Bus Tickets
The Transit Incentives Program offers you bus tickets for eight free rides on King County Metro Transit. King County residents receive an order form when they renew their vehicle tabs. The program begins with June, 2012 tab renewals and will continue through May, 2014 tab renewals. Each household in King County that registers at least one vehicle per year during the two-year life of the program is eligible for this offer. Millions of free bus rides are going unclaimed because people aren’t mailing back a form that arrives with their new car tabs. You can opt to receive the bus tickets in four to six weeks, or Metro will donate them to social-service agencies, based on which box the vehicle owner checks. Each household is eligible for eight tickets a year. More information: metro.kingcounty.gov/programs/tip/

The WarmforWinter Interfaith Project:
The WarmforWinter Interfaith Project collects an average of 5,000 handmade hats and scarves per year for our neediest neighbors/homeless individuals in four WA State Counties. There will be a number of Interfaith and Ecumenical Blessings of the Handmade Hats and Scarves coming up so please bring your beautiful gifts to one of these services! For more information on blessing dates, locations, and times, please visit the Warm For Winter Project Website, or contact Janice@warmforwinter1@yahoo.com.

Day of Dignity is a national effort in which volunteers provide 500+ homeless individuals with basic necessities.
Saturday, November 10, 2012
Doors open at 11am
Millionair Club: 2515 Western Ave, Seattle, WA

Items to be distributed this year include:
- Hoodies
- Thermal underwear
- Rain ponchos
- Gloves
- Socks
- Beanies
- Hygiene kits
- School kits
- Hand sanitizer, and more!

Please help spread the word. For more information please visit www.dayofdignity.com.
NEW! 2-1-1 App Now Available on IPhone

WIN211 now has the WIN211 app for both androids and iPhones. With the click of a button you can be connected to the resources you need with no extra web browsing, searching or typing. The WIN211 app is available in multiple languages based on the phone language selection. To download your WIN211 app, visit Google play or iTunes.

Seattle Children’s Theatre Uses Art to Create Awareness About Family Homelessness.

This extraordinary play written by Canadian dramatist David S. Craig is an example of what happens when art responds to a social crisis. Craig, who co-founded Roseneath Theatre (Ontario’s largest touring theater), said he had been listening to the radio in 2001 and heard a shocking statistic: 25 percent of the homeless population in Toronto was children under age 12. As a parent, a Toronto citizen and a playwright, said Craig, he had to do something about it. He wrote “Danny, King of the Basement,” which was the toast of Toronto when it debuted that year and won the prestigious Dora Mavor Moore Award for Best Production. It was performed for Parliament and has since won international acclaim. Now Seattle has an opportunity to view this play which runs from October 18 – November 18 at Seattle Children’s Theater. Tickets are available at http://www.sct.org/tickets/buy/production10432 or by phone at 206-441-3322. Click on Danny’s Story to view a more descriptive narrative on how the play tells an astonishing story on family homelessness.

Funding Announcement: 2013 King County Human Services Reduced Fare Bus Tickets

Applications Due: 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2012

Through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), the City of Seattle Human Services Department (HSD), and King County Department of Transportation (Metro) are making available up to $1.875 million in funding for King County Human Services Reduced Fare bus tickets in 2013. The King County Human Services Reduced Fare Bus Ticket Program provides subsidized bus tickets to eligible organizations serving persons who are homeless and/or low income. Funding will be divided between King County DCHS and the City of Seattle HSD. Application materials and information on how to apply for funding are located on both the King County and City of Seattle websites:

- DCHS applicants (programs located in King County outside of Seattle): www.kingcounty.gov/operations/DCHS Business/BusTicketProgram or contact Anna Strahan at Anna.Strahan@Kingcounty.gov
- HSD applicants (programs located in the Seattle city limits): http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/funding/ or contact Lindsey Zimmerman at Lindsey.Zimmerman@seattle.gov

All tickets awarded through this RFP process must be purchased by September 24, 2013.
Enhanced Outreach to Women Veterans & Veterans of Color RFP
*Applications Due November 6, 2012 by 2:30 pm*
King County Department of Community & Human Services, Community Services Division, is seeking submittals from qualified agencies in the field of outreach, prevention, and intervention strategies. The intent of the RFP is to fund one or two community-based organizations that have expertise in providing outreach services to women veterans, veterans of color, and their families, in order to connect them to benefits, services and resources available to them. To review and/or download this RFP, visit the King County Solicitation’s webpage.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

**SAVE THE DATE: NAEH Family & YYA Conference in Seattle, February 21-22**
The National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness will be held in Seattle next year. From February 21 - 22, 2013 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. Further details will be posted on the NAEH website they become available.

**Webinar Featuring Tips & Tools to Improve Housing/Health Care Integration - Thursday, November 1, 2012 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EDT**
When communities assess the vulnerability of people experiencing homelessness, they are able to target housing and health care services for effective outcomes. With new policies changing how health care is delivered, local organizations are coming together in new ways to integrate their responses to chronic homelessness. This webinar will describe trends in communities and offer concrete steps for moving forward on ending homelessness. Click here to register!

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Politics of Health Care Reform**
Washington State is moving forward on implementation of the Affordable Care Act in spite the presidential and gubernatorial elections determining the course of reform. To read how the election could change Medicaid, click here. In the meantime, the state health benefit exchange is gearing up for its 2013 launch and Washington State submitted a $34 million health care innovation grant to the federal government intended to improve quality, reduce costs and drive change.

