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Community Health Assessment Plan: Snohomish County.

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Summary of the Issue

- Health Gap and Population affected: Lack of affordable housing for People Living with HIV in Snohomish County
- Motivation for CHA: address the factors that affect access to affordable housing and help increase housing opportunities for the community.

Summary of the Community

- **HIV cases have been rising in WA between 2015-2019.**
- **Prevalence Rate of HIV in Snohomish County is 90-180 cases per 100,000**
- **Accessibility for housing for PLWH is extremely low**
- **Almost 70,000 low income households are in snohomish county**
- **Residents living in the lowest income census tracts had higher HIV rates, and higher instances of late diagnosis, regardless of other demographic characteristics.**



Overarching Question

**How can we improve access to
affordable housing in Snohomish
county for people living with HIV
(PLWH)?**

Scope of Assessment

- **Relationship between PLWH community and housing providers.**
- **Impacts of HIV status on housing status.**
- **Stigma of HIV effect on PLWH.**



Methods Used

- **Qualitative Research.**
- **Formative research using secondary data**
- **primary research with the assistance of 2 key informant interviews.**

Timeline

March

Introduction of
Community Health
Assessment



April

Learning about the
community.
Project planning.
Formative research
Secondary data
collection.

MAY

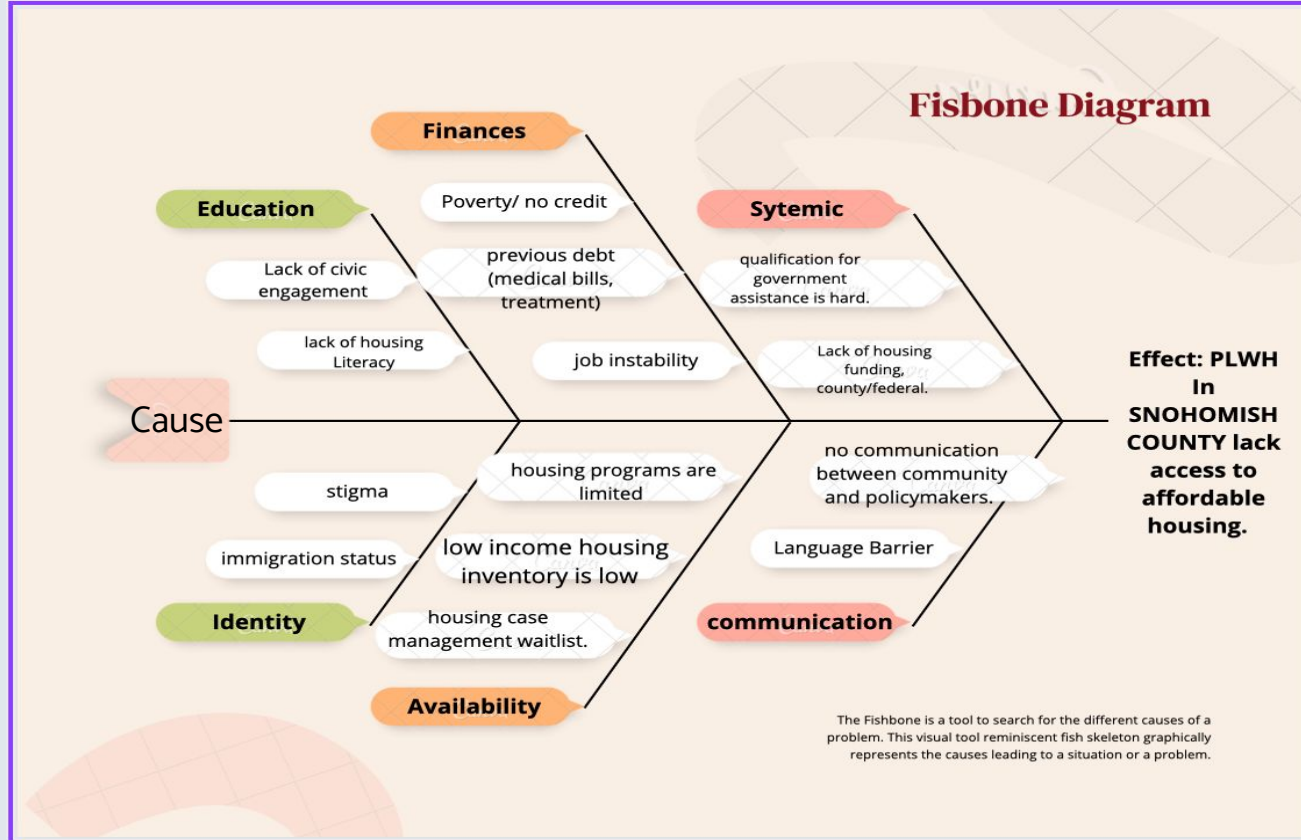
Primary data collection
and action plan.



