**LOCAL NEWS & ACTION**

**Be the Connect Conference Draws 300 Educators, Others Working to Help Veterans**

King County Executive Dow Constantine joined Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis and Green River Community College (GRCC) President Eileen Ely in welcoming more than 300 higher education and social services staff and veterans at the *Be the Connect* Conference held at GRCC on 5/10/13. The purpose was to build and improve connections to help veterans transition successfully from the military and get on the road to education, employment and self-sufficiency in the community. Jon Hoskins, Community Services Division, was a panelist presenting information on King County veterans. The Veterans and Human Services Levy was one of the sponsors of the day-long conference.

**Coordinated Engagement for YYA to Launch July 8, 2013!**

Catholic Community Services (CCS) was selected as the lead agency to implement Coordinated Engagement for homeless youth and young adults. Catholic Community Services brings a strong mission focus, broad regional coverage, and in-depth systems knowledge through their implementation of family coordinated entry.

Coordinated Engagement will provide:

- A clearly identified process for YA’s to request housing
- Coordinated housing placements at a system-wide level that matches YA’s with the most appropriate housing based on their strengths-based assessment, as well as program capacity and eligibility
- Unduplicated data on the number of homeless YYA’s and their needs/barriers
- Alignment with the existing Family Housing Connection coordinated entry system
- Community standards around best and/or promising practices in YYA housing

For more information please reach Jerred Clouse, JerredC@ccsww.org, or Megan Gibbard, Megan.Gibbard@kingcounty.gov.

**HousingSearchNW — All Things CEH Backpage 1**

[HousingSearchNW.org](http://HousingSearchNW.org) is a free service linking people with the available housing they need, including subsidized, accessible and assisted units. Launched in 2012, it expanded statewide this year, and serves as a one-stop shop for information about housing and related resources. Services are available online and through a toll-free multilingual call center. Listings are updated daily to stay current and relevant. In 2012, HousingSearchNW fielded nearly half a million calls for housing in King County!

See [All Things CEH Packpage1](#) for more information on how to access this innovative and effective project, and expansion efforts.

**Rapid Rehousing — All Things CEH Backpage 2**

Continuing research demonstrates that rapid re-housing (RRH) is a cost-effective strategy that can help many families successfully exit homelessness and maintain permanent housing. RRH reduces the length of time people experience homelessness, minimizes the impact of homelessness on their lives, and facilitates their access to resources and supports in the community. Communities that have successfully employed RRH have freed up significant resources to address the needs of homeless families that face more serious, multiple barriers, such as chemical dependency issues or on-going criminal court involvement.

Building Changes has recently published a one-paper that highlights key service ingredients for a RRH model to maximize its effectiveness. A RRH model for Washington State should include the following elements:

- Financial/rental assistance and outreach to landlords to negotiate and match families and rent;
- Housing-focused case management that tailors services to the clients’ unique needs;
- Strong partnerships between case management and employment services that maintain a family’s ability to provide rent, food, and child care;
- Connection to mainstream services on individualized basis, which may include: employment services, health care, behavioral health, early learning, and K-12 education;
- Housing retention services/case management that continue (if needed) beyond rental assistance; and
- Capacity to provide prevention assistance if the family experiences housing or financial crisis in the future.

See [All Things CEH Packpage2](#) for more information on the essential elements of Rapid Rehousing with multiple links to research on the effectiveness of the Rapid Rehousing Model.
**More Than a Roof Overhead: Getting Real About Homelessness on the Eastside**

Thursday, June 6, 2013 from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., North Bellevue Community College – (Light Breakfast served)

The Eastside Human Services Forum invites you to attend *More Than a Roof Overhead*, a free summit featuring local experts speaking on key issues and efforts related to homelessness in East King County. East King County, has the lowest proportion of affordable housing available compared to the rest of the County. Register [here](#) for this free event.

At this forum, you will discuss the following questions:

- What struggles do your neighbors face in keeping a roof overhead?
- What resources exist on the Eastside to help people move from being homeless to having permanent housing? How well are these resources meeting the need?
- As advocates, providers and leaders, what concrete next steps can we focus on to ensure that everyone has access to a safe, healthy and affordable home?

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**Transitions: Seattle Human Services Director accepts position with City of Virginia Beach**

Dannette R. Smith has accepted a position as Human Services Director for the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Her last day with the city of Seattle will be Friday, June 14, 2013. Dannette began serving as Director of HSD in June 2010. She has directed a department with an annual budget of $124 million and 338 employees. HSD funds and operates programs for people with low incomes, children, domestic violence victims, seniors, immigrants and refugees, homeless people and persons with disabilities. During her tenure, Dannette created and implemented a strategic, family-centered vision for the department, expanding and reshaping its work with the community, and formed new partnerships with other funders, service providers and systems. For more information, read the press release [here](#).

