

# Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition

## Thursday Journal

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### CoCC Committee and Workgroup Meeting Schedule:

-  July 20 - **Project Connect** - Bremerton Housing Authority, 600 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 10:30 am
-  July 19 - **Homes for All Who Served** - Norm Dicks Government Center, 350 - 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - Mayor Lent's Conference Room, 1:30 to 3:00 pm
-  July 20 - **Continuum of Care Coalition** - Agape, 4841 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
-  July 27 - **Housing First Task Force** - Bremerton Housing Authority Conference Room (Sinclair Room), 600 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 2 pm to 3:30 pm
-  August 3 - **Executive Committee** - Kitsap Community Resources, 1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon
-  August 10 - **Outside Homeless Committee** - Norm Dicks Government Center ~ 350 - 6<sup>th</sup> Street, County Offices Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
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-  Kitsap County has put out a [Request for Proposal](#) for a Coordinated Entry Program. Information is on the Kitsap CoCC website, linked above. Letter of Intent is due by July 15, 2016.
-  The final [Housing + Employment Works Webinar](#), offered by HUD, will be on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The audience will hear the importance of emphasizing employment and measuring income outcomes. In the new day of accountability, recipients need to consider the income of participants as key to housing stability and affordability in the long-term.

- 📦 [Housing First](#) is a proven strategy to address homelessness that offers a permanent supportive housing to people without homes. Housing First recognizes that the most acute need of chronically homeless individuals with disabilities is **housing**. After a person is stably housed, other services are offered to help maintain housing stability and improve health and functioning. See the Housing First for Kitsap information on the Kitsap CoCC website.
- 📦 A press release on the [Homeless Veterans Initiative](#) went out Wednesday morning and can be found on the website.
- 📦 Coffee Oasis is having their third annual [Garden Gala](#) on September 18, 2016.
- 📦 The Outside Homeless Committee continues to work toward starting a tent city. Check out the [fact sheet](#) on transitory accommodations and the official Ordinance for [Kitsap County Transitory Accommodations](#).
- 📦 The July [Online News](#) from the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Here are some of the articles: [Adolescent Well Being After Experiencing Family Homelessness](#), [The Impact of Family Homelessness on Children](#), and [SOAR works to Increase Access to Benefits](#)
- 📦 Recently Olympic College SING Program conducted a survey addressing *homelessness and hunger*. They had over 3000 responses. The [summary of the survey](#) responses is on the Kitsap CoCC website.
- 📦 [Minutes](#) from the June 2016 meeting and the [agenda](#) for the July 2016 meeting are now available on the website.
- 📦 There will be an upcoming [Landlord Fair](#) Connecting Landlords and Resources on Friday July 22. See the flier for more information and please post and share!
- 📦 The Washington State Housing Finance Commission is seeking nominations for the 2016 Friend of Housing Awards. Nominations for both are due by July 22, 2016. The [Friend of Housing Awards](#) and the [Margaret Sevy Lifetime Achievement Award](#) recognize individuals and organizations for their contributions to providing affordable housing to low-and moderate-income residents of Washington.
- 📦 Here is a link to an article, "[What it Really Means to Hold Space for Someone](#)". This is an interesting article especially if you read it in terms of being a case manager or working in the field of social services. Toward the end there are 8 tips to help others.
- 📦 The Summer [Veteran's Stand Down](#) will take place on July 16, 2016 at Sheridan Park Community Center. See the flyer for more information; please print and post the flyer.
- 📦 Kitsap CoCC bylaws will be updated at the July CoCC meeting on July 20. The [proposed bylaws](#) can be found on the Kitsap CoCC website. [Current bylaws](#) can be found at this link on the website.

- 📦 The Job Training Center at Silverdale Goodwill is seeking applicants for the next [Retail and Customer Service Job Training](#) program, which will begin on August 8<sup>th</sup>. To apply, those interested need to come to our office Monday - Thursday, 10 am - 4 pm, and plan to spend about 90 minutes completing the application, taking the reading and math assessments, and meeting with a staff member. Orientation and interviews for interested candidates will begin Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m., in the Silverdale Goodwill Job Training Center.
- 📦 The Homes for All Who Served is launching the 2016 Master List Outreach project - collecting surveys about people who are living unsheltered - during the month of July! Attached is the [Community Services Survey](#) to collect information from anyone you come across during July who is living without shelter. There is also a [Veteran Services Brochure](#) and a flier about the upcoming [Stand Down](#) to hand out to unsheltered veterans and [Sally's Homeless Resources Guide](#) to hand out to everyone who is living without shelter.
- 📦 WAServes Kick-Off Celebration, July 22, 2016, coordinating services for veterans, will include introductions, initiative overview, and strategy development discussions with local and regional public, private, and nonprofit organizations. This will be the first of four strategy development sessions to develop the framework and requirements for coordinating the community's resources to best serve those who serve, served, and their families. More information: [Special Invitation | WAServes Kickoff Event - Coordinating Services for Veterans, Service Members, and their Families](#)
- 📦 The Salvation Army is signing youth for their Summer Camp Season. Children ages 8 to 16 who would benefit from camp may be eligible to attend. See the [Summer Camp flyer](#) for more information. There is one session remaining, which starts July 25.
- 📦 Washington Low Income Housing Alliance (WLIHA) is offering their [Emerging Advocates Program](#) (EAP) in the Fall with applications due on July 24<sup>th</sup>. The Emerging Advocates Program provides people who have experienced homelessness or housing instability with training and support to effectively make their voices heard in an advocacy context, while developing skills helpful in any environment. Workshop topics generally include: Policy Advocacy Basics, Effective Storytelling for Advocacy, Using Social and Traditional Media for Advocacy, History of Homelessness/Current Affordable Housing Policy and Other Homelessness Issues, Voter Engagement in Your Community and much more. EAP Classes will be held in downtown Seattle from September through November.
- 📦 [Original Voices](#) a book published in March 2016, is a collection of spontaneous, unedited and lightly edited poems and short prose pieces written by the women of Mary's Place, a day center for homeless and formerly homeless women in Seattle.

- 📦 The [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gimme Shelter Family Picnic and Information Fair](#) is the second part of an all-day event to raise awareness about the state of homelessness in Kitsap County. A picnic of free tacos and drinks will be provided by The Salvation Army and there will be speakers, music, a human library, collection bins for donating items for people experiencing homelessness and information about services and resources in Kitsap County. Information on how your agency can be a part of this event can be found at the link above and on their Facebook page ~ <https://www.facebook.com/GimmeShelter1Day/>
- 📦 Ashley Home Furniture has a program, [Hope to Dream](#), where they provide mattress sets to children ages 3 to 16 who are needy. The referral must come from an agency on a nomination form, at the link above, which includes a short (100 words or less) essay about the need. Nominations are reviewed by a committee once per quarter. Those selected receive a phone call to make arrangements for delivery.
- 📦 South Kitsap KCR offers the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) program for adults and dislocated workers. See [WIOA flyer](#) for more information.
- 📦 [KCR's Energy Assistance](#) is now open for scheduling appointments online through our website for July, August, and September at [www.kcr.org](http://www.kcr.org) and by phone at (360) 479-1507. They will be running their Puget Sound Energy and Cascade Natural Gas programs. Please encourage clients to schedule their own appointments so that they will know the required documents they need to bring to their appointments. If they do not come prepared with all of their documents, they will be required to reschedule. A high volume of calls is anticipated, so clients may experience long wait times. Messages will be returned in the order they were received. Clients may also experience website lag due to high traffic.