

## BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

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## LOCAL NEWS & ACTION



### **Don't Forget to Vote!!!**

November 2 is the deadline to get your ballot in for the November General and Special Election. Visit the [King County Elections](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections) website for information on how to vote, ballot drop-box locations, and more.

### **National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week – November 14-20, 2010**

Each year, one week before Thanksgiving, National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness co-sponsor National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. During this week, a number of schools, communities and cities take part in a nationwide effort to bring greater awareness to the problems of hunger and homelessness. For more information on how to get involved or to register an event visit [www.nationalhomeless.org](http://www.nationalhomeless.org).

### **Family Homelessness**

Another reporting project from the Seattle University Journalism Fellowships on Family Homelessness aired on KUOW, National Public Radio recently. "Voices from the Landing," by Carol Smith of InvestigateWest, aired on October 18 during The Conversation with Ross Reynolds. [Listen](#) to Carol's nine-minute story which features narratives by young people living at The Landing, the shelter for homeless youth.



Carol also had stories published online on [www.seattlepi.com](http://www.seattlepi.com) and [www.aolnews.com](http://www.aolnews.com) the same week.

### ***A Growing Problem: Fresh Out of Foster Care and Homeless***

Fueled by high unemployment and high housing costs, shelters for young adults in King County are turning people away in record numbers. [Read this article](#) published on Seattle PI on October 18.

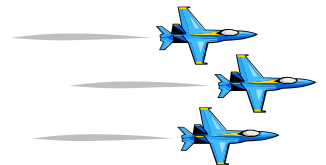


### ***Generation Homeless: The New Faces of an Old Problem***

Twenty-two-year-old Tony Torres sags, exhausted, onto the pavement just beyond a skate park where kids from this affluent Seattle suburb, Bellevue, flip tricks off ramps to the beat of a boombox. [Read this article](#) published on AOL News on October 19.

### **Veterans and Human Services Levy**

The Veterans and Human Services Levy oversight boards, made up of citizens of King County, have worked diligently to oversee the implementation of the levy activities and are proud to bring you their [2009 Annual Report](#). If you would like hard copies please call (206) 263-9102 or email your request to [levyplan.csd@kingcounty.gov](mailto:levyplan.csd@kingcounty.gov).



### **New Resources Help Board Members Become Better Advocates**

The [Board Advocacy Project](#), led by [Common Ground](#), gives board members the training and ongoing support they need to be effective public policy advocates for the more than 500 non-profit organizations in Washington state working on issues of homelessness and affordable housing.

To learn more, visit the [website](#), watch the [video](#), and schedule [training](#). Download a [budget template](#) for a visual illustration of the impact public funds can have on your organization's financial health. Then schedule a conversation about advocacy at your next board meeting, using the video to spark the discussion of how advocacy can impact your bottom line.

## LOCAL NEWS & ACTION continued...



**Housing Justice Project – Proud to serve low income, King County Residents. HJP continues to work hard to meet the growing demand for civil legal aid.**

### WE ARE A PIECE OF A MUCH BIGGER PUZZLE.

Preventing homelessness is like putting together the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. Each piece is essential and no piece holds greater value than another. **HJP Kent** is the only legal aid resource providing direct representation for low income tenants facing eviction in South King County. Since its inception in 2004, the Kent Housing Justice Project's caseload has increased nearly 200%. This year, HJP Kent is on target to surpass 1,150 clients served.

**SOUTH KING COUNTY RESIDENTS** find themselves at our doors after a layoff, a reduction in work hours, a delay or exhaustion of unemployment benefits, an unforeseen medical expense, or other unexpected loss of income. For others, it may be a mental or physical disability that impacts their tenancy. **Resources prevent homelessness.**

- HJP partners with Solid Ground, Jewish Family Services, and other organizations that provide financial assistance, case management, & essential services to South King County residents.
- HJP Kent is constantly in search of non –legal South King County resources.
- You are an essential piece to our puzzle if your organization provides: financial assistance for rent and/or utilities, transitional and low income housing, mental health counseling, chore services, case management, or other basic needs services.

**Please contact Kent Program Manager, Harry Higgins, [harryh@kcba.org](mailto:harryh@kcba.org)**, to learn more about partnering with HJP Kent to serve the needs of low income residents of South King County.