We at the Committee to End Homelessness thank Dannette for her leadership and efforts to end homelessness. **HSD Deputy Director Catherine Lester will serve as Interim Director of HSD until a permanent director is confirmed.**

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**American Winter: Documentary of Families Facing Homelessness**

**June 18, 6:30 – 9 p.m., SIFF Cinema**

You are invited to a special free screening of the new documentary *American Winter*, Tuesday, June 18, 6:30-9 p.m. at SIFF Cinema at the Uptown in Seattle’s Queen Anne neighborhood. Directed by Emmy Award-winning filmmakers Joe and Harry Gantz (*Taxicab Confessions, The Defenders*), *American Winter* follows the personal stories of eight families struggling in the wake of the economic downturn. Shot over the winter of 2011-12 in Portland, Oregon. This powerful film reveals the human impact of budget cuts to social services, rising poverty and economic inequality, and the fracturing of the American Dream. Director Joe Gantz is the special guest. Following the film, local experts will talk about how these themes are relevant to our community. The event is presented by Washington State Budget & Policy Center, Seattle University and Working Washington, in partnership with a dozen local non-profit organizations. Get your free tickets [here](#).

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**YYA to Advance Plan to End YYA Homelessness – Community Convening June 27th & 28th**

The YYA Initiative is hosting a YYA Convening to help advance our community’s Comprehensive Plan to End Youth & Young Adult Homelessness. This convening is part of a series of activities that will help our community identify initiatives for each of the priority outcomes - stable housing, permanent connections, education & employment, and emotional wellbeing.

The purpose of the two day event is to hear about the comprehensive plan process and accomplishments to date, to discuss, select and affirm the initial activities/strategies that will be recommended in the Plan, and to give input to the annual community process that will incorporate new data and support our annual targets and course corrections. Stakeholders at the convening will include funders, agency leaders, providers and youth/young adults.

**Space is limited, and you must pre-register for the convening.** For more information about this event on June 27th and 28th, please reach Megan Gibbard or Michelle Valdez. Also visit the NEW YYA website [here](#)!
Updates and Materials from the May 15-16 Conference on Ending Homelessness

On May 15-16, the Washington State Low Income Housing Alliance hosted a Conference on Ending Homelessness at Hotel Murano in Tacoma, WA. There was a mix of sessions, speakers and exhibits that were all focused of ensuring everyone in Washington has access to a safe, healthy, and affordable home. There were a number of workshops made available to attendees and if you weren’t able to attend, some of the slideshows are available here.

South King County Stand Down & Veteran Families Resource Fair

Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Green River Community College, Auburn, WA

This event is intended to provide free services to assist military, veteran families, and homeless veterans. For more information call 206-802-5578 or visit www.southkingcountystanddown.org.

Free services and referrals include:

- VA benefit and claims assistance
- Medical/Dental
- Housing assistance
- Employment & vocational resources and referrals
- Individual and family counseling resources
- Childcare
- Financial and rent assistance
- Legal service referrals
- Haircuts
- Clothing
- Hot meals

Free Summer Preschool

The Denise Louie Education Center is now accepting applications for free summer preschool. This is a nine week program for children attending Kindergarten in the fall with no prior pre-k exposure, or for children that have had previous pre-k experience but are not yet ready for Kindergarten. There is no cost to families but they must live in Seattle and the child must be attending kindergarten at Seattle Public Schools in the fall. For more information, please call 206-725-9740 or 510-282-8373 or via e-mail at apiraino@deniselouie.org.

Preschool starts June 17 through August 15, 2013, Monday – Thursday 8:30 – Noon

Breakfast and lunch will be provided

YWCA Homeless Intervention Program (HIP)

The YWCA Homeless Intervention Program (HIP) helps homeless people throughout Seattle and King County obtain full-time permanent employment, along with stable affordable housing and self-sufficiency. You may be eligible for services such as: assistance meeting basic needs to housing, transportation, child care, clothing, food, and other referrals. G.E.D. and E.S.L. preparation, occupational skills training, job search assistance, and post-placement follow-up are also offered.

