# **Cradle to Career Pathway**



# United Way of Thurston County

# Quality Early Childhood Education

Just 37% of childcare is delivered through "centers". There are 156 providers with capacity for 8,057 children. In Thurston County, there are 15,825 children below age 5





#### Kindergarten Readiness

37%

52% of all children and only 37% of low-income children in Thurston County enter kindergarten ready to learn.





#### 4th Grade Reading

61% of Thurston County 4th grade students were at or above NAEP basic reading levels. 46% of lowincome students were at or above NAEP basic reading levels.





#### High School Graduation

About 81% of all Thurston County high school students graduate in four years.





#### FAFSA Completion

49% of students in Thurston
County completed the FAFSA form
in 2022. We hope to see that
number increase with our
Navigators program.





## Post-Secondary Enrollment

The number of WA high school graduates who pursue a post-secondary credential has declined from 60% to 50% over the last decade.





# Post-Secondary Completion

40% of Washington State students earn a degree, apprenticeship or professional license by age 26.





## Job Growth

70% of all projected job openings in the state require at least some education beyond high school.





### **Home Ownership**

35% of households in Thurston County are renting while 65% own a home. Homeownership is key in building generational wealth.





## Thriving Community

United Way of Thurston County envisions a community in which all people can thrive!