If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community, please contact Ayesha Kelly at ayesha.kelly@kingcounty.gov

LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

King County Receives Additional Federal Homeless Assistance Funds
On 7/31/13, the Seattle-King County Continuum of Care was awarded an additional $1.4 million in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) McKinney Homeless Assistance funds. This was HUD’s final award under their 2012 competition, and contributed to a total award to Seattle-King County of $23.8 million. These additional funds will support three new permanent supportive housing projects in Seattle serving chronically and long-term homeless community members, as well as a county-wide rapid rehousing project.

Special recognition is due to Eileen Denham (City of Seattle) and Kate Speltz (King County) for their skillful submission of our region’s McKinney Application. CEH notes with pride that the national average score among applicants was 94.8, while our Continuum of Care received a score of 125.35. (The highest score among any continuum was 127.35) Well Done Team McKinney!

Video Explains Changes Coming for Americans Under the Affordable Care Act
With major parts of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) going into effect in 2014, the Kaiser Family Foundation released a new animated video to help people understand the health care system changes on the horizon. “The YouToons Get Ready for Obamacare” explains the basic changes in the way Americans will get health coverage and what it will cost starting in 2014, whether it’s through their employer, Medicaid, Medicare, or buying insurance on their own with the help of federal tax credits.

2013 Day of Caring with United Way of King County
Registration is now open for United Way’s 2013 Day of Caring on Friday, September 20. Day of Caring is the largest volunteer event in Washington State. It’s also the perfect chance for you to help an organization that needs a few extra hands. First, round up your colleagues, friends and family to form a volunteer group. Then register your group online and pick from hundreds of projects. Visit the United Way Day of Caring Webpage for additional information.

A Pilot Study on the Impact of Housing First – Local Programs Cited
A recent study “A Pilot Study of the Impact of Housing First – Supported Housing for Intensive Users of Medical Hospitalization and Sobering Services” published in the American Journal of Public Health, and authored by Debra Srebnik, Tara Connor and Laurie Sylla, noted that individuals who are homeless and disabled by mental illnesses, chemical dependency, and medical illnesses often cycle among hospitals, jails, emergency care, and institutional settings. One driver of high hospital and emergency care is that individuals who are homeless are far more likely than the general population to have chronic medical illnesses and complications from these illnesses because of lack of regular treatment.

This study found that the approach to best serve people in this situation is the Housing First (HF) approach. The HF approach is characterized by rapid replacement from homelessness directly into permanent housing supported by assertive on-site engagement and services but no requirement to participate or to achieve or maintain sobriety. HF participants showed striking reductions in acute-care use relative to the comparison group, demonstrating that HF can be a successful model for people with complex medical conditions and high prior acute-care use. Despite notable methodological limitations, these findings could be used to inform a larger multisite study that would establish greater generalizability.

Community Resource Exchange, Tuesday, September 17, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Seattle Center
Last October, the Community Resource Exchange brought together more than 400 volunteers and 100 service providers. This community event enabled more than 1,200 men, women and children facing homelessness to receive the services they need most. This year, free services include:

- Legal Counseling
- Medical and dental
- Hot meals
- Books, socks and hygiene kits
- Haircuts
- Employment assistance
- Public benefits assistance
- Housing referrals and MORE

You can support the 2013 Community Resource Exchange by holding a supply drive. Sign up here to assist with the collection of socks, sneakers and hygiene kits.
**Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness to host The 13\textsuperscript{th} Political Will Annual Conferences**

*Engaging Homelessness: Creating the Political Will to End Homelessness* *(same event repeated at separate locations)*

- **Tuesdays, September 10\textsuperscript{th}**: Kent United Methodist Church, 11010 248th St. SE, Kent, WA, 6 pm – 9 pm
- **Tuesday, September 17\textsuperscript{th}**: Ronald United Methodist Church, 17839 Aurora Avenue N., Shoreline, WA, 6 pm–9 pm

**Dinner Keynote** by The Rev. Rick Reynolds, Operation Nightwatch

REGISTRATION is free. Mail-in FREE registrations to: ITFH, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue WA 98004; Or email: Reservations to itfh@comcast.net Phone Bill Kirlin-Hackett, 425.442.5418 to register or for information.

Any amount you give to attend this event is Tax-deductible.

