



ARLINGTON DRIVE YOUTH CAMPUS

A safe and supportive home for young adults experiencing homelessness.



INTRODUCTION

In 2016, at least 1,070 youth and young adults in Pierce County were homeless. In 2019, the Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) sought to tackle this crisis head-on by building the largest housing model for youth and young adults in Washington State. The goal of Arlington Drive Youth Campus is to provide young people experiencing homelessness with stability and safety while supporting them towards successful life transitions without exploitation, impoverishment, and fear.

OVERVIEW

- 12-bed Crisis Residential Center (CRC) for homeless youth without families, age 12 to 17 years.
- 58 rental apartments for homeless young adults, ages 18 to 24.
- Designated space for supportive services.
- Potential development for a third building for social enterprises for job training.

Capital Costs & Financing

Project Cost: \$25 million

The remaining \$16.53 million came from:

- State of Washington - \$5 million
- City of Tacoma - \$2.8 million
- Pierce County - \$670,000
- Tax Credit Investor Equity
- Tacoma Housing Authority
- Commercial Debt
- Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines

AT A GLANCE

Youth and Young Adults Served Since October 2020

- THA housed 71 young adults (ages 18-24) in apartments. As of December 2023, THA has supplemented the rent of Arlington residents to the tune of \$1,847,997.
- CYS provided emergency shelter, case management, and successful transitions to 114 youth (ages 12- 17), preventing homelessness.



"[Living at] Arlington has done so much for me and my daughter. I have a chance to figure things out and actually feel safe."

Current Resident and Single Mother

Age 23

SUPPORT & PARTNERSHIPS

The Tacoma Housing Authority partners with Community Youth Services (CYS) and the YMCA of Greater Seattle's Social Impact Center to provide supportive services to residents of Arlington Drive.

- THA owns and operates the 58-unit Arlington Apartments for homeless young adults ages 18-24
- CYS manages the on-site 12-bed Crisis Residential Center (CRC/HOPE), providing temporary shelter, permanency planning, and family reconciliation services for homeless youth without families, ages 12 to 17.
- The YMCA of Greater Seattle's Social Impact Center provides case management services, mental health support, substance use disorder counseling, and life skills training for Arlington residents.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Sustained Success

Since the Tacoma Housing Authority began leasing apartments at Arlington Drive Youth Campus in Q4 of 2020, the project has seen a 91% success rate in discharging youth to stable housing, and has diverted over 1,093 youth and young adults away from homelessness in Pierce County. 23 young adult clients at Arlington are currently enrolled and active in behavioral health therapy, 5 are involved in employment services, and an average of 44 clients were served monthly by case management from December 2022 and April 2023.