

Community Supports Program: Electronic Home Monitoring

King County established the [Zero Youth Detention \(ZYD\) strategy](#) to further reduce and eliminate the use of incarceration for youth. Supporting the momentum of the past 20 years of reductions in the secure detention population, King County partners with community-based organizations to support youth placed on **electronic home monitoring (EHM)** with a strategy informed by youth and their families, community service providers, and employees whose work touches the lives of youth. This intervention supports the objectives of ZYD while partnering with the [Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention](#), the [Department of Public Defense](#), and [Juvenile Court Services](#). Currently, the Juvenile Court Division of King County Superior Court can order young people to EHM as part of their court requirements when they are alleged to have committed an offense. The Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention administers EHM, which is operated by its [Alternatives to Secure Detention \(ASD\) team](#).

All youth in King County deserve to grow into happy, healthy adults. Research shows that youth placed on EHM have a better chance at avoiding engagement with the juvenile legal system in the future and having positive experiences when they are paired with community-based supports and appropriate therapeutic interventions. ZYD calls for partnering with youth, families, employees, and communities and building on their strengths so that communities are safe and all youth have the opportunity to be happy, healthy, and thriving.

The **Community Supports Program** offers direct services to meet the needs of youth who are involved with or have been on EHM. The program provides pathways for them to avoid secure detention and directly into strengthened community-supports and identifies and removes barriers to address their necessities. Supports and services are provided through a partnership with a community-based partner that works directly with youth and their families.

The program offers the following **services**:

- educational support,
- mentorship,
- financial assistance,
- employment support,
- recreational activities under community supervision,
- transportation for needed services,
- referrals to complementary services, and
- advocacy



Program Flyer

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible for the Community Supports Program?

Youth who have been placed on electronic home monitoring by the juvenile court while awaiting the completion of legal proceedings or serving sentences are eligible to participate in the Community Supports Program.

2. What services are provided through this program?

The program provides educational support, mentorship, financial assistance, employment support, recreational activities under community supervision, transportation for needed services, advocacy, and referrals to complementary services for youth who are involved in or have been placed on electronic home monitoring. Community providers work in collaboration with the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, the Department of Public Defense and Juvenile Court Services to address their needs.

3. Who provides program services?

Program services are provided through a partnership between King County and a community-based organization: [Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle](#).

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4. If I am placed on electronic home monitoring, am I obligated to participate in this program?

No. Participation in this program is voluntary.

5. May I continue to receive services after I am released from electronic home monitoring?

Yes, youth placed on electronic home monitoring may receive program services after they have been released.

6. Will you keep track on how the program is working?

Yes. King County monitors program activities to ensure the continuous improvement of this effort. Additionally, the county has assigned staff to evaluate this program.

7. How does this impact public safety?

Youth placed on electronic home monitoring are supervised by Juvenile Court and the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention. This program helps youth and families navigate home monitoring and addresses youth needs to prevent future contact with the criminal legal system. Research shows that youth placed on electronic home monitoring have a better chance at avoiding engagement with the juvenile legal system in the future and having positive experiences when they are paired with community-based supports and appropriate therapeutic interventions.