To be eligible you must meet the following criteria:

- Currently homeless: living a shelter, transitional housing, on the street, or staying temporarily with a friend or relative
- Able to show a Social Security Card and photo identification card
- Eligible to work in the United States
- Motivated to find full-time employment

Contact the Downtown Seattle YWCA for more information, 206-436-8607

Lifelong Housing Safety Net - Financial Assistance to Stabilize Current Housing

The lifelong Housing Safety net provides financial support to households impacted by the foreclosure crisis who have a family member living with a chronic illness. In addition to financial assistance, the program provides the following services that support stability, health, and well-being. To qualify, households must 1) Live in one of the following Washington State counties: Clark, Cowlitz, Island, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston or Wahkiakum 2) Have experienced foreclosure in the last 24 months 3) Have a household member living with a diagnosed chronic illness 4) Have a household income of less than 80% of the Area Median Income. For more information or to apply for these FREE services, call 1-855-424-4113 or e-mail housingsafetynet@solid-ground.org. Services may include:

- Housing search assistance
- Housing stabilization support
- Landlord mediation
- Education on tenant rights and responsibilities
- Financial coaching and education
- Connection to medical care
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

JULY 22 - 24, 2013 – RENAISSANCE WASHINGTON DC HOTEL
The National Conference on Ending Homelessness will cover rapid re-housing, re-tooling your homelessness system, advocacy, and will include national experts who will share how they are working to end homelessness for veterans, families and youth. There have been a record number of registrations for the February, 2013 conference, therefore it is strongly encouraged to register as soon as possible for the July conference! Online registration is slated to open Tuesday, April 2, 2013. For more details on the conference, please visit the [2013 National Conference Website](#).

*NOTE Due to the limited availability of sleeping rooms at the Conference hotel, the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, the Alliance has secured overflow sleeping rooms at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Marriott. To learn more about the discounted overflow rooms and how to book your reservations, please visit the [2013 National Conference Website](#). Information about future overflow options will be added to the hotel page as it becomes available.

FUNDING and RFP’s

NATIONAL NEWS

The Family Options Study Report Released by HUD

The Family Options Study, earlier known as The Impact of Housing and Services Interventions on Homeless Families, is an experimental study of family homelessness funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Between September 2010 and January 2012, 2,307 homeless families across twelve sites enrolled into the study and were randomly assigned to one of four interventions: 1) project-based transitional housing, 2) community-based rapid re-housing, 3) subsidy only, or 4) usual care. Families were interviewed at baseline (entry/random assignment), are being tracked for 18 months after intervention, and will be interviewed again 18 months after random assignment. The follow-up survey period will begin in June 2012. The overall goal of the study is to determine which interventions work best to promote housing stability, family preservation, child well-being, adult well-being, and self-sufficiency for homeless families. Please visit the [HUD website](#) to see the project overview, interim report and additional information including a list of the participating communities.

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](#).

**Upcoming Meeting:** Wednesday, July 24, 8:30 – 10:30 am  
Pending: Seattle City Hall, Bertha Landes Conference Room

**Agenda Topics**  
TBD

**Recent Meeting:** Wednesday, April 24, 8:30 – 10:30 am  
Seattle City Hall, Bertha Landes Conference Room

Discussed  
2013 Funding Priorities, Homeless/Housing Planning Tools, Progress on Single Adult Shelter

**Interagency Council (IAC)**

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman & Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov). Typical Schedule: 1st Monday of the month, 2–4pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Meeting summaries of IAC meetings available at [www.cehkc.org](#).

**Upcoming Meeting:**  
Monday, June 3, **CANCELLED**

**Agenda Topics**

**Recent Meeting:**  
Monday, May 6

**Discussed**  
CoC Governance & Responsibilities, Family Homelessness Initiative, Health & Human Services Transformation Panel
**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:** Pending: Wednesday, June 19, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Plymouth Congregational

**Agenda Topics**
- System Mapping

**Recent Meeting:**
- Wednesday, May 15

**Discussed**
- CAC New Member Recruitment, Update on CEH Investment Priorities

**Public Relations**

Chair: Sherry Hamilton (sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov). Typical Schedule: 4th Wed of month, 3:30–4:30pm at Chinook Building 401 – 5th Ave, Room 526.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Public Relations Committee on hiatus until notice. Committee members will be notified of next meeting.

**Legislative Advocacy**

Chair: Harry Hoffman. 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, June 4 -- Conference Call 8:30 am – 9:00 am, Conference Line 205-1111

**Agenda Topics**
- *Legislative Advocacy Group - Please note you will receive an e-mail from Gretchen confirming future meetings beyond June 4th through the end of legislative session.

**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 – 11:00am at the 2100 Building (unless otherwise noted)

Next meeting: June 19, 2013 9:30-11 at 2100 Building 2100 24th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98144

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:** FHC staff holds quarterly meetings of feedback sessions to talk with family housing providers on how to make the coordinated entry system for families most effective.