JUNE

Compiling data and
completing CHA

Root Cause Analysis



Community engagement strategies

- **Key Informant Interviews: Dr. Patel, Sheila and Abida from Cascade housing.**
 - **Interview was based on understanding community assets, challenges, beliefs, fears, values e.t.c**
 - **Reviewing information from formative research finding prior to interviews.**

Summary of secondary research methods

- **Rising rental prices, stagnant minimum wage price.**
- **Lack of federal funding for housing. Especially for PLWH.**
- **Transitional housing options are limited.**
- **Limitation: no interview with PLWH community**



Summary of primary data and key Informant interview.

Dr. Patel: UW Medicine

Shiela and Abida: Cascade Housing

Findings plus Limitations:

- **Most PLWH are unable to work due to health conditions.**
- **Barriers blocking affordable housing for PLWH.**
- **Structural racism puts homeless people at risk for HIV**
- **Transitional housing programs are only good for 2 years**

Socio-Ecological Model

Individual

**Housing literacy classes.
mental health support.
resource education**

Interpersonal

**Educate family and friends on proper ways to provide support.
Expand peer support programs.**

Community

Bias training, more civic engagement opportunities, community safety programs.

Policy

Comprehensive sex education, well-funded housing programs, simpler housing voucher process.

Data Analysis Plan

Formative research to identify gaps in our knowledge and to confirm our CHA plan.

Used primary data from key informant to strengthen secondary data.



Action Plan

	Objectives	Activity	Responsible Party	Timeline
Individual	Increase education on HIV/AIDS	Attend bias classes provided by organizations.	Community members	Never ends
Community	Increase the amount of housing for PLWH	Ask for funding from DOH	DOH National AIDS Housing Coalition. Snohomish county	1 year
Community	Allocate funding for Housing case management	Hire more medical case managers and housing case	DOH	1 year




Dissemination Plan

Approach 1:

Host a Snohomish county Resource fair

Approach 2: conduct qualitative research within the PLWH community using interviews and surveys to stay updated on community gaps and assets

Approach 3: Host forums for housing case managers, community members, DOH representatives to engage in dialogue to create more interventions.



RESOURCES

- **U.S. Federal Funding for HIV/AIDS:** <https://www.kff.org/hiv/aids/fact-sheet/u-s-federal-funding-for-hiv-aids-trends-over-time/>
 - Domestic Cash & Housing Assistance only made up 9% (\$3.1 billion) of the U.S. Federal Funding for HIV/AIDS in 2019
- **Transitional Housing:**
 - <https://cesww.org/get-help/housing/transitional-housing/>
- **Snohomish County's Housing Affordability Regional Taskforce (HART)**
- **Housing Snohomish County Project Report:** https://snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/50837/Housing-Snoh-Co-Proj-Rpt_Final
 - **Figure III: Only two income-restricted units serve PLWH in April 2017**
- **National AIDS Housing Coalition:** <https://nationalaidshousing.org/>
- **2021 WA HIV Surveillance:** <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/150-030-HIVSurveillanceReport2021.pdf?uid=626710013816>
- <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/Pubs/430-072-MNP-ImprovingLivesPLWHIV.pdf?uid=626317cfc1172>
- **Snohomish County landscape:**
<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8174/Landscape-of-Affordable-Housing-in-Snohomish-County>
- **Snohomish Health District - HIV/AIDS:** <https://www.snohd.org/160/HIV-AIDS>
- **Housing Snohomish County Project Report:** https://snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/50837/Housing-Snoh-Co-Proj-Rpt_Final
- **Housing Choice (Section 8) Vouchers:** <https://haseo.org/housing-solutions/haseo-programs/#vouchers>
- **2022 Snohomish County Affordable Housing Fund:**
<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/734/Housing-Projects#:~:text=Snohomish%20County%20announces%20the%20availability,moderate%20income%20persons%20and%20areas>
 - **Estimated Funding Available: \$919, 219**
- **Communicable Disease Report - Snohomish County:**
<https://www.snohd.org/DocumentCenter/View/9798/Communicable-Disease-Report-March-2022>
- **2018 WA SHA (IDs WA goals related to PLWH):** <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/1000//SHA-HIV.pdf>
- **Demographics data on PLWH in WA:** <https://aidsvu.org/local-data/united-states/west/washington/>
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