You may also register via brownpapertickets though there is a fee: Kent Registration [Here](#). Shoreline Registration [Here](#)

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**Seattle Human Services Department Names New Division Director**

The Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) is pleased to announce that Jason Johnson will be joining the department in September as the new Director for the Community Support & Assistance division. In this capacity he will provide leadership to the department’s investments in homelessness services, food and meal programs, domestic violence and sexual assault services, utility assistance, and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Jason will begin work with HSD on Monday, September 23, 2013. Jason was raised and educated in Colorado where he received a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from the University of Colorado. Jason moved to Seattle in 1997, and brings more than 20 years of experience in the human services field, both in the public and nonprofit sectors. Most recently, Jason has been working for the City of Kent in its Human Services Department where he has had a lead role in efforts around homelessness, domestic violence and other critical human service issues.

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**Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness releases “Helping Homeless Students”**

The Seattle/King County Coalition has just released its newest publication, *Helping Homeless Students*. The black-and-white version can be downloaded for free from: [http://www.homelessinfo.org](http://www.homelessinfo.org).

This is a useful tool and guide for people working on the Family Housing Connection and Youth Housing Connection, as well as for anyone working with or parenting a school-age young person or child who is homeless. A few highlights are the “Helping Homeless Students” brochure which is intended to provide basic facts about the federal law that ensure that children who are homeless can enroll in school and participate fully in all school activities that housed students can access. It includes local, state, and national resources, as well as contact information for all designated McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaisons in all King County School Districts.

- For school-age children, the definition of homelessness used is broader than it is for most shelter, housing, and service programs.
- Homeless students have the right to be enrolled immediately, even if their family cannot provide immunization or previous school records.
- Homeless students have the right to free breakfast and lunch (at schools that serve both) without proof of income.
- Students who are homeless also have rights related to transportation to and from school, participation in sports, music, and other activities, and dispute resolution processes.

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**Host a United Way of King County YYA Homelessness VISTA Project**

United Way of King County has been awarded 5 Youth and Young Adult Homelessness AmeriCorps VISTA placements for Fall 2013 and agencies are invited to apply to host a VISTA project. The placements will tentatively begin November 25, 2013 and run for one year. There is no fee associated with becoming a host site.

**Project Goal:** VISTA members employ capacity-building activities to build sustainable solutions that enhance their agencies’ effectiveness in alleviating poverty. For these placements, projects will be prioritized with the focus on ending youth and young adult homelessness in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan to End Youth Homelessness by 2020.

**Projects will be screened based on the following criteria:**

- Alignment with priorities in the Comprehensive Plan
- Clarity of objectives and performance measures
- Quality of capacity-building activities identified in the VAD
- Capacity to manage and provide direction to the VISTA member

To learn more about this opportunity, please e-mail [megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov](mailto:megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov) for a VISTA Project Application and a VISTA Assignment Description and return it via email by **Wednesday, September 4th close of business**.
Apartment.com Kicks off Help for Homeless Grant Program

The Help for Homeless Grant Program elevates previous Apartment.com charitable efforts by committing to donate up to $100,000 in grants to organizations that provide services to the homeless population in the United States. Applications for the grant program are being accepted now until September 30, 2013. All grant recipients will be announced in November. To learn more, please visit www.apartments.com/grams.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Why Rapid Re-Housing Matters to the Community and My Organization

Building Changes and the Family Homelessness Initiative hosted a training on August 1, "Rapid Re-Housing Paradigm and Underpinnings" and "Roles and Tips for Creating a RRH Culture and System." Presenter, Kathie Barkow of Aspire Consulting LLC provided an overview of data and strategies in support of Rapid Rehousing, and the presentation is archived on the Building Changes website. See also: a recent study on homelessness recurrence in Georgia referenced in Kathie Barkow's presentation.

Moving Home Academy: A Learning Community to Support Housing Stability

Housing-Focused Services, Part II Webcast – Thursday, September 5, 11 a.m. – Noon

Housing-Focused Services Part I provided us national context and an overview of key strategies to effectively support families in attaining permanent housing as quickly as possible. In Housing-Focused Services, Part II Vivian Wan will speak to the specific efforts and strategies Abode Services utilizes, such as: their program design, rental assistance structure, and housing services model. Presenters: Vivian Wan, Abode Services; Sarah Rajski, Building Changes; and Triina Tennelo, King County FHI.

Registration is required. Click here to register!

