	10%	11%
Either employed or completed program	34%	40%	29%	32%

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Profile of Current Jobs

	Baseline (N=69)	6 Months (N=92)
Hourly Wage		
Mean	\$10.94	\$10.92
Range	(\$8-\$30)	(\$5-\$31.25)
Hours per week		
Mean	24 hours	28 hours
Range	(5-40 hours)	(1-60 hours)
Permanent job	64%	71%
Temporary job	28%	23%
Seasonal/day labor	9%	5%
Opportunities for advancement	58%	57%

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Employment History*: Profile of Longest Job Held

	(N=285)
Hourly Wage	
Mean	\$10.77
Range	(\$1-\$40)
Hours per week	
Mean	37 hours
Range	(3-98 hours)
Job tenure (in months)	
Mean	42 months
Median	28 months
Range	(<1-204 months)

* Historical data collected at 6 month interview.

Reasons Left Longest Job Held

	(N=285)
Not enough hours or pay	57%
Moved	19%
Pregnancy/Baby	12%
Laid off	12%
Family responsibilities	10%
Did not like job	9%
Found a better job	8%
Fired	6%
Job was temporary	6%
Went back to school	6%

Categories are not mutually exclusive.

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Summary of Income, Benefits, and Debt

- Slightly higher incomes at 6 months
- Comparable rates of benefit receipt
- 23% of families had TANF stopped or reduced and 18% had a change in food stamps
- Slight decrease in the percentage of people with debt and in the average amount of debt

Income and Benefits

	Baseline (N=363)	6 Month (N=363)
Amount of income in past 30 days		
Mean	\$633	\$802
Median	\$478	\$562
Range	\$0-2,430	\$0-7,100
% with no income	6%	7%
Sources of Income		
Earnings, HOH	21%	30%
Earnings, Someone else's	11%	12%
TANF	59%	53%
SSI/SSDI	9%	7%
Child Support/Alimony	17%	17%
Any other source	20%	23%

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Income, by County

	Total (N=363)	King (N=134)	Pierce (N=98)	Snohomish (N=131)
Amount of income in past 30 days				
Mean*	\$802	\$863	\$908	\$661
Median	\$562	\$636	\$669	\$478
Range	\$0-7,100	\$0-6,000	\$0-7,100	\$0-3,300
% with no income	7%	6%	5%	9%

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Access to Benefits

	Baseline	6 Month
Access to benefits		
Receives food stamps/SNAP (N=359, 359)	97%	95%
Receives WIC, of those eligible (N=282, 229)	65%	64%

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Access to Benefits, by County

	Total	King	Pierce	Snohomish
TANF (N=363,134,98,131)	53%	46%	54%	60%
SSI/SSDI (N=363,134,98,131)	7%	4%	9%	8%
Food stamps/SNAP (N=359,132,96,131)	95%	93%	96%	97%
WIC, of those eligible (N=228,84,60,84)	64%	64%	57%	69%

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Loss or Reduction of Benefits (N=363)

	Added Benefit	Benefit Ended	Benefit Reduced
TANF	9%	14%	9%
SSI/SSDI	<1%	0%	<1%
Food stamps/SNAP	1%	4%	14%

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Debt

	Baseline (N=363)	6 Months (N=363)
% with any debt	88%	84%
Amount of debt		
Mean	\$15,531	\$14,117
Median	\$3,670	\$3,200
Range	\$0-1,439,999	\$0-1,036,500
Sources of debt		
Cable/telephone/cell phone bill	49%	42%
Student loan debt	25%	26%
Medical bills	39%	39%
Utilities	36%	35%
% with housing-related debt	51%	47%

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Debt, by County

	Total (N=363)	King (N=134)	Pierce (N=98)	Snohomish (N=131)
% with debt	84%	83%	84%	86%
Amount of debt				
Mean	\$14,117	\$20,447	\$9,728	\$10,945
Median	\$3,200	\$4,369	\$2,388	\$3,150
Range	\$0-\$1,036,500	\$0-1,036,500	\$0-250,000	\$0-308,924

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Next Steps and Future Modules

SERVICE NEEDS & RECEIPT

- Children's service needs and receipt
- Family barriers and service receipt
- Social supports

MORE IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF HOUSING

- Factors that influence housing status
- Fuller understanding of patterns of housing six months after entering shelter