Children can't learn and families can't thrive if they are worried about where their next meal is coming from or how they'll pay the rent. That is why our work to break the cycle of poverty includes investments in our community safety net. However, we must not only create pathways out of poverty by providing help in times of need, but also by empowering individuals and families with the mindset that they can make the future better than the past. United Way of Pierce County’s goal for this investment cycle is to invest in highly impactful organizations that are improving the delivery of essential services, so Pierce County residents are not only able to access and navigate available resources to meet their immediate need, but also are improving their situation and moving towards stability.

**FOOD**
- 34% # of Pierce County households experiencing food insecurity
- 146,799 individuals receiving healthy, fresh food
- 40,281,296 Pounds of food rescued, donated, grown and distributed

**SHELTER/HOUSING**
- 1,897 # of homeless during January 2020 Point-in-Time Count
- 5,773 # of individuals who received emergency shelter, transitional housing, or homeless prevention services
- >75% # of those served successfully maintained housing or transitioned to safe, stable housing

**HEALTH & WELLBEING**
- 268 # of children receiving free dental care
- 16,000 # of trips provided to overcome transportation barriers
- 1,778 # of individuals receiving behavioral health services

**BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS**
- 318 # of individuals receiving adult education services
- 175 # of individuals receiving immigration or language services
- 164 # of students receiving support for HS graduation & post-secondary planning

**EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION & TRAINING**
- 416 # of individuals receiving financial education/coaching services
- 919 # of individuals receiving supports for employment & training
- 175 # of individuals receiving adult education services
- 164 # of students receiving support for HS graduation & post-secondary planning

**STABILITY**
- 1,778 # of individuals receiving behavioral health services
- 164 # of students receiving support for HS graduation & post-secondary planning

**SELF-SUFFICIENCY**
- 919 # of individuals receiving supports for employment & training
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Total # of individuals served for 2020 = 156,996