

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**

Final Days for Public Comment ~ The following documents have been released for public comment:

- 2016 Coordinated Grant Application Funding Recommendations
- 2016 - 2020 Kitsap County and City of Bremerton Regional Consolidated Plan, including Year 1 Action Plan
- 2015 Kitsap Homeless Housing Plan

All of these draft documents are available on the Kitsap County website at this link:

http://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/housing/housing_grant.htm

Important dates for these documents:

- September 23 - October 23, 2015: Public Comment Period
- October 26, 2015, 11am - 12pm: Board of Commissioners Work Study, Port Blakely Conference Room

- November 9, 2015, 5:30pm: Public Hearing and Action, Board of Commissioners Meeting, Commissioners Chambers

Written comment or questions may be submitted to:

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- 🏠 Kitsap Community Health Priorities Summit will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015 from 10 am to 12 pm at Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton Harborside, Marina Vista, 3rd Floor, Bremerton ~ all are welcome to attend. For more information, see flyer on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Kitsap Community Health Priorities".
- 🏠 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".
- 🏠 As announced at the Kitsap CoCC meeting yesterday, 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"
- 🏠 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.](#)

-  Kitsap Public Health Department is offering free Flu Clinics for all ages at various food banks 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"
-  Flyers about Bremerton Housing Authority's KEYS (Knowledge Enables Your Success Program and their scholarship fund for qualified residents living in low-income, public housing, or Section 8. The scholarships will be used to fund the listed, specific certifications during the 2015-2016 school year through Olympic College. See additional information on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "BHA Scholarships"
-  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". **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.
-  The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently released guidance to assist intake workers in determining and documenting homeless status for youth using the definition of homelessness found in HUD's Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) Programs to ensure youth are not being turned away from the housing and services they need in error. Join our webinar for an overview of the guidance and to answer specific questions you may have related to determining homeless status for youth in HUD programs and associated requirements for documentation. We will be joined by staff from HUD as well as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. [Register today!](#)
-  The Suicide Prevention Coalition has kicked off the county-wide **Suicide Prevention Youth Poster Contest** for youth ages 10-20 in Kitsap County. A flyer and information with rules and registration (poster deadline is 10/23). There is also information about when and where the posters will be displayed and the awards presented. [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Suicide Prevention Youth Poster Contest" and "Suicide Prevention Youth Poster Contest Rules Entry"

- 🏠 Housing Resources Bainbridge is holding their annual gala on Saturday October 24, 2015. For more information: [Housing Resources Bainbridge](#), click on "About Us" and "2015 Fall Gala"
- 🏠 Are you working on an innovative approach to end homelessness in your community? Are you an excellent teacher or communicator? Next year's conference will take place in Spokane, WA on May 11 and 12, 2016 and will bring together over 600 people from across our region who are working to end homelessness. As the largest gathering of homelessness stakeholders in the state, this event is an excellent opportunity for advocates, service providers, and government employees to exchange ideas, coordinate efforts, and become reenergized for the year ahead. We need you to help us create an informative and inspiring conference program by submitting a workshop proposal by October 30th. The proposal form can be found on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, under "Conference Proposal Form".
- 🏠 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".
- 🏠 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".