### Where, When and How to Reach Services

For more information, locations and hours call (206) 267-7090 (English) or (206) 267-7091 (Español) or visit: <http://www.kcba.org/legalhelp/HJP/clients.aspx>.

**The Housing Justice Project (HJP)** is a homelessness prevention program providing accessible, volunteer-based legal services to tenants facing eviction in King County. HJP is managed through Pro Bono Services at the King County Bar Association. HJP is the only court-based, housing-related legal services program in Washington that provides direct, immediate and real-time client representation to low-income residential tenants facing eviction in King County.

## EVENTS

### Youth Resource Outreach Fair

**Friday, November 12, 2010, 12-3pm**

**South Lake Union Armory, 860 Terry Ave N, Seattle**

Seattle Outreach Workers (SOW) a group of homeless youth/young adult street outreach providers and the Seattle Parks Department will host a Youth Resource Outreach. Over 25 organizations will attend providing information and resources including: clothing, HIV testing, Hepatitis testing, case management sign-up, flu shots, hygiene supplies, community voicemail sign up, Department of Licensing information, and other resources. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> SOW Youth Resource Outreach Fair. Transportation will be provided from West Lake Center near the stage the day of at 11:30am and 1pm and at the Ferry Terminal near McDonalds at 11:30am and 1pm. If you have further questions please contact Katalin Hausback at 206-633-7639.

### Day of Dignity

**Saturday, November 20, 2010, 11am-2pm**

**Millionaire Club Charity, 2515 Western Ave, Seattle**

The local Muslim community hosts the Day of Dignity, a nation-wide movement within the Islamic community to bring volunteers together and distribute food, clothing, blankets, medical care first aid, and other social services to those in need. Seattle's event will bring together 20-15 volunteers to help make the Day of Dignity a success for all participating. For more information contact Nisreen El-Saadoun at [nisreen216@gmail.com](mailto:nisreen216@gmail.com).

**EVENTS continued...**



**2010 Warm for the Winter Project**

[Warm for the winter](#), a hat & scarf drive initiated by Janice Tuft in 2006, looks forward to another successful year. Since 2006, the Warm for Winter Project has gifted 19,000 handmade hats and scarves to homeless and needy individuals in our communities. This year the project will host a series of Interfaith / Congregational Services to bless the hats & scarves prior to donation. You are welcome to bring your handmade hats and scarves gifts to any of the **Blessing of the Hats and Scarves Services** listed below. For more information, Janice may be contacted by phone (206) 675-2672 or e-mail after 11/23/10 at [warmforwinter@yahoo.com](mailto:warmforwinter@yahoo.com)

**Blessing of the Hats and Scarves Services**

November 14	St. Francis, 15236 – 21 <sup>st</sup> Ave SW, Burien	5pm mass
November 15	Bremerton United Methodist, 1150 Marine Dr, Bremerton	12pm service
November 21	Newport Presbyterian, 4010 – 120 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Bellevue	8:45am and 11am services
November 21	St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2702 Broadway Ave E, Seattle	2:30pm Interfaith praise & Thanksgiving service
November 28	Interfaith Community Church, 1763 NW 62 <sup>nd</sup> , Seattle	10am service
December 5	Trinity Episcopal, 609 – 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle	10:30am service



**Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington (SYLAW) Juvenile Record Sealing Clinic**

Unlike other SYLAW programs, there is no age limit and no income cut off. The Clinic is FREE and anyone may attend to find out if they are eligible to seal their juvenile record (i.e. offenses that were charged before the person turned 18) and get assistance with the paperwork and court filings. Juvenile records in Washington are available to the public and unsealed juvenile records can prevent clients from getting jobs and housing and from pursuing some education opportunities.

**ELIGIBILITY**

To seal a juvenile misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, Class C felony, Class B felony, deferred disposition, diversion or any non-conviction data, at least 2 years must have passed since a person was last convicted or released from confinement for any crime (juvenile or adult), OR

To seal a juvenile Class A felony, at least 5 years must have passed since a person was last convicted or released from confinement for any crime (juvenile or adult), AND

There must be no pending adult or juvenile criminal charges, AND restitution, court ordered fines and fees must be paid in full for the cause numbers that are being sealed.