Next meeting: June 17, 2013 10:30am – Noon at CCS – 100 23rd Ave S, Seattle WA 98144

Family Housing Connection website: [www.ccsfhc.org](http://www.ccsfhc.org)

**Youth & Young Adult (Y/YA):**
Megan Gibbard has begun holding monthly Y/YA Stakeholder Forums. This forum provides a monthly opportunity to hear about the changes planned for our homeless youth and young adult system in King County. **The June Y/YA Stakeholder Forum will be held Tuesday June 25th, from 2 – 3:30, at the Renton Library, 100 Mill Avenue S, Renton**

Contact Megan at [megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov](mailto:megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov)
### RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

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<td>Contact: Jason Johnson, City of Kent, <a href="mailto:jaljohnson@ci.kent.wa.us">jaljohnson@ci.kent.wa.us</a>. The SKC Forum on Homelessness meets the 1st Wed. of every month at 9–10:30am at Kent Commons. SKC Forum on Homelessness web address: <a href="http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/content.aspx?id=2728">http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/content.aspx?id=2728</a></td>
<td>Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2013, 9-10:30NOTE: NEW LOCATION Kent Commons, 525 – 4th Ave N, Kent</td>
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<td><strong>North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting</strong></td>
<td>Contact: Kelly Rider at <a href="mailto:kelly@housingconsortium.org">kelly@housingconsortium.org</a>. The NKC Stakeholders group coordinates homeless housing &amp; service activities in North King County. Typical Schedule: Every other month, 2nd Wednesday, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, (brown bag) Shoreline City Hall</td>
<td>Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 11:30 – 1:30 pm Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave N, Room 301</td>
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<td><strong>Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC)</strong></td>
<td>Contact: Arthur Sullivan, <a href="mailto:ASullivan@bellevuewa.gov">ASullivan@bellevuewa.gov</a> or Sharon Anderson <a href="mailto:sanderson@ci.kirkland.wa.us">sanderson@ci.kirkland.wa.us</a>. EHAC coordinates homeless housing &amp; 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)</td>
<td>Upcoming Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2013, 2 – 4 pm First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE</td>
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<td><strong>Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness (ITFH)</strong></td>
<td>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 <a href="mailto:itfh@comcast.net">itfh@comcast.net</a> or (425) 442-5418.</td>
<td>Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2013, Noon – 1:30 pm St. Mark’s Cathedral, 1245 – 10th Ave E, Seattle</td>
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<td><strong>University District Conversation on Homelessness</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Upcoming Meeting: Monday, June 10, 2013, 9 – 11:30 a.m. Seattle Vineyard Fellowship, 4142 Brooklyn Ave, Seattle</td>
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<td><strong>University District Service Provider’s Alliance Service Provider Team</strong></td>
<td>Contact: <a href="mailto:udsp.spt@gmail.com">udsp.spt@gmail.com</a> 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</td>
<td>Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 11am–12:30pm Street Youth Ministries, 4540 – 15th Ave NE, Seattle</td>
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<td><strong>Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)</strong></td>
<td>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 <a href="http://www.homelessinfo.org">www.homelessinfo.org</a></td>
<td>General Meeting: Thursday, June 20, 2013, 9–11am E Cherry YWCA 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle</td>
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<td><strong>SKCCH Population &amp; Advocacy Committee Meetings</strong></td>
<td>SKCCH Youth and Young Adults: Tuesday, June 11, 10-11:30am, Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave E, Seattle SKCCH Single Adults Advocacy: Thursday, June 13, 12-1:30 pm, Plymouth’s Simons Seniors Apartments, 2119 3rd Ave, Seattle SKCCH Families with Children: Wednesday, June 26, 9:30-11.00 am, E. Cherry YWCA, 2820 E. Cherry St., Seattle</td>
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Free Housing Resource: HousingSearchNW.org

HousingSearchNW.org is a free service linking people with the available housing they need, including subsidized, accessible and assisted units. This one-stop shop for information about housing and related resources requires no personal information to search. The service is available online and through a toll-free, multilingual call center. Listings are updated daily, meaning that information on HousingSearchNW.org stays current and relevant.

The service fielded nearly a half million searches for housing in King County over the past year.

