

King County Equity and Social Justice Initiative: Toward Fairness and Opportunity for All

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Abstract: This presentation will describe the three levels of action in the King County Equity and Social Justice Initiative: (1) County policy development and decision-making that intentionally promote equity in the development of policies and programs; (2) delivery of county services that include activities across all departments to promote equity and incorporate community voice in shaping delivery of services and (3) development of effective community engagement and close work with community partners to ensure fairness and opportunity for all King County residents. Our work focuses on the social, economic and physical environment conditions which are the social determinants of equity. We will describe challenges encountered, lessons learned for creating and sustaining agency and community-level change, and process and outcome measures related to the impact of the Initiative.