Also, visit the Family Homelessness Initiative’s website for more information, including archived webcasts on An Orientation to Moving Home Academy, Housing-Focused Services and Trauma-Informed Services.

Federal Funding Update Webinar – Wednesday, September 4, Noon

Policy staff from the Alliance and the CSH will host a webinar providing advocates and other interested stakeholders with an update on fiscal year (FY) 2014 funding legislation. The webinar will cover where funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) currently stands in Congress, as well as what the next steps will be for the legislation through September. During the webinar, speakers will also discuss opportunities throughout September for stakeholders to advocate for increased funding levels for key programs like HUD’s McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants. Click here to register for this webinar.

FUNDING and RFP’s

RFQ – Rental Assistance with Supports Pilot: Stepped-Down Subsidies for Homeless YYA

Joint service funding from the Schultz Family Foundation and administrative funding from United Way of King County (UWKC) will be paired with 15 King County Housing Authority (KCHA) and five Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) rental subsidies and awarded via competitive process to lead an agency for two years. The lead agency is expected to sub-contract with multiple providers to deliver housing and services through the County. Applications Due Monday, September 16 at 4 p.m. Submit applications or questions to Courtney Noble cnoble@uwkc.org.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama Notes Progress on Ending Homelessness

On Tuesday, August 6, President Obama delivered a speech in Phoenix, AZ, on housing in which he acknowledged the significant progress that we as a country have made in reducing homelessness, particularly among veterans. "We've got to keep going, because nobody in America, and certainly no veteran, should be left to live on the streets," Obama told his Phoenix audience, noting the reductions of homeless veterans that communities have achieved in Phoenix and around the country. The speech focused largely on homeownership - its importance to individual homeowners and to the economy - and included a proposal to make mortgages easier to secure and refinance by replacing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac with a system to back home mortgages that relies more on the private market. Obama also called for increased investment in affordable rental housing, and for states and localities to remove local barriers to rental housing development. Click here to watch the full speech.

Checklist for Retooling Transitional Housing

Many organizations are working to retool their transitional housing programs by shortening the amount of time people stay in transitional housing, converting to a rapid re-housing program, or providing permanent housing. A new checklist is now available to assist organizations considering retooling. More retooling resources, including short videos and webinars, can be found on the new Retooling Transitional Housing page of the Alliance's website.
## All Things CEH

### September 2013

#### CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Governing Board**

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Gretchen Bruce ([gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov](mailto: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, October 23, 8:30 – 10:30 am  
Seattle City Hall, Bertha Landes Conference Room

**Agenda Topics**  
TBD

**Recent Meeting:** JULY MEETING CANCELLED

**Discussed**

**Interagency Council (IAC)**

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman & Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Gretchen Bruce ([gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)).


**Upcoming Meeting:** Monday, September 9, 2 – 4 pm  
Renton City Hall

**Agenda Topics**  
TBD

**Recent Meeting:** IAC Retreat August 5th

**Discussed**

- Continuum of Care Governance, System Mapping

**Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)**

Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Gretchen Bruce ([gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)).


**Upcoming Meeting:** Wednesday, September 18, 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Plymouth Congregational

**Agenda Topics**  
FHC one year progress data, Rapid rehousing RFQ, YYA Comprehensive Plan

**Recent Meeting:** Wednesday, August 21

**Discussed**

- Annual CAC Picnic

**Public Relations**

Chair: Sherry Hamilton ([sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Tentative: September 24, 8:30 – 9:30 am. Chinook 116. Call in number 206-205-1111

**Agenda Topics**  
Next steps in building 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 – 11:00am at the 2100 Building (unless otherwise noted)

Next meeting: [SEPTEMBER’S MEETING CANCELLED](http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies.aspx)

Contact Triina Tennelo for more information: 206.263.9110 or [triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov](mailto: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: September 16, 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):**

Contact Megan at [megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov](mailto:megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov)

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 September Y/YA Stakeholder Forum will be held Tuesday September 24, from 2 – 3:30, Location TBD.** Please check the [YYA Webpage](http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies.aspx) for updates.
### RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

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

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

| Upcoming Meeting: | No Meeting in September |

**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. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2 nd Thursday of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

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**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 rd Wednesday of the month, noon-1:30pm at St. Mark’s. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at [itfh@comcast.net](mailto:itfh@comcast.net) or (425) 442-5418.

