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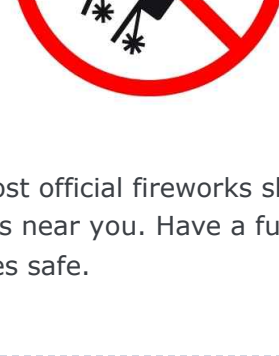
Dates to Know

Friday, July 3
Independence Day (Observed)
KCHA offices closed

Saturday, July 4
Independence Day

No Fireworks at KCHA

Fireworks and open flames are **NOT ALLOWED** at any KCHA property. Dry summer grass can catch fire easily, and KCHA does not water lawns during the summer. **Using fireworks can violate your lease and may put your housing at risk.**



Want to celebrate safely? Many cities in King County host official fireworks shows. Check your city's website or local newspaper for options near you. Have a fun and safe 4th of July and thanks for helping keep our communities safe.

Free Summer Meals



If you need help with summer meals for your child, Hunger Free Washington can connect you with programs you can use right now.

Use their Free Summer Meals search tool to find sites offering free meals for all kids and teens this summer. No sign-up or ID needed.

You can also use their screening tool to see if you qualify for SUN Bucks, which provides \$120 per eligible child to help with grocery costs.

[Find food resources](#)

Paid Summer Internships

King County Executive Girmay Zahlay has launched **YouthWorks**, a program offering paid internships and volunteer roles for residents ages 16–24. These opportunities help young people explore careers, build job skills, and gain hands-on experience across King County departments.

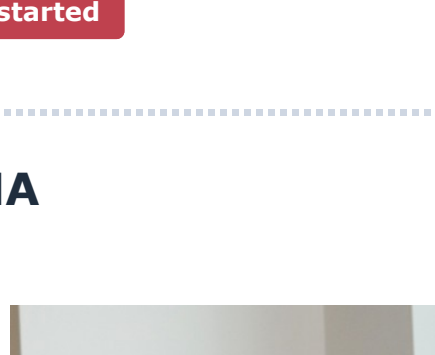


Eligible youth must live in King County and be available for the full summer placement. Applications are open, and deadlines vary by opportunity.

[Learn more and apply](#)

High-Wage Career Opportunity

Go from classroom to shipyard in six months!



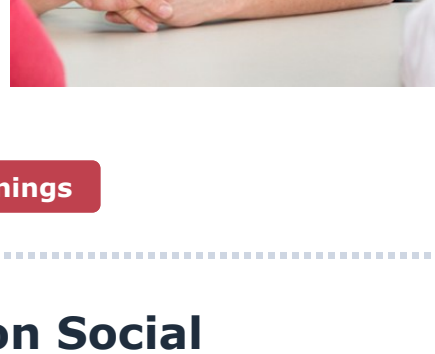
A free maritime welding training program starts September 28, 2026. Participants receive hands-on training, a monthly stipend, career planning, and social services support. Entry level shipyard roles start around **\$34 per hour**.

Space is limited, get started now by clicking the link below and completing the interest form.

[Click here to get started](#)

Explore a Career with KCHA

KCHA is hiring, and we encourage residents to explore our open positions. We offer stable jobs, good benefits, and work that supports communities across King County.

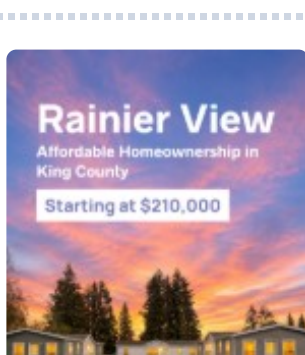


If you're interested in a career that makes a difference, visit our job openings at kcha.org/employment. You'll find roles in maintenance, customer service, administration, and more.

Take a look and see if there's a position that's a good fit for you.

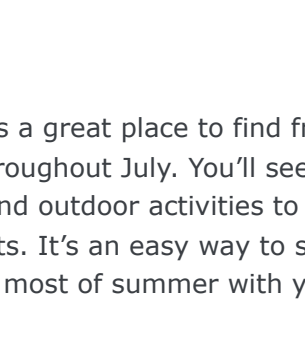
[Search job openings](#)

See What You're Missing on Social



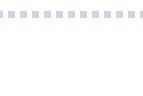
Celebrating WISH graduates

Youth summer food programs



YouthWorks paid internships & volunteer roles

Affordable homeownership for seniors



Community Events



ParentMap's events calendar is a great place to find free family-friendly things to do throughout July. You'll see everything from story times and outdoor activities to festivals, museum days, and craft events. It's an easy way to spot no-cost outings and make the most of summer with your family.

[Find free local events](#)

Resources



Discover what's happening at your local library! The **King County Library System (KCLS)** has lots of free programs and community resources, including family activities, language practice, creative tools, and community support. There's something for everyone.