NOTE: We CANNOT seal Sex Offenses or any adult criminal records

**CLINIC DATES no appointments – it is first come, first served**

It is helpful for those hoping to seal records to bring any documents relating to their juvenile cases but not necessary as our volunteers can look up their record.

In Snohomish County at Northwest Justice Project (2731 Wetmore Avenue N., Suite 410, Everett, WA 98201)

Mon. November 1, 2010 - 6-8pm	Mon. April 4, 2011 - 6-8pm
Mon. February 7, 2011 - 6-8pm	Mon. May 2, 2011 - 6-8pm

In King County at SCRAP (1401 East Jefferson, Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98122)

Wed. November 3, 2010 - 6-8pm	Wed. March 2, 2011 - 6-8pm
Wed. December 1, 2010 - 6-8pm	Wed. April 6, 2011 - 6-8pm
Wed. January 5, 2011 - 6-8pm	Wed. May 4, 2011 - 6-8pm
Wed. February 2, 2011 - 6-8pm	

Please call 206-659-5029 or email [info@sylaw.org](mailto:info@sylaw.org) with any questions.



# All Things CEH

## an Update on CEH & Community Initiatives for November 2010

### Governing Board

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Bill Block ([bill.block@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)) and Gretchen Bruce ([gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)). Meeting dates vary: Time: 8:30am – 10:30am. Location: YWCA Opportunity Place. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)

**Recent Meeting:** October 27, 2010

- Brief updates on Funders Group Workplans/Dashboard elements
- Approval of CEH Legislative Agenda: Advocate for adequate funding for Housing Trust Fund, Housing Stabilization Fund, Washington Families Fund, and move towards “Opt Out” under HMIS. Continue to inform policy makers on the importance of mental health services and foster care supports to age 21
- Conversation with Congressman Jim McDermott on government and community response to social policy
- Role of the various advisory bodies under the Ten Year Plan

**Upcoming Meeting:** January 26, 2011, 8:30am – 10:30am  
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle  
Draft Agenda Topic: Mid Plan Review – What Will it Take to End Homelessness

### Interagency Council (IAC)

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman and Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Bill Block ([bill.block@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)) and Gretchen Bruce ([gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Meeting summaries of previous IAC meetings available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)

**Recent Meeting:** October 4, 2010

- Role of the IAC in CEH Activities
- Recommendations for CEH 2011 Legislative Agenda (see Governing Board summary above for elements)

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 1, 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Bellevue City Hall – 450 – 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue

**Agenda Topics:**

- Continued discussion of the role of the IAC in CEH Activities
- Funding Updates: State & Mental Health Cuts, potential for state block granting of several homeless funding sources, Veterans & Human Services Levy Reauthorization, changes under McKinney/HEARTH

### Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Bill Block ([bill.block@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)) and Kristine Gullin ([kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6:00pm – 7:30pm at Plymouth Congregational Church. Meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)

**Recent Meeting:** October 19, 2010

- Feedback to/from Governing Board, Funders Group and IAC.
- Mid-plan review scope of work
- Planning for a Landlord Liaison Project clients focus group for November.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

**Agenda Topics:**

- State budget cuts
- Vote on new IAC representative



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### Single Adults Committee

Chair: Steve Roberts ([stevesroberts@comcast.net](mailto:stevesroberts@comcast.net)) and Bill Block ([bill.block@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: Single Adults will meet quarterly in 2010, 2:30pm – 4:00pm at YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle.

**Recent Meeting** September 20, 2010

- Update on GAU/Disability Lifeline
- Housing and Supports for ex-offenders exiting jails and prisons
- Update on Coordinated Entry for vulnerable single adults

**Upcoming Meeting:** December 13, 2010, 2:30pm – 4:00pm  
YWCA opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

### Families Committee

Co-Chairs: Doreen Cato & Dan McDougall-Treacy. Staff: Gretchen Bruce ([gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: quarterly or ad hoc from 10 am to Noon.

**Recent Meeting:** May 10, 2010

Review of the Families Strategic Plan, and recommendations on implementation. Coordination with SKCCH and Columbia Legal Services on working with School Districts to better serve homeless students.

