

Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition

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CoCC Committee and Workgroup Meeting Schedule:

- 📅 September 30 - **Project Connect** - Kitsap Community Resources, 1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 10:30 am to 12 noon
- 📅 October 14 - **Outside Homeless Committee** - Norm Dicks Government Center ~ WSU Conference Room, 350 - 6th Street, 4th Floor, Bremerton, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
- 📅 October 14 - **Executive Committee** - Kitsap Community Resources, 1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- 📅 October 21 - **Continuum of Care Coalition** - Agape, 4841 Auto Center Way, Suite 101, Bremerton, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

📅 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 Mental Health Services is offering Veteran's Mental Health First Aid - June 24. Flyer is on the website: [Kitsap CoCC](#) - "June 2015 Veterans MHFA"
- 🏠 A Veterans Stand Down will be held on September 26th in Bremerton. For more information and a flyer to post and/or distribute, go to the Kitsap CoCC website - "Fall Veteran StandDown (Fall Season)"
- 🏠 The next two FREE Financial Education class, open to ANYONE are, "Solving the Mystery of Credit Reports" and "How to Manage Student Loans" on September 24th and October 8th at Bremerton KCR - 8th Street. Flyers for those classes are on the Kitsap CoCC website, "Solving the Mystery of Credit Reports" and "How to Manage Student Loans". All times are 5:30 pm. See list of classes on the Kitsap CoCC website, "2015 Financial Classes".
- 🏠 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 is **still funding available** in KCR's **Energy Assistance Program**, which needs to be used by **September 30, 2015!!** Anyone who has electrical bills through Puget Sound Energy and meets the income requirements can apply. Those who received PSE assistance since October 2014 cannot receive it again. For more information, see the flyer at the Kitsap CoCC website - "Energy Summer Flyer".
- 🏠 On October 6, The Law Center will host a webinar to help communities understand criminalization and more constructive alternative approaches. They hope many communities will take advantage of this opportunity to reverse and eliminate these harmful, unconstitutional practices. "Criminalization of homelessness is already more expensive than providing housing, but those costs—from keeping people in jail to increased emergency room visits—are often hidden," said Eric Tars, Senior Attorney at the Law Center. "We hope HUD's new question on their funding application brings are least one cost—the cost of lost federal dollars coming into the community—into full view.

When added to the potential costs of losing litigation, there's really no reason for communities to ignore the overwhelming data that shows housing is more effective than criminalization." To sign up for the webinar, click here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6792264236216006146>

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