










Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition

Thursday Journal








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CoCC Committee and Workgroup Meeting Schedule:

-  April 6 - **Executive Committee** - Kitsap Community Resources, 1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon
 -  April 12 - **Homeless Housing Plan Action Team** - Norm Dicks Government Center, 350 - 6th Street, Bremerton , specific location tbd, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
 -  April 13 - **Outside Homeless Committee** - Norm Dicks Government Center ~ 350 - 6th Street, County Offices Conference Room, 4th Floor, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
 -  April 19 - **Homes for All Who Served** - Norm Dicks Government Center, 350 - 6th Street, Specific Location tbd, 1:30 to 3:00 pm
 -  April 20 - **Continuum of Care Coalition** - Agape, 4841 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 -  April 27 - **Housing First Task Force**, 2 pm to 3:30 pm, Bremerton Housing Authority Conference Room (Sinclair Room), 600 Park Avenue, Bremerton
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-  The application cycle calendar is now available for the [2017 Coordinated Grant Application](#) process for the following grants: Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Consortium Funds (HOME), Affordable Housing Grant Funds (AHGP), Homeless Housing Grant Funds (HHGP). [Coordinated Grant Application Process](#)
 -  **The Salvation Army is allowing homeless folks to use their address in order to register to vote!** On March 31, 2016, from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM, The Salvation Army will be having a voter registration event and all the person needs is picture ID. In the fall, they will be able to pick up their ballots here and The Salvation Army will mail them for them.
 -  Naval Base Kitsap is hosting a [Job Fair](#) on April 22 from 10 am to 2 pm at Best Western - Silverdale Beach Hotel

- 📦 [Social Security Information](#) for April 2016 includes: Taking Stock During Financial Literacy Month 2016, Ex-spouse Benefits 2016, May is Older Americans Month 2016, SSA Changes in Law 2016.
- 📦 See the [Fact Sheet](#) about the emergency ordinance adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, [ordinance 531-2016](#), to allow for transitory accommodations.
- 📦 There is a [Shoe Drive](#) on April 8th from noon to 2 pm, giving away free shoes!! There will also be a free lunch and haircuts. It will be held at the Masonic Temple, 875 - 5th Street, Bremerton.
- 📦 The top three priorities for the Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition this year are listed below. If anyone is interested in joining a committee to work on any one of these issues, let Sarah VanCleve (svanclave@bremertonhousing.org) or Terry (tschroeder@kcr.org). These are the priorities that members felt were most important for the Kitsap CoCC to work on this year. The priority with a description is below:
 - **Community Education** - How do we want to educate the public about homelessness and what are the methods we want to use to do so?
 - **Legislative Advocacy** - What do we want to let the legislators know about homelessness; what are some of the important issues and how do we educate the legislators.
 - **Address Reduction in Funding/Access More Funding** - What do the reductions mean for our programs. What are some additional funding sources that might be available to apply for to help fill the gaps?
- 📦 Washington Low Income Housing Alliance is excited to announce that [registration](#) for the [26th Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness](#) is now open. This year's conference will take place on May 11 and 12, 2016 at the Spokane Convention Center and will bring together over 600 people from across Washington who are working in their communities to end homelessness. Early registration must be received no later than April 25, 2016.
- 📦 KCR's [Energy Assistance](#) is now open for scheduling appointments online through our website at [KCR Energy Assistance](#) and by phone at (360) 479-1507.
- 📦 The FREE Financial Education class schedule for April through June is now available. In April, the following classes will be offered: "Bringing Balance to Your Budget" (April 5), "The Psychology of Spending" or "Credit Reports" (April 6 and April 20), "Become a Smart Renter" (April 14), and "How to Buy a Car" (April 27). All are offered at KCR, 845 - 8th Street, Bremerton, times vary. See the [Class Schedule](#) for more information.
- 📦 Save the Date for the Summer [Veteran's Stand Down](#) on July 16, 2016.

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 Kitsap Mental Health Services is offering [Adult Mental Health First Aid Training](#) on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at Kitsap Mental Health Services. To learn more about the 8-hour training and register via our secure online registration form, please visit the Mental Health First Aid Training page on our website:
http://www.kitsapmentalhealth.org/mental_health_first_aid_training.aspx
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 Kitsap Mental Health Services is offering [Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) on May 4, 2016. See flyer for more information and the Mental Health First Aid training page on the [KMHS website](#).
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 The Health Care Authority and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are currently negotiating the 1115 Medicaid Transformation Waiver. The waiver is anticipated to be approved and could go into effect as early as spring 2016. The Housing Alliance is hosting a [Supportive Housing Services Medicaid Training](#) on **Tuesday, May 10th at the Spokane Convention Center** in order to provide everyone who is interested in utilizing the supportive housing services benefit in the 1115 waiver with up to date information. The training will provide background information about the Medicaid program and 1115 waivers, information about what supportive housing services CMS will likely approve to be covered by the new benefit, which Medicaid beneficiaries will be eligible, and what steps your agency needs to take in order to utilize this exciting new opportunity. Information about the supported employment Medicaid benefit will also be covered. Visit the [event page](#) to learn more about the program, [registration](#), and [scholarships](#). This training will take place the day before our Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness.
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 Save the Date ~ information about a "[Summer Opportunities & Mentor Fair](#)" on **April 13, 2016** at Bremerton High.
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 Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth has released an [RFP](#) for projects that prevent and reduce the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences through Building Resiliency.
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 As Tax Season is here, post and share this flyer about the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#).
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 There are three remaining [HUD webinars](#): *Housing + Employment Works: CoC and Workforce Partnerships to Serve WIOA Population Priorities (April)*, *Housing + Employment Works: Employment Assessment in Coordinated Entry Systems (June)*, *Housing + Employment Works: Systems Performance Measures around Employment and Income Maximization. (August)*.



