BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community, please contact Gretchen Bruce at gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov

LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

Crosscut Kids@Risk news series
Crosscut kicked off a new series on youth homelessness yesterday, which the Raikes Foundation has funded with a grant. The initiative is an extension of Crosscut’s Kids@Risk series, which launched last year with their very well done and comprehensive coverage of the foster care system, which was supported by Ballmer Family Giving.

The first entry is a column from Crosscut Editor-in-Chief Mary Bruno explaining the series and outlining the scope of the problem. They will follow tomorrow with a first-person essay from a formerly homeless youth from Vancouver, B.C., about what it is like to be young and on the streets. They have a long list of additional stories that are scoped out for the next several weeks, and the series will run for the balance of 2014.

The easiest way to keep tabs on Crosscut’s coverage is to sign up for Crosscut’s daily e-mail news summary. Please also share the coverage with your respective networks & contacts, as we want to make sure the stories are seen by as many readers as possible.

REAL CHANGE Economic Justice Film Series
The Real Change Economic Justice Film Series features recent documentary films that tell the stories of our times and inspire audience members to act. Each film is FREE and will be followed by an interactive program.

A Place at the Table
Sunday, February 16th, 12PM Reserve your tickets

A Place at the Table tells the powerful stories of three such Americans, who maintain their dignity even as they struggle just to eat. In a riveting journey that will change forever how you think about the hungry, A Place at the Table shows how the issue could be solved forever, once the American public decides—as they have in the past—that ending hunger is in the best interests of us all.

2014 One Night Count
The annual One Night Count of homeless people, conducted during the early morning hours of Friday, January 24, 2014 counted a total of 3,117 unsheltered people on the streets, in parked cars, on Metro Night Owl buses or in other places not meant for human habitation. This is an increase over the 2013 count. More than 800 volunteers participated and teams were dispatched from ten locations throughout the county. A sheltered count will be compiled of those people in emergency shelter and transitional housing on the same night, based on surveys and Safe Harbors data, and will be available in approximately a month. The One Night Count is partially sponsored by the CEH and is a federal requirement. The One Night Count reaffirms that Everyone should have a safe roof over head and a place to call home.

• Each year, our community counts those who are outside overnight on a single night in January.
• This year, whether we count more or less people unsheltered than last year, it will be one person too many.
• Having neighbors in our community who are homeless is unacceptable and cause for action.
• While our community has made progress in ending homelessness, it is simply not enough.
• So we’re gearing up to open new housing options, for youth, families, and single adults.
• And we’re finding ways to get people off the streets quickly, before their crisis deepens.

United Way of King County - FREE Tax Preparation Campaign
Filing taxes can be tough, especially for people who aren’t sure which deductions they qualify for, whose first language isn’t English, or who have trouble because of their age or a disability. United Way’s Free Tax Preparation Campaign is here to help!

The Free Tax Preparation Campaign runs from January to April. This program helps people secure all the refunds and credits that they’re eligible for, including the Earned Income Tax Credit. Services are really free—no hidden fees or charges. With this money in pocket, people can better keep food on the table and a roof overhead. There are 19 locations located throughout King County with daytime, evening, and weekend hours. To find the closest site, hours, and languages available at the locations, visit www.uwkc.org/taxhelp or call 2-1-1.
CEH Staffing News

As previously reported in All Things CEH, Mark Putnam began as the new CEH Director in December. Mark has extensive experience working with government, philanthropy, providers and people experiencing homelessness to develop and implement effective strategies to move people out of poverty and homelessness through stable housing, health care, education and employment. As a director at Building Changes, he was responsible for overseeing several program areas, including grant-making and evaluation of a $30 million initiative to end family homelessness in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties. Most recently he, together with Megan Gibbard, led efforts within CEH to develop a comprehensive plan to prevent and end youth and young adult homelessness in King County. Mark can be reached at mark.putnam@kingcounty.gov and 206-263-9001. Welcome Mark!

Anand Balasubrahmanyan joins us as a temporary program assistant while Ayesha Kelly is serving on special assignment with the King County Executive’s office. Anand’s experience is in communications and program administration. Anand’s contact information is anand.balasubrahmanyan@kingcounty.gov and 206-263-9058. Welcome Anand!

Rebecca Laszlo’s temporary assignment with CEH ended in mid-January. Last March, Rebecca was asked to backfill Gretchen Bruce’s position while Gretchen served as Interim Director. Rebecca jumped into the work with enthusiasm, professionalism and curiosity and quickly became an integral and valued member of the CEH Team. We thank Rebecca for her extraordinary work during her 11 months with us. Rebecca is now taking on consulting work for non-profit agencies, and can be reached at rebecca.laszlo@live.com

With Rebecca’s departure and Mark’s arrival, Gretchen Bruce has returned to her permanent position as Program Manager. Gretchen’s contact information remains the same at gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov and 206-263-9085.