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See Also [Building The Political Will Conference, September 10th and 17th](#)

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

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

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### Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)**  
The General meeting is the 3 rd 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)

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### SKCCH Population & Advocacy Committee Meetings**  
**SKCCH Youth and Young Adults:** Tuesday, September 10, 10-11:30am, Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave E, Seattle  
**SKCCH Single Adults Advocacy:** Thursday, September 12, 12-1:30 pm, Plymouth’s Simons Seniors Apts, 2119 3 rd Ave, Seattle  
**SKCCH Families with Children:** Wednesday, September 25, 9:30-11.00 am, E. Cherry YWCA, 2820 E. Cherry St., Seattle
Moving Home Academy is an interactive and experiential professional development series sponsored by the Family Homelessness Initiative, together with Building Changes, hosted by t3 (think. teach. transform.). The Academy is designed to create a learning community to help you and your team hone skills needed to assist families experiencing homelessness attain and sustain housing. The series consists of interactive webcasts, classroom training, learning circles, and an online course. The Academy is intended to guide and support organizations serving families experiencing homelessness, incorporating evidence-based and promising practices to build on what many providers are doing locally.

**Upcoming Webcasts** (open to an expanded audience of interested stakeholders):

**Healthy Selves, Healthy Teams** – August 29, 2013 11:00 to Noon
To bring hope and vitality to our work, and to honor the families we serve, we need to give particular attention to how we take care of ourselves as individuals, teams, and organizations. This webcast will focus on ways to foster individual renewal and resiliency, create healthy team structures and communication styles, and implement strategies to support teams. Presenters: Barb Bennett, t3 and Ken Kraybill, t3. Click here to register: [http://bit.ly/1b6ysNS](http://bit.ly/1b6ysNS)

**Housing Focused Services, Part II** – September 5, 2013 | 11:00 to Noon
Housing-Focused Services Part I provided us national context and an overview of key strategies to effectively support families in attaining permanent housing as quickly as possible. Join us for Housing-Focused Services, Part II where Vivian Wan will speak to the specific efforts and strategies Abode Services utilizes, such as: their program design, rental assistance structure, and housing services model. Presenters: Vivian Wan, Abode Services; Sarah Rajski, Building Changes; and Triina Tennelo, King County FHI. Click here to register: [http://bit.ly/150jial](http://bit.ly/150jial)

**Archived Webcasts**
Previous webcasts can be found on the Family Homelessness Initiative webpage: [http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies/Materials.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies/Materials.aspx)

- **Orientation Webcast** from August 5, 2013
- **Housing-Focused Services** from August 8, 2013
- **Trauma-Informed Care** August 15, 2013
- **Motivational Interviewing** August 22, 2013

**Classroom Training: Applying Motivational Interviewing (MI) to Housing-focused Services**
For: Homeless/Housing Providers working with families experiencing homelessness
In this two-day workshop designed for participants with some background in MI, learn about the spirit, core skills, processes, and applications of MI. MI is directly relevant to housing-focused case management. It is a style of engagement that begins by creating a safe space to explore issues from the family’s point of view. MI helps to gather what the issues are and focus on a priority issue (e.g., housing) together and build motivation to address those goals collaboratively in an ongoing manner. The workshop will be highly interactive with opportunities for practice and feedback. You have six opportunities to attend:

- Round 1: September 11 & 18
- Round 2: October 2 & 3
- Round 3: October 15 & 16
- Round 4: October 22 & 23
- Round 5: November 6 & 13
- Round 6: December 3 & 4

Registration is required. To register, click [here](http://bit.ly/16utmKu) or visit [http://bit.ly/16utmKu](http://bit.ly/16utmKu). All workshops will be held at the South Seattle Community College Georgetown, Campus, Room C122, 6737 Corson Avenue South, Seattle.

**Upcoming Learning Opportunities:** More details to come

- **Online Classroom: Trauma-Informed Organizations** – Coming in Winter 2014
- **Peer Learning Circles** – Beginning Fall 2013

- **Vocationalizing** - Housing and employment are equally important in addressing homelessness. Hosted by Building Changes, Vocationalizing will support agencies in identifying ways to integrate an employment lens within housing and case management services. Providers will increase their skills and resources to engage, prepare and connect families with workforce providers, employment opportunities and services.

**Questions?**
Contact info@thinkt3.com or Triina Tennelo, King County Family Homeless Initiative at triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov.