



Mission

New Futures partners with families to create communities where children thrive.

Our integrated, culturally relevant programs in low-income apartment complexes build skills, foster connectedness, and promote strengths.

History

In 1993, teachers at Hazel Valley Elementary School realized that many kids from one low-income apartment complex were struggling in school.

They rented an apartment and started an after-school program. Soon teachers understood what parents already knew: that while kids needed help with homework, they also needed food, shelter and safety in order to be able to focus on their education.

In response, New Futures combines kids' programs with family and community support.

In 2008/09, at four low-income apartment complexes in South King County (Burien, SeaTac Boulevard Park, and White Center), we intensively served 1,536 individuals and positively impacted the approximately 4,000 residents living in those apartment complexes.

Children's Programs

After-School: Provided rigorous structured academic support to 163 children in grades 1-6 twice a week in literacy, math, arts, computers, and critical thinking activities.

Teen: Engaged 83 7th-12th graders with homework help, academic planning, and recreational activities. Special support through Middle School and High School transitions.

School Connections: Supported 450 parents in connecting with their child's school and supporting their children's school success.

Family Programs

Family Advocacy: Assisted 309 families with basic needs, translation, transportation, mediation, and referrals.

Leamos (Let's Read) and Colorful Hands: Taught 24 preschoolers pre-literacy skills for kindergarten readiness while building their parents' skills to help them succeed.

Community Programs

Skill-Building Class: Provided 127 adults with training to learn new skills, including English classes, computer classes and training for women to become community health promoters to help families access healthcare for their children.

Community Development: Strengthened community through resident events and activities that engaged more than 1,000 individuals.

ReachOut

Through ReachOut, our consulting program, New Futures works in the broader community with schools, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies to promote systemic change through organizational professional development trainings focused on cultural competency.

Recognition/Media

- *Stanford Social Innovation Review* published an article about New Futures evaluation work. ('08)
- Agency of the Year by the Washington State Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. ('07)
- New Futures Finance Director named CFO of the Year for Small Nonprofit by *Puget Sound Business Journal*. ('07)
- New Futures receives Bank of America's national Neighborhood Builder Award. ('08/'09).



New Futures Families

We are based in South King County and serve students in the Highline School District.

- The students we serve all qualify for free and reduced lunches at school which is an indicator of poverty.
- 93% of the families we serve are immigrants or refugees, and nearly half speak little or no English.
- A child in South King County is more than twice as likely to drop out of high school as one in East King County.

Our Results

For over a decade we have evaluated our outcomes through a team of experts in evaluation, database development, and data analysis. With our support:

- Students increase an average 1.4 grades in their oral reading.
- 78% of families feel that more people in the community care about them.
- 84% of families feel more able to meet their basic needs.
- 72% of families say that they increased their involvement in their children's reading and homework.

We were selected to present our evaluation work at the 2006 and 2007 national conference of the American Evaluation Association.

