

The 44th district is represented by Senator Steve Hobbs, Representative John Lovick, and Representative Jared Mead, and is located just East of Everett. Data below are for Snohomish County and the Lake Stevens and Snohomish School Districts.



## JULIE'S STORY

Six years ago, Julie found herself commuting 45 minutes each way to her job as a caregiver, and it was a strain on her mental health as well as her wallet. She was struggling with substance abuse and even though she was still holding down a job, she knew she needed to make a change in her life for her and her daughter. She was living at home, surrounded by bad influences, and getting and staying sober was difficult. She also felt trapped due to the high cost of rent.

Then Julie heard about the Cedarwood Apartments, an affordable housing community run by Mercy Housing. The opportunity to finally have her own safe, healthy, and affordable home was exciting - and a relief! She and her daughter would finally have the space they needed, she could focus on her sobriety, and she would live closer to work.

Julie moved into Cedarwood almost six years ago and has been sober ever since. Her family has grown, and she is raising her kids in a healthy environment. She lives closer to her job so she gets to spend more time with her kids, and can focus on creating a home for them to thrive in. Thanks to an affordable home in a healthy environment Julie's children experience stability at home and in school, the family is connected in their community, and Julie can grow in her career.

