



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families

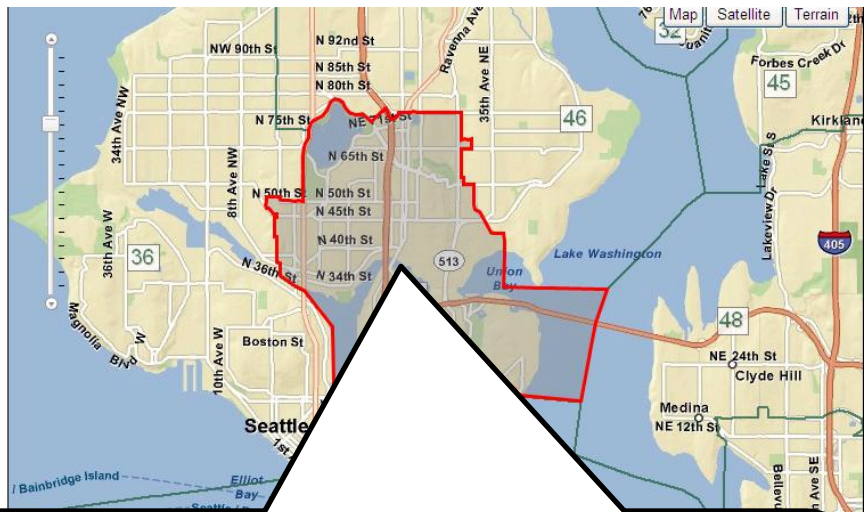
Protect State Food Assistance for the 43rd District

- State Food Assistance helps about **6,328** King County residents avoid hunger.
- The Legislature created SFA in 1997 to provide continued food assistance to **legal immigrants** and others cut off of the food stamp program by Congress.
- Every five SFA dollars spent at local grocery stores results in \$9 in economic activity.
- **The Children's Alliance calls upon the Legislature to reject the elimination of vital food assistance to Washington families.**

Hunger up 90%



With hunger nearly doubling since 2007, food banks like this one are already struggling to meet demand. State Food Assistance helps thousands of children avoid hunger.



“Basic Food benefits are more vital now than ever before. Here at the Cherry Street Food Bank, we frequently serve upwards of 2000 people on our full service days. Many of our customers are immigrant families with children who come here because there is no other government sponsored safety net program available to them. It is very difficult to meet this level of demand; food banks and meal programs continue to grapple with decreased donations streams. Our customers simply can't afford to lose what help is available to them from Basic Food and State Food Assistance. Basic Food is one of the last safe & reliable options for people in need.”

Derek Wertz, Manager, Northwest Harvest Cherry Street Food Bank