



Volunteers also help clients access other types of tax deductions and learn more about reducing debt, building or repairing credit, and planning for the future.

### Seattle Jobs Initiative (SJI)

SJI works with five community agencies to provide comprehensive case management and job training to eligible Seattle residents who are interested in full-time work. Services include industry-specific training, interview preparation, job referrals and job retention services.



### For more information

For PeoplePoint information, please see the back cover of this brochure. However, if you are only interested in one or two of the programs mentioned in this brochure and would prefer to contact them directly, please call:

- Energy and Utility Assistance: 206-684-0268**
  - Child Care and Preschool: 206-386-1050**
  - Health Insurance: 206-296-4841**
  - Food Assistance: 206-296-4841**
  - Seattle Jobs Initiative: 206-628-6975**
  - Earned Income Tax Credit: 211**
  - Bank on Seattle-King County: 211**
- or [www.everyoneiswelcome.org](http://www.everyoneiswelcome.org)

### Other important benefit programs

#### Cash your checks for free

Bank on Seattle-King County is an initiative to help people who don't have bank accounts open checking and savings accounts. Even if you don't have much money or have had a troubled banking history, you may be eligible for an account. Twenty-two banks and credit unions are offering accounts so you can cash your checks for free and pay your bills at no additional cost.

#### Free tax preparation: Keep more of what you earn!

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) campaign offers free tax preparation at sites throughout Seattle and King County from mid-January through mid-April each year. Multi-lingual volunteers trained by the Internal Revenue Service will prepare your taxes and file them electronically, at no cost to you.

The campaign, operated locally by United Way of King County, helps clients access all tax credits for which they are eligible, including for child care. The most substantial tax credit program is the EITC itself.

### For more PeoplePoint information

Each program has different guidelines to determine eligibility and those guidelines change periodically. You might qualify for one or more of the programs detailed in this brochure. For more information about PeoplePoint, including how to assess your eligibility, please see the enclosed insert, visit [www.peoplepoint.info](http://www.peoplepoint.info), or contact:

**PeoplePoint**  
**206-684-0355**  
[peoplepoint@seattle.gov](mailto:peoplepoint@seattle.gov)

PeoplePoint can also provide program information in Cambodian, Chinese, Mienh, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.



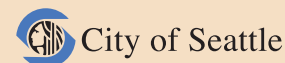
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# PeoplePoint: Bridge to Benefits

PeoplePoint helps low- and moderate-income families and individuals apply for free or reduced-cost child care and preschool, energy and utilities, food, and health insurance, *all in the same place at the same time.*



This program is centered around you — the customer. We provide you with information, assess your eligibility, and help you apply for the benefits for which you might be eligible. No longer do you need to go from office to office or call multiple phone numbers to access several critical programs and services!

PeoplePoint, formerly called Help for Working Families, is jointly sponsored by the City of Seattle Human Services Department and Public Health - Seattle & King-County.

## PeoplePoint Benefits

PeoplePoint can help you determine your eligibility for and, in some cases, fill out applications for the following benefits.

### Energy and Utility Assistance

**Fifty percent discount on monthly electricity and water rates**

**Program** — Seattle Special Utility Rate

**One-time payment toward past-due bills**

**Programs** — Federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Seattle City Light's Emergency Low-Income Assistance (ELIA) and Project Share, and Seattle Public Utilities' Emergency Assistance for Water



**Weatherization of homes and apartment buildings to protect against the cold**

**Program** — City of Seattle Office of Housing's HomeWise

## Child Care and Preschool

**Programs to help families pay for child care for infants and children to age 13 while parents/guardians work full or part time, go to school or attend job training**

**Programs** — Washington state's Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) and the City of Seattle's Child Care Assistance (CCA)

**Free or reduced-cost preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds**

**Programs** — The federally-funded Head Start program, the state-funded Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), and the City of Seattle-funded Step Ahead Preschools

## Health Insurance

**Free and reduced-cost health insurance programs covering such services as doctor and nurse visits, dental, vision, hospital stays, prescriptions, family planning, pregnancy and immunizations**

**Programs** — Medicaid, Basic Health Plan (BHP), Apple Health for Kids, Alien Emergency Medical, Take Charge Family Planning, and Pregnancy Medical

## Food Assistance

**Cash (placed on a debit card) to purchase groceries**

**Program** — Washington state's Basic Food Program (formerly called Food Stamps)