**Upcoming Meeting:** TBD

### Youth and Young Adult Committee (YYA)

Co-Chairs: Mike Heinisch, Charlotte Tucker Staff: Marci Curtin ([marci.curtin@seattle.gov](mailto:marci.curtin@seattle.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed every other month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, usually at the 2100 Building but may rotate.

**Recent Meeting:** October 13, 2010

Brainstorm and provide feedback on the funders group mainstream services K-12 work plan to work plan staff Bill Block and Columbia Legal Services staff.

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 10, 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
The 2100 Building – 2100 – 24<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Seattle

**Agenda Topics:** Brainstorm and provide feedback on the funders group mainstream services CPS work plan to work plan staff Kristen Winkel. Discussion with SKCCH Executive Director Alison Eisinger on the one night count as it relates to homeless youth/young adults.

### Public Relations

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

**Recent Meeting:** September 22, 2010

- Overview and community roll out of the Homeless Families Initiative
- Initial planning for the 2011 Legislative Breakfast

**Upcoming Meeting:** To Be Determined – will rescheduled due to Thanksgiving. 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Chinook Building – 401 Fifth Avenue, Room 526, Seattle

### Legislative Advocacy

Co-Chairs: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett and Barbara Langdon. Staff: Bill Block ([bill.block@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 8:30am – 10:00am, DESC/DSHS shared building

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 16, 2010, 8:30am – 9:30am \*note this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
DESC Belltown – 2106 Second Ave, Seattle

**Agenda Topics:** Legislative agenda and breakfast



## RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

### South King County Forum on Homelessness

Contact: Jason Johnson, City of Kent [JaJohnson@ci.kent.wa.us](mailto:JaJohnson@ci.kent.wa.us). The SKC Forum on Homelessness meets the 1st Wed. of every month at 9:00am – 10:30am at the Kent Senior Activity Center to 1) keep South county service providers in touch with one-another; 2) share resources with / for SKC service providers; 3) receive updates and announcements of new or future projects; 4) to help bridge the disconnect between the homeless and services. Most attendees are planners or providers, though anyone is welcome to attend. SKC Forum on Homelessness web address: <http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/content.aspx?id=2728>

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 3, 2010, 9:00am – 10:30am  
Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E Smith Street, Kent

### North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting

Contact: Karen Williams at [karen@housingconsortium.org](mailto:karen@housingconsortium.org). The NKC Stakeholders group coordinates homeless housing & service activities in North King County. Most attendees are planners or providers; though anyone is welcome. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 11:30am – 1:00pm, (brown bag) Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park.

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 10, 2010 11:30am – 1:00pm  
Lake Forest Park City Hall – 17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park

### Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC)

Contact: Arthur Sullivan [ASullivan@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ASullivan@bellevuewa.gov) or Sharon Anderson [sanderson@ci.kirkland.wa.us](mailto:sanderson@ci.kirkland.wa.us). EHAC coordinates homeless housing & service activities in East King County. Most attendees are planners or providers; though anyone is welcome. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, (NOTE: new time) First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 11, 2010 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue – 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

### Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)

The General meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of each month, 9:00am -11:00am at E Cherry YWCA. Most attendees are providers or homeless community members and other concerned folks are welcome. Several standing committees also meet regularly (families with children; youth & young adults, single adults; advocacy). Learn more and sign up for meeting reminders at [www.homelessinfo.org](http://www.homelessinfo.org)

**Upcoming General Meeting:** November 18, 2010, 9:00am – 11:00am  
East Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

### 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 12:00pm -1:30pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at [itfh@comcast.net](mailto:itfh@comcast.net) or call at (425) 442-5418.

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 17, 2010, noon – 1:30pm  
Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr Conference Rm, 1245 – 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Seattle

### University District Service Provider's Alliance Service Provider Team

Contact: Lindsey Nutting [udsp.spt@gmail.com](mailto:udsp.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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 11:00am – 12:30pm, Street Youth Ministries Drop In, 4540 – 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 10, 2010, 11:00am – 12:30pm  
Street Youth Ministries Drop-In – 4540 – 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle