

Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition




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CoCC Committee and Workgroup Meeting Schedule:

-  December 2 - **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**

-  Hunger and Homelessness Week is November 16-22. See the flyer on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Hunger And Homelessness Awareness 2015" for a list of the events. Please share and post the flyer.
-  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".
-  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.](#)

- 🏠 Nominations for people/organizations that have provided services to persons experiencing homelessness are being accepted for an Awards Celebration to be held at the December CoCC meeting. Nominations are being accepted until November 25th! The nomination form is on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website ~ "2015 KCoCC Awards Nomination Form".
- 🏠 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".
- 🏠 The West Sound Baby Corner Project is asking persons to complete a survey regarding needs for children age birth to 5. Please complete the survey ~ [Needs Assessment Survey](#) They hope to determine the needs of children being served through Kitsap County agencies in order to establish a safety net service to ensure their needs for essentials (diapers, formula, clothing) are met.
- 🏠 Georgia's House is having a dinner and auction event at the conclusion of Hunger and Homelessness Week on Saturday November 21, 2015. Mayor Patty Lent is the Special Guest Speaker at the event. The flyer is on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Georgia's House Invite"
- 🏠 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". In addition to those services listed, **free flu shots will be available** as well! 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 and ends January 31, 2016. 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** posters can 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 for information about a new type of housing for persons experiencing homelessness. This highlights two projects - one in Washington DC and one in Los Angeles ~ [Sanctuary, Not Just Shelter](#)
- 🏠 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"
- 🏠 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".
- 🏠 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
- 🏠 Come to an 80s Skate Night to benefit Northwest Battle Buddies and Northwest Veterans. Flyer is on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "80s Skate Party"
- 🏠 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".

- 🏠 Washington Low Income Alliance has a job opportunity for a Mobilization Specialist. The job announcement is on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Mobilization Specialist WLIHA" and can be seen at the WLIHA website also: [Jobs | Washington Low Income Housing Alliance](#)
- 🏠 Housing Kitsap has three job openings: Project Manager Affordable Housing Development, Public Housing Specialist, Site Assistant (PT). Job descriptions are on the Kitsap CoCC website and can be found on Housing Kitsap's website: [Welcome to the Housing Kitsap Career page](#)
- 🏠 First Lady, Michelle Obama released a [video](#) to landlords encouraging them to help communities across the country end veteran homelessness. Click on the link to watch.