

Human Services 2020 Strategy

The Strategy of the City and the advisory boards is fourfold:



Navigate workers from Lakewood families into family wage jobs



Use the Community Collaboration “move the needle” on strategies related to youth development and homelessness prevention for families



Invest in a partner-based strategy to address youth mental health



Continue to manage human services funding applications, rating, and monitoring

Family-focused Workforce Development

Since the focus is on long-term strategies to increase housing stock and expand economic opportunities, that leaves Human Services with medium and short-term interventions. This is why two of the four ongoing goals for the department are:



Navigate families into living wage jobs so they can afford whatever housing we do have, and



Invest human services funding in high-impact social services to help prevent families from becoming homeless

Fortunately, many of Lakewood’s workforce development partners are already members of the Lakewood’s Promise Advisory Board, including:



- Pierce College
- Clover Park Technical College

- Clover Park School District
- Pierce County Library System (now a WorkSource affiliate)



These and other partners will collaborate to:



Identify family wage jobs in and near Lakewood



Identify competencies required for those jobs and how those competencies can be attained through our local training providers



Raise awareness of these opportunities throughout the community



Align funded services where possible to support Lakewood families with someone in a high-potential training program