2014 Legislative Session / Homeless Housing Advocacy Day

Homeless Housing Advocacy Day was held Tuesday, January 28th with over 650 passionate advocates attending. This year’s joint legislative priorities, shared by Building Changes, UWKC, Church Council, SKCCH, CEH, HDC and WLIHA include:

- Continue to fund the Washington State Housing Trust Fund
- Preserve and strengthen the Housing and Essential Needs Program
- Prevent the sun setting of the state’s document recording fees
- Making Housing Bonds Effective Now
- Make Tenant Screening Reports Fair and Accurate for All Renters
- Extend Foster Care 21 for working youth and youth with a medical condition
- Leverage Medicaid to ensure services for people living in PSH can be sufficiently billed to Medicaid
- Better support to homeless children within local schools

Go to the WLIHA website / blog to stay up to date on developments this legislative session: http://wliha.org/blog

FUNDING AND RFP’S

RFP: Homeless Youth and Young Adult Initiative Priority Activities

Bidders Conference Wednesday February 5th at 3 pm in downtown Seattle

The King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), Committee to End Homelessness (CEH), and United Way of King County (UWKC) announce the availability of funds and request applications for funding to non-profit agencies, public entities, or government agencies to provide services to homeless youth and young adults (YYA) in the following priority areas identified in the Comprehensive Plan to Prevent and End Youth and Young Adult Homelessness in King County by 2020 (“the YYA Plan” or “the Comprehensive Plan”):

- Clear path to employment;
- Housing stability; and
- Family reunification intervention and capacity building.

Pre-Proposal Conference: A conference to discuss questions related to this RFP shall be held Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in Chinook Building Conference Room #233, 401 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Seattle, Washington, 98104.

To review or download a copy of this RFP, please visit http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/procurement.aspx and access the “Solicitations” tab in the left-hand column. By accessing this site, you will be forwarded to the King County Procurement and Contract Services Online Vendor Registration (OVR) System*. You may enter the site either as a Guest, or if previously registered, by logging on with your User ID. Scroll through the list of solicitations to located RFP No. 1023-14-LSM.
## 2014 National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness

**February 18 – February 19, 2014, New Orleans, LA**

Details of the event are posted NAEH webpage regularly with additional information. CEH will host a lunch-and-learn in March after the conference to share key lessons coming out of the conference. Stay tuned for March All Things CEH for date/location.

### NATIONAL NEWS

### CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### Governing Board

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov) Typical Meeting Schedule, 4th Wednesday of the Quarter, 8:30–10:30am. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org).

**Upcoming Meeting:** Wednesday, April 23, 8:30 – 10:30 am  
**Agenda Topics:** TBD

**Recent Meeting:** Wednesday, January 22  
**Discussed:** CoC Governance, Moving Towards a Crisis Response System, 2014 Annual Workplan

#### Interagency Council (IAC)


**Upcoming Meeting:** Monday, February 3, 1:30 – 4:30 pm  
**Agenda Topics:** Nomination of new members, CoC Governance, 2014 Annual Workplan, Safe Harbors Steering Committee

**Recent Meeting:** Monday, December 2  
**Discussed:** Aligning our Crisis Response System, Rapid Rehousing, Family System Conversion

#### Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov). Typical Schedule: 3rd Wed of the month, 6-7:30pm at Plymouth Congregational Church in Seattle. Meeting summaries of previous CAC meetings available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org).

**Upcoming Meeting:** Wednesday, February 26, 6 – 7:30 pm  
**Agenda Topics:** Planning for 2014 Focus Groups

**Recent Meeting:** Wednesday, January 19  
**Discussed:** Feedback to 2014 Annual Workplan

#### Legislative Advocacy

Chair: TBA. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov) Typical Meeting Schedule: Every Other Tuesday during session, from 8:30–9:30, in person or via conference call.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Tuesday, February 11, 8:30 – 9:30 am  
**Agenda Topics:** Next steps in promoting the 2014 legislative agenda

**Upcoming Meeting:** Tuesday, February 25, 8:30 – 9:30 am  
**Agenda Topics:** Next steps in promoting the 2014 legislative agenda

#### Population Affinity Groups

**Family Homelessness Initiative Information Sessions:**  
Debbi Knowles and Triina Tennelo host open sessions to talk with local stakeholders (providers and funders) about the Initiative. Reoccurring: 3rd Wednesdays each month 9:30 – 11:00 am at varying locations

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 9:30 – 11:00 at the 2100 Building, 2100 24th Avenue S in Seattle.

Contact Triina Tennelo for more information: 206.263.9110 or triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov or visit the Initiative website for more information: [http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies.aspx)
Family Housing Connection:
The monthly Y/YA Stakeholder Forums provide a monthly opportunity to hear about the changes planned for our homeless youth and young adult system in King County. Please check the Y/YA Webpage for updates. For more information on the Comprehensive Plan to Prevent and End Youth and Young Adult Homelessness in King County contact Megan Gibbard or visit the Y/YA Webpage. To be added to the Y/YA stakeholder email list, which provides bi-weekly updates on the initiative, email Carrie.Hennen@kingcounty.gov.

- **Y/YA Stakeholder Forum- February 4, 2-3:30pm, new PSKS Location** (1609 19th Avenue, Suite 100, Seattle, WA 98122).
  Information on upcoming funding opportunities will be shared at this forum. The forum will be preceded by a Community Sign In Training (1-2pm), and immediately followed by a YHC feedback forum (3:30-4:30pm).

### RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

**South King County Forum on Homelessness**
Contact: Manuela Ginnett, manuelag@multi-servicecenter.com or Jo Cherland, johannac@ccsww.org. The SKC Forum on Homelessness meets the 1st Wed. of every month at 9–10:30am at Kent Commons, 525 – 4th Avenue N. SKC Forum on Homelessness web address: [http://kentwa.gov.aspx?id=2728](http://kentwa.gov.aspx?id=2728)

**Upcoming Meeting:** Wednesday, February 6, 2014, 9 – 10:30 am
**Agenda Topics:** One Night Count of Homeless, Planning for 2014

**North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting**
Contact: Kelly Rider at kelly@housingconsortium.org. The NKC Stakeholders group coordinates homeless housing & service activities in North King County. Typical Schedule: Every other month, 2nd Wednesday, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, (brown bag) Shoreline City Hall

**Upcoming Meeting:** TBD

**Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC)**
Contact: Arthur Sullivan ASullivan@bellevuewa.gov or Sharon Anderson sanderson@ci.kirkland.wa.us. EHAC coordinates homeless housing & service activities in East King County. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Thursday of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

**Upcoming Meeting:** Thursday, February 13, 2014, 2 – 4 pm

**Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness (ITFH)**
The ITFH works among, between, and within the faith community and seeks to create the political will to end homelessness using targeted education, outreach and advocacy. Typical Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month, noon-1:30pm at St. Mark’s. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at itfh@comcast.net or (425) 442-5418.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 2 – 4 pm

**University District Conversation on Homelessness**
Contact: Nathalie Gerhke. Monthly Gathering share thoughts and strategies on local and regional concerns around homelessness. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Monday of the month, 9 – 11:30 am. Meetings rotate throughout the U District, and frequently at University Congregational Church though location may change.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Monday, February 10, 2014, 9 – 11:30 a.m. University Friends Meeting House, 4001 -9th Ave NE, Seattle

**University District Service Provider's Alliance Service Provider Team**
Contact: udsop.spt@gmail.com. U-District Service Provider’s Alliance share information relevant to working with homeless youth and young adults, program updates, and neighborhood updates. A service provider debrief follows each meeting. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11am-12:30pm

**Upcoming Meeting:** Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 11am–12:30pm

**Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCC)**
The General meeting is the 3rd Thurs of each month, 9-11am at E Cherry YWCA. Learn more and sign up for meeting reminders at [www.homelessinfo.org](http://www.homelessinfo.org)

**General Meeting:** Thursday, February 20, 2014, 9-11am

**SKCCH Population & Advocacy Committee Meetings**
- **SKCCH Youth & Young Adults**: Tuesday, Feb 11, 10-11:30am, Capitol Hill Public Library (425 Harvard Ave E, Seattle)
- **SKCCH Single Adults Advocacy**: Thursday, Feb 13, 12-1:30 pm, Plymouth’s Simons Seniors Apts, 2119 3rd Ave, Seattle
- **SKCCH Families with Children**: Wednesday, Feb 26, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at E Cherry YWCA (2820 E Cherry St., Seattle)
Below are highlights of our Theory of Change for ending homelessness and current Investment Priorities, affirmed by the Governing Board at its January 22nd meeting.

**Our Theory of Change:**
To end homelessness in King County, we must prevent homelessness, create permanent housing and increase access to market housing, and support people who do become homeless to stabilize in housing. We can achieve our goals by building the political and public will to end homelessness.

### System-Level Measures (HUD’s HEARTH Measures) for period October 2012 – September 2014

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<td>Provide clear, consistent reports on the status of homelessness in King County, per Safe Harbors.</td>
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<td>Provide recommendations for use of data in planning for and evaluation of efforts to end homelessness.</td>
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<td>Ensure that the Seattle-King County Continuum of Care (CoC) governance structure and process meet local needs and U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HEARTH standards</td>
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<td>Issue annual combined homeless housing NOFA</td>
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<td>Increase access to private market housing</td>
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<td>Family Homelessness (Adopted in 2008)</td>
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<td>Prevent homelessness for families most at risk</td>
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<td>Move families quickly to stable housing</td>
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<td>D.</td>
<td>Focus support services on housing stability</td>
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<td>Increase collaboration with mainstream systems</td>
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<td>Veteran Homelessness (Adopted in 2011)</td>
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<td>A.</td>
<td>Advocate for funding and align systems, emphasizing efficiencies and reducing duplication of services.</td>
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<td>B.</td>
<td>Address complex needs among veterans, including the newly returning veterans, starting with outreach and prevention.</td>
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<td>Identify and replicate best practice models for housing veterans.</td>
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<td>Youth &amp; Young Adults Homelessness (Adopted in 2012)</td>
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<td>Align and cultivate funding to improve individual outcomes and system level impacts</td>
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<td>Strengthen the homeless crisis response system through expansion, alignment, and targeting</td>
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*Note: Single Adults also includes non-parenting couples*