

# We invest in Central Puget Sound's health.



### Bringing our Mission to life

At Providence, we are dedicated to improving community health and reducing disparities in the Western U.S. and beyond. Called by our Mission, we are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

### Taking action on health challenges

To achieve our vision of health for a better world, the Providence family of organizations identifies community health needs and invests in programs and meaningful solutions that meet the diverse needs of our neighbors. Alongside local partners, we build stronger, healthier communities by focusing on areas of lasting impact:

- Foundations of health
- Removing barriers to care
- Community resilience
- Innovating for the future

Our longstanding commitment to identify needs and provide community benefit is an essential way we live our Mission each day.



**\$6.4 MILLION**  
Community health improvement and strategic partnerships



**\$34.3 MILLION**  
Health professions education and research



**\$5.4 MILLION**  
Subsidized health services



**\$26.4 MILLION**  
Free and discounted care for the uninsured and underinsured



**\$157 MILLION**  
Unpaid cost of Medicaid and other means-tested government programs

\*Data is consolidated based on unaudited financial reporting. The numbers include joint ventures by percentage ownership. Free and discounted care totals reflect at-cost amount.

# Community investment in action

## The JUST Birth Network: Fighting systemic racism in childbirth with equity and integrity

Striking racial inequities have persisted in maternal and infant care in the U.S., despite advancements in medicine and health care. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. pregnancy-related mortality is three times higher in Black women and two times higher among American Indian and Alaska Native women than white women.

We know that these stark disparities, rooted in systemic racism and longstanding discrimination, are not just statistics. These inequities have real consequences for birthing people, mothers, babies and entire families.



At Providence Swedish, our mission is to improve the health and well-being of every person we serve. We do this by improving health care access for patients of all backgrounds and promoting culturally competent care.

That's why we created the Justice Unity Support Trust (JUST) Birth Network to empower and improve the birthing experience of Black and Native birthing women and people from across the sex and gender identity spectrum.

The network began serving patients in May 2022 with funding from the Providence Health Equity fund, as part of our commitment to address inequities experienced by our patients and communities. It includes dedicated cultural navigators, childbirth educators and birth and postpartum doulas, who provide patients and their families with expert care and guidance throughout their pregnancy and birthing experience.

In 2022, the network assisted approximately 110 families with birth and/or postpartum doula support, 87 families through cultural navigation and connected 126 community resources with patients. These numbers are expected to double in 2023 as the program advances.

You can learn more about this program by watching this [video](#) and by reading the [Swedish blog](#).

“ So many vulnerable people in our community need help meeting basic needs for health and well-being. We are committed to using our resources – and partnering with other like-minded organizations – to address systemic issues such as health care access and inequity. ”

– ELIZABETH WAKO, M.D.  
Interim President and CEO  
Swedish Health Services  
Providence Swedish

“ The investment in our communities is about seeing individuals whose experiences matter. My goal is that Black and Native women who choose to give birth here are protected, valued and empowered by the feeling of representation that comes with being cared for by people who look like and can relate to them. ”

– SAULEIHA AKANGBE, CD, PCD  
Birth Equity Manager