- **Family Story Times**
Share stories, songs, and fun with your little ones. Perfect for children, parents, and caregivers.

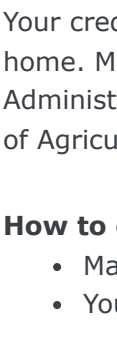
- **Tech Help for Seniors**
Volunteers provide one-on-one help for Windows, Mac, Android and iOS. Bring your smart phone, iPad or laptop and your questions.

- **Puget Sound Training Center**
Drop in to learn about free employment services and skills-training programs.

- **WorkSource: Job and Resume Assistance**
Stop by the WorkSource table for help with your resumé, preparing for interviews, finding job fairs, and exploring career options.

All programs are free and open to the public.

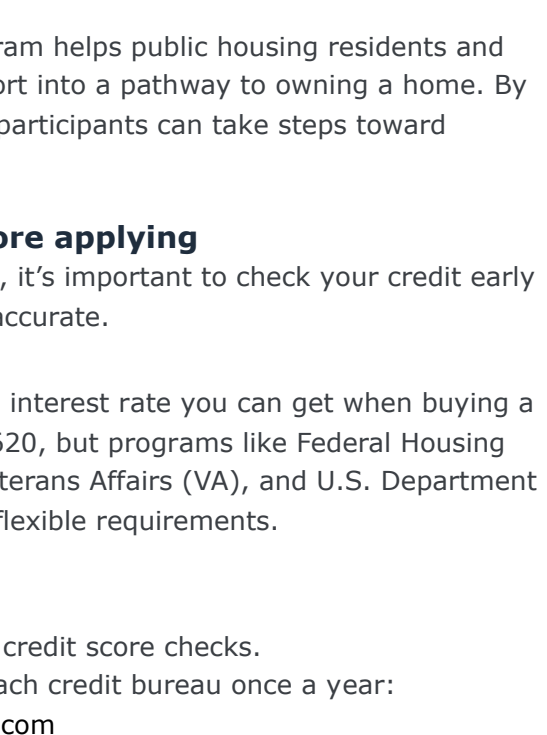
[Find programs & register](#)



Dream to Keys Homeownership Program

"It's a once in a lifetime dream. It is really a dream come true... they are there to help, and they will be with you every step of the way, as they were with me."

— Dream to Keys participant



KCHA's Dream to Keys Homeownership Program helps public housing residents and voucher participants turn their housing support into a pathway to owning a home. By using a voucher toward a mortgage, eligible participants can take steps toward financial stability and generational wealth.

Check and improve your credit before applying

If you're thinking about using Dream to Keys, it's important to check your credit early and make sure everything on your report is accurate.

Your credit score affects the loan options and interest rate you can get when buying a home. Most lenders look for a score around 620, but programs like Federal Housing Administration (FHA), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) loans may have more flexible requirements.

How to check your credit:

- Many banks and credit cards offer free credit score checks.
- You can get a free credit report from each credit bureau once a year:
 - Experian: <https://www.experian.com>
 - Equifax: <https://www.equifax.com>
 - TransUnion: <https://www.transunion.com>
 - Annual Credit Report: <https://www.annualcreditreport.com>

Ways to improve your credit:

- Pay all bills on time.
- Keep low credit card balances — using less than 30% of your available credit helps.
- Avoid opening new credit accounts.
- Keep older accounts open to build a longer credit history.
- Dispute any errors you find on your credit report.

Taking these steps now can help you qualify for better mortgage options as you move toward homeownership through Dream to Keys.

Upcoming Information Sessions (Zoom)

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| • September 17 | Noon | Click to register |
| • October 22 | 4:30 p.m. | Click to register |
| • November 12 | Noon | Click to register |

For eligibility details and to register for a session, visit our [website](#) or email DreamToKeys@kcha.org.

Moving to Work (MTW) Plan Amendment

MTW is a special status from HUD that gives KCHA more flexibility in how we use federal funding. Right now, KCHA seeking approval for a pilot program that could provide rental assistance paid directly to households instead of to landlords. You can review the full amendment on KCHA's website and share feedback by mail, email, or phone. The deadline for feedback is July 8, 2026.

[Learn more and comment](#)

Share Your Story

"I didn't believe I could do it, but I'm standing here doing it. With the support of KCHA, I'm graduating with my associate degree. I have big dreams, and I just want to thank you all for being a part of that."

— Danielle, While In School Housing graduate

When people speak up about their experiences, it helps others understand that stable housing is the foundation for education, health, and a better future.

Your voice can help shape strong housing programs. If you've benefited from public housing or KCHA programs, consider sharing your story.

[Share your story](#)

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more updates on events, resources, and other information.

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