

Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition

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CoCC Committee and Workgroup Meeting Schedule:

-  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 - 6th Street, County Offices Conference Room, 4th Floor, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
-  August 16 - **Homes for All Who Served** - Norm Dicks Government Center, 350 - 6th Street, 4th Floor - Mayor Lent's Conference Room, 1:30 to 3:00 pm
-  August 17 - **Project Connect** - Bremerton Housing Authority, 600 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 12:30 am
-  August 17 - **Continuum of Care Coalition** - Agape, 4841 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
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-  The next FREE Financial Education class, open to anyone will be "Credit Reports" on July 27 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at KCR, 845 - 8th Street, Bremerton. In August, there will be classes on Bringing Balance to Your Budget, Psychology of Spending, Credit Reports, and Introduction to Investing. See the [Class Schedule](#) for more information.
-  The Housing Alliance is collaborating with the Corporation for Supportive Housing to develop an in-depth technical assistance training opportunity for a cohort of supportive housing and supported employment service providers who are interested in utilizing the new supportive housing and supported employment Medicaid benefits that are under development. There is limited space for the training. Training applications are

available [online at this link](#) and are due by 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 28. Information is on the website at [Medicaid Technical Assistance Training](#).

- 🏠 Washington Low Income Housing Alliance is also conducting a survey of housing and health care stakeholders to assess what information and additional capacity is needed in the communities in order for the new Medicaid benefits to be successfully implemented. Please take a few minutes to complete this [brief online survey](#). The survey results will help inform what additional resources are needed to successfully implement these new Medicaid benefits and will help identify other health-housing system partnerships and networking opportunities.
- 🏠 The Coffee Oasis now has finalized the purchase of the building for their [Kingston Coffee Oasis!](#)
- 🏠 The Salvation Army invites you to attend a [Sexual Exploitation Response Training](#) at their facility on August 4, 2016. See the flyer for more information.
- 🏠 Join [Spike & The Impalers](#) on Friday, July 22 @ 7 p.m. for the biggest rock party since Perl's (a.k.a. Natasha's)! The best part is all profits will benefit the Max Hale Center which provides low income housing for Kitsap County residents! For tickets and more information: [Spike and the Impalers](#)
- 🏠 KCR has two job openings in Housing Solutions Center, [HSC Navigator](#) and [Housing Outreach and Stabilization Coordinator](#). Both positions close at 4:00 pm on Monday, June 25.
- 🏠 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!
- 🏠 Information on a workshop, "[Poverty and Toxic Stress in Children](#)" that will be in Seattle on August 5th is on the website.
- 🏠 West Sound Free Clinic's hours at The Salvation Army have been changed to 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm, still on the third Wednesday of the month. See the flyer for [The Salvation Army's West Sound Free Clinic](#) hours. The information on all of the locations and hours for [West Sound Free Clinic](#) has been updated.
- 🏠 There is updated information about the [2nd Annual Gimme Shelter Ride](#), an all-day event to raise awareness about the state of homelessness in Kitsap County on August 13, 2016. They also have information on their Facebook page ~ <https://www.facebook.com/GimmeShelter1Day/>
- 🏠 [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.
- 🏠 The final [Housing + Employment Works Webinar](#), offered by HUD, will be on August 25th. 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.
 - 🏠 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.
 - 🏠 Washington Low Income Housing Alliance (WLIHA) is offering their [Emerging Advocates Program](#) (EAP) in the Fall with applications due on July 24th. 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.
 - 🏠 A press release on the [Homeless Veterans Initiative](#) went out last week 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 is available. 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](#)
 - 🏠 The updated [Kitsap CoCC bylaws](#) are 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 8th. 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 22nd at 10:00 a.m., in the Silverdale Goodwill Job Training Center.

- 📖 [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.
- 📖 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 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.