

Tenant Right to Counsel (RTC)

FISCAL YEAR 2024 ACHIEVEMENTS

Total Cases Opened: The RTC program opened 10,606 cases in Fiscal Year 2024, reflecting its essential role in eviction defense.

Cost Efficiency: The cost per case is approximately \$1,693.88, demonstrating the program's cost-effectiveness in delivering full representation legal services employing court appointed public defense model.

PROGRAM IMPACT

The RTC program acts as a **crucial safety net for low-income tenants**, ensuring that all available resources to keep tenants housed are fully exhausted. Attorneys not only guarantee procedural fairness in court but also work to ensure that tenants do not lose their homes due to a lack of awareness or inability to access vital resources, such as housing benefits for veterans or crime victims. **This comprehensive approach helps prevent evictions and promotes housing stability across Washington State.**

HOUSING STABILITY

- **81%** of closed cases **resulted in permanent housing** being secured for the tenant.
- 56% of cases resulted in tenants remaining in their homes, subject to UDA.
- Money Saved: The program saved tenants \$13,721,039 in total.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- $lap{4}{7}$ 39% of clients served have a disability.
- **45% of clients identify as BIPOC** (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color).

CASES OPENED BY FISCAL YEAR

