

Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition




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CoCC Committee and Workgroup Meeting Schedule:

-  November 4 - Executive Committee - Kitsap Community Resources, 1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon
-  November 10 - **Outside Homeless Committee** - Norm Dicks Government Center ~ WSU Conference Room, 350 - 6th Street, 4th Floor, Bremerton, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
-  November 13 - **Project Connect** - Kitsap Community Resources, 1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 10:30 am to 12 noon
-  November 18 - **Continuum of Care Coalition - Agape, 4841 Auto Center Way, Suite 101, Bremerton, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

-  Here is a link to a recording of a webinar on the transformation of the family homeless system in Spokane, Washington. In the webinar, speakers discussed the policy shifts that Spokane has made, how the city altered the role of transitional housing programs, and the impact these changes have had on family homelessness: [National Alliance to End Homelessness: Webinar: Transforming Homeless Service Systems in Spokane, Wash.](#)
-  There will be training for Severe Weather volunteers on Wednesday October 28th at the Salvation Army. This training is for new and current volunteers that wish to participate in the Severe Weather Shelter Program for 2015-2016. Additional information can be found on the flyer on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Severe Weather Training".
-  On Wednesday, Nov. 4, the National Alliance to End Homelessness will co-host a webinar with the Heartland Alliance on improved employment services for homeless job seekers. Join this informative hour as speakers decode The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and introduce a new WIOA Implementation Toolkit. There will

also be a presentation from a community who is successfully implementing a new employment services model on the ground. [Register >>](#)

-  The following Free Toolkits offered by HUD are on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website ~ "Vets at Home Toolkits". These are aimed at helping Continuums of Care (CoCs) meet the goal established in Opening Doors, of ending veteran homelessness. There are four toolkits, each 18-20 pages long: Housing Stability, Effective Homeless Crisis Response System, Connecting to Permanent Housing, and Identifying and Engaging Veterans Experiencing Homelessness.
-  Coffee Oasis can cater your organization's (or personal) holiday event or assist you with holiday shopping with their Coffee Gift Boxes. And, for **all nonprofits, they are offering a special 15% discount off regular catering prices!** Flyers regarding both are on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website ~ "Coffee Oasis Holiday Catering-Coffee".
-  Nominations for people/organization within a Kitsap CoCC member agency will be accepted from now until November 25th! The nomination form is on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website ~ "2015 KCoCC Awards Nomination Form"
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-  The Kitsap Public Health Department still has Free Flu Clinics for all ages at various food banks in the county and the West Sound Free Clinic ~ no appointments, walk-in only. They also offer a couple additional vaccinations for adults 19 and older. A flyer in English and Spanish is on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "2015 Flu Clinics - English" or "2015 Flu Clinics - Spanish"
-  Kitsap Center for Nonprofit Excellence is offering "Grantwriting Tips and Tools: Demystifying Grant Seeking" on November 19, 2015. Registration ends on November 15. Here is a link to more information: [KCNE Grantwriting Tips and Tools](#).
-  The ABC of Kitsap's, **7th Annual Financial Fair is coming up on Saturday, November 7, 2015** at KCR, 845 8th Street from 9:30 am-1:30 pm (Open House). The event flyer is on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Annual Financial Fair". See the list of upcoming classes on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "2015 Financial Classes". The next Free Financial Class is on November 12 in Bremerton, "Consumer Awareness". **SAVE THE DATE - Our Super Saturday event is confirmed for February 6, 2016** for free tax preparation by AARP and free credit reports/credit counseling. **Please don't pay to have your taxes**

prepared, come and join us for free tax preparation! You can usually get your money back in 7-10 days if you have a direct deposit. An event flyer will be distributed soon.

- 🏠 Open Enrollment for Health Care begins November 1. See the flyer for information. Please share and post the flyer on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Health Care Insurance Enrollment:
- 🏠 The Suicide Prevention Coalition's county-wide **Suicide Prevention Youth Poster Contest** has ended, but the posters can still be viewed at the following Coffee Oasis locations:
 - 822 Burwell, Bremerton - November 2 to November 7
 - 807 A Bay Street, Port Orchard - November 9 to November 14
 - Awards Presentation - Survivors of Suicide Conference, Bremerton - November 21 ~ see flyer for the conference on [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "SOS Conference"
- 🏠 The Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness put out the American Almanac of Family Homelessness. The Washington State Dashboard information is on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "WA State Dashboard". Washington ranks 2nd in State Policy Ranking and 18th in State Education Ranking. I have the almanac, if anyone is interested in viewing all the information. Unfortunately, the copy is not very clear.
- 🏠 Here is a link, put out by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), "Housing First 10 Tips for Success" [Housing First](#)
- 🏠 StandUp for Kids is holding their 3rd annual Comedy Night on November 6, 2015. See the poster on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website for more information, "SUFK Comedy Night 2015"
- 🏠 **Spark The Fire Grantwriting Seminar** will be held on Friday, November 6, 2015 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Bainbridge Public Library, 1270 Madison Ave N, Bainbridge Island. This seminar is hosted by Bainbridge Community Foundation. Registration is \$75. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).
- 🏠 Search and Rescue Washington is a new awareness campaign and resource hub developed for Washington State by the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids* to help medication prescribers identify prescription medication abuse and addiction among their patients. See more information on the [Kitsap CoCC Website](#) ~ "Search and Rescue Washington" and www.searchandrescuewashington.org
- 🏠 Benedict House has a fund raiser at Applebee's on November 7th. More information on the flyer on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "BH Applebee's Breakfast".
- 🏠 The **Veteran Housing Options Group** is meeting weekly at KCR as a point of service that all Kitsap County Veterans needing help with housing or homelessness should be

referred. Providers to assist them will be available at one time. For the flyer to post/distribute, go to [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "VHOG Flyer".

- 📦 Come to an 80s Skate Night to benefit Northwest Battle Buddies and Northwest Veterans. Flyer is on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "80s Skate Party".