**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 at YWCA Opportunity Place. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at www.cehkc.org.

*Upcoming Meeting:* Wednesday, January 23 8:30 – 10:30 am

*Recent Meeting:* Wednesday, October 24

*Agenda Topics* Proposed 2013 Legislative Agenda Items, Emerging data on Family Housing Connection and opportunities to move towards Rapid Rehousing, Single Adult Shelter and Unmet Need

**Interagency Council (IAC)**
Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman & Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov) and Anna Markee (anna.markee@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, November 5, 2 – 4 pm, St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral

*Agenda Topics* Feedback to CEH Advisory Bodies, Y/YA Charter, Local Families Data & Future Strategies

*Recent Meeting:* Monday, October 1, 2 – 4 pm, St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral

*Discussed* Feedback to CEH Advisory Bodies, Rental Assistance Recommendations, CoC Responsibilities, Community Link, CEH Legislative Agenda
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, November 14, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Chinook Building, Conference Room #116

**Agenda Topics**


**Recent Meeting:**

- Tuesday, October 16, 6:00-7:30 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church
- Discussed: Feedback to CEH Advisory Bodies, Rapid Re-Housing

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:** TBD

**Agenda Topics**

Legislative Advocacy

Co-Chairs: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett and Barbara Langdon. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov) Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8:30–10, via conference call. During legislative sessions, calls will be held every other week, though members are advised to call to confirm.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Legislative Advocacy Committee is in the process of initial planning for 2013 Legislative Session. Stay tuned for conference calls and next steps. Given changes to CEH Director position & leadership, contact WLIHA to stay in touch with plans for 2013.

**Agenda Topics**

Population Affinity Groups

**Single Adults:** Single Adults committee has been sunset. Meeting(s) may be convened as needed to seek feedback on the Homeless and Essential Needs or Single Adult Task Force as those bodies of work move forward.

**Families:** Family Housing Connection Feedback Sessions are held each 3rd Wednesday of the month. Debbi Knowles and Triina Tennelo will host an open session to talk with local stakeholders (providers and funders) about the work of the Family Homelessness Initiative. October’s meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 17, 9:30 am – 11 am, Mercer Island Community & Event Center (8236 SE 24th St. Mercer Island, WA). Contact Triina Tennelo for information: 206.263.9110 or triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov. Also visit the Families Initiative website for more information!

**Family Housing Connection** is holding a series of feedback sessions as well to talk with family housing providers on how to make the new coordinated entry system most effective. Listening sessions are scheduled for:

- **Reoccurring:** First Wednesdays in Kent and Third Mondays in Seattle
- **Recurring**:
  - Wednesday, November 7, 10:30-Noon
  - Kent Senior Center: 600 E Smith Street, Kent
  - Monday, November 19, 10:30-Noon
  - CCS: 100 23rd Ave South, Seattle WA

**Family Homelessness Initiative Information Session:**

- Wednesday, November 21, 9:30-11 am
- 2100 Building – 2100 24th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98144

**YYA:** The King County Homeless Youth and Young Adult Leadership Council –The KC HYYALC is an open meeting convened by YYA providers whose mission is to provide a forum for connecting leaders on issues pertaining to homeless youth and young adults. Meetings will be held quarterly. Next meeting date and location is TBD.

RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

**South King County Forum on Homelessness**

Contact: Jason Johnson, City of Kent jajohnson@ci.kent.wa.us. The SKC Forum on Homelessness meets the 1st Wed. of every month at 9–10:30am 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](http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/content.aspx?id=2728)

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 7, 2012, 9-10:30 am

**Agenda Topics:**
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. Most attendees are planners or providers; though anyone is welcome. Typical Meeting Schedule: Every other month, 2nd Wednesday, 11 am – 1 pm, (brown bag) Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave N.

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 14, 11:30 am -1:30 pm  
**Agenda Topics:** Affordable Housing & Homelessness Workgroup, Shoreline affordable housing plans & policy

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. Most attendees are planners or providers; though anyone is welcome. 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:** November 8, 2012, 2–4pm  
**Agenda Topics:**

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:** November 21, 2012, Noon – 1:30 pm  
**Agenda Topics:**

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:** November 12, 2012, 9am–11:30 am  
**Agenda Topics:** Speaker Frank Chopp, upcoming legislative session & what’s being planned to aid those who are homeless

University District Service Provider’s Alliance Service Provider Team  
Contact: 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: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11am-12:30pm

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 14, 2012, 11am–12:30pm  
**Agenda Topics:** Guest speaker: Diane Leslie from the Moms Plus program

Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)  
The General meeting is the 3rd Thurs of each month, 9-11am 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

**General Meeting:** November 15, 2012, 9–11am  
**Agenda Topics:**

SKCCH Population & Advocacy Committee Meetings  
- Single Adults, November 8, 12:00-1:30 pm., Plymouth’s Simons Seniors Apartments: 2119 3rd Ave., Seattle.
- Youth & Young Adults, November 13, 9:00-10:30 am., 2100 Building, 2100 24th Ave, S, Seattle.
- Families with Children, November 28, 9:30 - 11:00 am., E. Cherry YWCA, 2820 E. Cherry St., Seattle.