Highlights of This Service
- FREE listing and searching for housing
- Detailed listings can include pictures, maps, eligibility requirements (if applicable), and information about nearby amenities such as hospitals and schools
- 24/7 access online
- Support from a toll-free, multilingual call center, available at 1-877-428-8844, Monday - Friday, 6 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pacific Time
- Housing information that is updated daily to keep it relevant
- A critical resource during times of disaster

Benefits to Tenants
- Detailed, up-to-date listings with photos
- Search by rent, size, location and details such as proximity to work or public transit
- Helpful tools, like an affordability calculator, rental checklist, and information about renters’ rights and responsibilities

Benefits to Landlords
- Enjoy free marketing of available units and receive more qualified inquiries thanks to detailed, specific, free listings
- Log in online 24/7 to update, add, or remove listings, or make a quick, toll-free phone call to update listing information
- Remove listings from public view immediately after renting to help avoid unwanted calls

Funding and Development

HousingSearchNW.org was launched in King County in 2012, initially sponsored by the City of Seattle, King County, United Way of King County, Seattle Housing Authority and King County Housing Authority. A committee of these five organizations plus the Rental Housing Association of Puget Sound and the Tenants Union helped develop and provide oversight for the service in its first year.

Based on the success of HousingSearchNW.org in King County and the potential of the service to help Washingtonians quickly recover from natural disasters, HousingSearchNW.org expanded statewide this year thanks to funding and support by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the Department of Commerce. Communities across the state have wholeheartedly embraced HousingSearchNW.org and have been working hard to market the service to landlords and property managers to prepare for the public launch in June 2013.

Agencies from housing consortiums to emergency management entities in every county have participated in trainings, distributed information and helped to promote the service to consumers, housing professionals and housing seekers.

Request a training or materials by contacting Nina Miller at 704-625-1724 or nina@socialserve.com.
How to Search for Properties on HousingSearchNW.org

Step 1
Go to www.HousingSearchNW.org and click Find a Place to Rent.

Step 2
Choose a city or county to search.

Step 3
A search screen will appear. Choose from Basic, Advanced and Accessible tabs.

Use the Basic tab to search quickly by details like bed and bath amount, ZIP Code and if you have a voucher.

Use the Advanced tab to search by features like school district, appliances, pet friendliness, whether credit or criminal checks are required and more.

Use the Accessible tab for all the choices of the Advanced tab as well as many accessibility features.

Step 4
Enter additional search criteria, and press CLICK HERE TO SEARCH for housing listings.

Step 5
You will see a page of listings. Near the top of the page, find a link to Show These Properties on Map and a drop-down menu to sort the listings by rent, location, date available and more.

Click on each address you are interested in to view more details and find landlord contact information.

Step 6
To print listings, click the Printer Friendly link near the top-right corner of each page.

Special Features

• Click Show These Properties on Map near the top of the page to see a map of the rentals found by your search. Click around the map to see more features, and even start a new search from the map.

• Click checkboxes next to each property you’re interested in and scroll to the bottom of the page to add to a “basket” of choices. View your basket to compare the properties you like.

Need Help with Your Housing Search?

• Call the toll-free, multilingual call center at 1.877.428.8844 for assistance with housing searches.
• The call center is available Monday - Friday, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time.
• Listing information can be provided by phone, email, mail, and fax.
RAPID REHOUSING

What is Rapid Re-Housing?

Strategy Overview
Rapid re-housing is a cost-effective strategy to help families successfully exit homelessness and maintain permanent housing by integrating three components: employment assistance, case management, and housing services. Families can most efficiently access rapid re-housing through coordinated entry. Eligibility criteria for rapid re-housing vary between communities. Rapid re-housing can be successful for families meeting HUD’s definition of homelessness, often regardless of income.

Family Impact
Preliminary findings from national outcomes of families who received rapid re-housing are promising.

5 to 6
Months is how long many families are receiving rental assistance.

91%
Of families receiving rapid re-housing exited homelessness for permanent housing.

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More cost-effective compared to emergency shelter or transitional housing.

National Case Studies
More than 30 counties nationally have implemented rapid re-housing in their communities. Results are encouraging, and this model appears to meet the complex housing needs of the majority of families.

Idaho | CATCH Program
86% of families can pay their own rent after 6 months.

Utah | The Road Home
Length of stay in emergency shelter declined from 71 to 26 days.

New Jersey | Mercer County
Families were 3.5 times more likely to be employed at exit when compared to transitional housing.
94% of families have remained stably housed after 3 years.
Learn More About Rapid Re-Housing:
Kelly Zelenka, Director of Policy: Kelly.Zelenka@BuildingChanges.org, 206.805.6140

This document can be found online at: http://www.buildingchanges.org/library-type/other/item/628-what-is-rapid-re-housing?

About Building Changes
Building Changes serves as an intermediary among philanthropy, government agencies, and service providers, seedling and nurturing fundamental change in the ways our communities collaborate to address homelessness.

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