

➔ Prior to Ending Homelessness Conference: Training on Medicaid [housing providers]

The Housing Alliance's upcoming Conference on Ending Homelessness will include a pre-conference Medicaid training, which will provide an in-depth briefing on the soon to be approved supportive housing services Medicaid benefit. We highly recommend that stakeholders and supportive housing providers who are interested in utilizing this benefit attend this training. The training will take place on **Tuesday, May 10 at the Spokane Convention Center, and registration will close on Friday, April 29 at 5:00pm.** Check out the attached training description for more information, and visit the following link to register: <http://www.wliha.org/conference/registration>

In additional to the Medicaid training, you may also be interested in the following conference programming:

Conference on Ending Homelessness - May 11-12 at the Spokane Convention Center

The Conference on Ending Homelessness will include programming on supportive housing and Housing First direct services. This is a great training opportunity for providers who are interested in deepening their understanding of supportive housing and other homelessness services. Early bird registration rates for the Conference on Ending Homelessness will end today, April 25 at 11:59 PM, so be sure to register for the conference today to receive the best rates. Check out the conference website to view the full program and to register: www.wliha.org/conference

City Homelessness & Affordable Housing Convening (County Officials & Employees Are Welcome to Join!)

City officials and employees are invited to participate in a convening organized by the Association of Washington Cities and the Housing Alliance on Thursday, May 12 from 3:30-5:00pm at the Spokane Convention Center, directly after the Conference on Ending Homelessness. This is a great opportunity to learn from peers across the state and hear from affordable housing experts about what cities can do to reduce homelessness and expand access to affordable homes. Please send your RSVP to reginaa@awcnet.org



4.12.16 Medicaid
Training Info.pdf

➔ Senator Cantwell collecting stories for affordable housing campaign

Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) has launched a new tool to help make the case to expand the Housing Credit. The Senator is collecting personal stories from people who have struggled to afford housing &/or have experienced homelessness. Her office is looking for a large volume of stories to help demonstrate the widespread & urgent need to invest more federal resources in affordable housing.

To submit stories, access the tool on Senator Cantwell's website, "[Affordable Housing & Homelessness: Share Your Story.](#)" & fill out the short form. We encourage you to share this with your networks, members & residents. Senator Cantwell is looking for stories from around the country – not just Washington State. Personal details will be shared only with permission. In March, Senator Cantwell kicked off a nationwide [campaign to expand the Housing Credit](#). Her forthcoming legislation would increase Housing Credit allocation authority by 50 percent & make other changes to strengthen the program.

➔ Pierce County 2016 Point in Time Count – release 04-29

County Executive McCarthy and Tacoma Mayor Strickland will hold a joint press conference on Friday, April 29, at 11:30 am – noon to publicly release the 2016 Point in Time Count. The event will take place in the Women's Overnight Shelter at Nativity House, 1411 S Yakima Ave.

➔ A Promising Practice: Asking the ACES Question – a training for those working with families

Will be held on Tuesday, May 17th from 9:00 – 3:30 in the Pierce County Environmental Services Center in University Place. This training is offered by the Evidence-Based Practice Committee of Pierce County & sponsored by the Washington Association for Children & Families.

This training will use the NEAR Toolkit to teach professional participants how to use the ACEs Questions to help parents understand the importance of protecting their children from abuse, neglect & toxic stress while giving them tools to build their own resilience. CEUs available. Lunch provided. Cost: \$40.

Register online at www.projectchildsuccess.org/about/events

Registration is open to all professionals in Pierce County who work with families on a “caseload” basis, seeing them regularly (not intermittently), or their supervisors. Professionals who are staff of organizations that are member of the Pierce County Evidence-Based Practice Committee who work in other counties are also welcome to attend.

Professionals who do not work in Pierce County & who are staff of organizations not members of the Pierce County Evidence-Based Practice Committee may ask to be put on a waiting list for the conference. That list can be accessed by emailing Beth Wilson, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department at bwilson@tpchd.org If the training is not full by May 3rd, those on the waiting list will be invited to register on a first come, first served basis.

➔ HUD Office of Housing Counseling has established a new Disaster Recovery Website

The HUD Office of Housing Counseling has established a new Disaster Recovery Website featuring new toolkits for housing counseling agencies and other resources for housing counselors to utilize in the event a disaster strikes your community. The new website includes:

1. Disaster Recovery Toolkit, which includes:

- “Housing Counseling Disaster Program Guide” - a universal document providing a model for HUD-approved housing counseling agencies to expand and support their long-term disaster recovery services as part of their grantee action plan in their respective jurisdictions receiving Federal disaster recovery funds.
- HUD Disaster Resources: This web page describes disaster resources available from HUD offices and agencies such as FHA, Ginnie Mae, Multifamily Housing, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Policy Development and Research, Community Planning and Development, and others.
- FEMA Housing Portal: This portal is intended to help individuals and families, who have been displaced by a disaster find a place to live. The portal consolidates rental resources identified and provided by federal agencies.

2. Emergency Preparedness Toolkit, which includes:

- Emergency Preparedness Guide for Housing Counseling Agencies: This guide will provide useful and easy-to-implement information to assist housing counseling agencies successfully prepare for any type of disaster or emergency. Developing an Emergency Preparedness Plan is one of the most important strategic decisions you will make as a housing counseling agency.
- Emergency Preparedness and Recovery Resources for Housing Counseling Agencies: This document contains a comprehensive list of website resources to help housing counseling agencies assist and prepare their community for a disaster. The web links provided are best reviewed ahead of an actual disaster since Internet access is not guaranteed during emergency situations.

Please direct any questions to your HUD Point of Contact (POC) or via email to housing.counseling@hud.gov

➔ 2016 Affordable Housing Conference

Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County - Friday, June 3, 8:00am - 2:00pm

Location: Everett Events Center - 2000 Hewitt Ave, Everett

Cost: \$75 Registration closes June 3, 2015 Registration: [Click here](#) to be taken to our website to register

To register by email and request an invoice, send us the names, organizations, and any dietary restrictions for everyone you wish to register. housingsnohomish@gmail.com

Please note: Pre-registration is required for the conference. Any request for a refund must be received in writing 5 days prior to the event. Have questions? Send us an email: housingsnohomish@gmail.com

➔ Puyallup designated Age-Friendly City

City of Puyallup has received an AARP/World Health Organization Age-Friendly City designation. Puyallup is honored to be the first city in Washington State to receive this distinction!

Since May is Older Americans Month, we've combined our Age-Friendly City designation award ceremony with a special event focused on successful aging. Blaze a Trail to Successful Aging in an Age-Friendly Community will be held on **Saturday, May 14th at Pierce College, in the Arts and Allied Health Building Theatre, 1601 39th Avenue S.E.** This event is free and open to the public. RSVP: jlhenry@aol.com

Event schedule:

Resource EXPO with exhibits featuring services important to an aging population: 9:30 am

Age-Friendly City designation ceremony: 10:30 am

Featured speaker, Roger Landry, MD, MPH: 11:00 am

➔ The WA Low Income Housing Alliance is hiring!

The Housing Alliance has an exciting opportunity for an experienced organizer to join our team and advance the movement for housing justice in Washington state. As economic inequality grows, homelessness is reaching a crisis point in communities across our state and housing is growing further out of reach for low-income households. Now is the time to harness the attention these issues are drawing from lawmakers and the broader public and advance real solutions, rooted in an understanding of the systemic nature of homelessness and housing instability. This is an exciting opportunity to join the state's leading housing and homelessness policy advocacy organization, organize and grow the base of people who speak out for housing justice, and have an impact on affordable housing and homelessness policy.

\$52,000+ DOE For details and information about how to apply, visit: <http://wliha.org/jobs>
