



NEWS UPDATE 01-06-2017

→ Advocacy Day is just 4 weeks away!

Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Olympia, Washington

[Register here](#)

Let's have a strong Pierce County Presence! Many housing issues are at stake.

Red scarves provided!

[Read more about our priorities and sign on here](#)

→ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Events

Sunday, January 15, 2017 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Urban Grace, 902 Market Street, Tacoma

Sunday, January 15, 2017 will mark the 11th annual Martin Luther King, Jr., *Redeeming the Prophetic Vision*. This all volunteer-organized interfaith community event is brought to the community by The Conversation in partnership with Associated Ministries and Urban Grace Church. We seek to honor Dr. King's radical call for peace and justice for ALL people by helping our community to shine the light of his vision on our current local, national, and global situation; re-imagine unity across difference; renew our shared commitment to the path of social justice; and reconnect with peace and justice activists and advocates across our community. As part of our efforts to fulfill these goals, we offer a distinctive community event that is intergenerational, multi-ethnic, and participatory, including: blessings from multiple faith and wisdom traditions, spoken word and music addressing civil rights and justice themes, and messages from Dr. Dexter Gordon, Chimaera also known as Charys Bailey and other local voices on how to extend Dr. King's radical vision through individual and community action. A reception with refreshments and social justice community resource tables will follow which will include community ciphers with talk back for both POC and White Allies to make connections and debrief the even. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1803277376609043/>

Monday, January 16, 2017 11:00 AM

Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center, 1500 Broadway, Tacoma, WA

The City of Tacoma's signature event, the 29th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration will bring us together to understand his vision of his Beloved Community. It is a global vision, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood. We encourage the entire community to join together to celebrate Monday, January 16, 2017 as a day on, not a day off. The event will feature keynote speaker Harold Moss, Tacoma's first African American Council Member and Mayor. Mr. Moss has been active in the Tacoma community since the 1950s when he was a member of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He served two terms as president of the branch. He also served on Tacoma's first Human Relations Commission, currently known as the Human Rights Commission. In 1968, Moss helped create the Tacoma Urban League. The City Events and Recognitions Committee will honor Dr. Maxine B. Mimms with the 2017 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award during the 29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. <http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?objectId=40057>

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 7:00 PM

University of Puget Sound, Schneebeck Concert Hall

Julianne Malveaux, labor economist, author, and commentator, who has shared her candid views on television stations ranging from PBS to MSNBC to Fox News, will speak at the 31th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at University of Puget Sound. Described by author and activist Cornel West as “the most iconoclastic public intellectual in the country,” Malveaux embraces views on race, culture, gender, and economics that are helping shape public opinion in 21st-century America. Her latest book is *Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy* (2016). Everyone is welcome to the free evening that will honor the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr., America’s Nobel Prize-winning 1960s civil rights leader. Julianne Malveaux’s keynote talk, plus messages from the Puget Sound community, will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in Schneebeck Concert Hall on campus—a day after the Monday holiday. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. No tickets are required.
<http://www.pugetsound.edu/news-and-events/events-calendar/details/annual-mlk-celebration-with-dr-julianne-malveaux/2017-01-17/>

➔ Needed: Volunteers for 2017 Point-in-Time Homeless County January 27
Pierce County Community Connections is still looking for volunteers! If you are available to volunteer for the 2017 Point-In-Time Count on January 27, please feel free to register at: [2017 Point-In-Time Pierce County Registration Link](#)

For more information about Pierce County’s Point-In-Time count, please visit:
<http://www.piercecountywa.org/pointintime>

Thank you for your commitment to our community.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

2017 Point-In-Time Count
January 27, 2017

What: Volunteers will be conducting a confidential survey of people who are homeless in Pierce County	Why: The data collected provides an insight into the number and characteristics of persons who are homeless at one point in time	Where: Volunteers will conduct surveys throughout Pierce County at hot meal sites, day shelters, health clinics, on the streets and at site locations.
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Please contact Jasmine Spence
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➔ **NeighborWorks National Training Institute: February 20-24 in Seattle**

Register

New and Updated
Courses

Symposium
ML926

Full Event
Brochure

**Registration is now open for the
Seattle, WA Training Institute!**



Seattle, WA is hosting the first **NeighborWorks Training Institute** of 2017 offering you opportunities to expand your knowledge, increase your network and build on your career prospects!

We have added **new courses**, updated others and have a **very special Symposium, Reframing the Narrative Around Race, Equity and Inclusion (ML926)**.

Be sure to **register early** to reserve your spot for the highest quality training!

REGISTER NOW

Register before January 16 and you'll be included in a raffle to win a Kindle*

*may not be exchanged for tuition credit or monetary value.



Don't miss our newest Symposium: Reframing the Narrative Around Race, Equity and Inclusion (ML926)

Seattle, WA
February 22, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join NeighborWorks America this February as leaders and experts in the field, and fellow practitioners to engage in a dynamic conversation exploring the role of community development in creating racially equitable and inclusive communities. In a fast-paced and highly interactive day, we will learn how technology can serve as a bridge out of poverty. We will investigate how to shift the narrative in how we listen to and serve diverse, multiracial and multiethnic communities.

[Learn more about the Symposium](#)

[Apply for a scholarship](#)

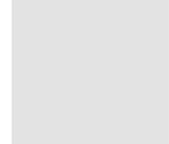
➔ **NLIHC webinar on the impact of the elections on affordable housing**

This originally aired on 12/2 but is still a relevant and helpful overview of what is at risk. I highly recommend downloading the powerpoint and audio, and to also watch for more webinars from them as we move forward into the new year. Note, this link is to the page with all webinar information. The one I recommend is called "The Changing Post Election Landscape for Affordable Housing": <http://nlihc.org/events/webinars>

→ Sanctuary Space: Creating Safe Communities For All

All-In Cities

PolicyLink



Upcoming Webinar:

Sanctuary Space: Creating Safe Communities For All

Monday, January 30, 2017

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. PT / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. ET

[Register Now](#)

In today's political climate, immigrant families, Muslim residents, and other communities of color face increased surveillance and growing threats to their safety and well-being.

Join **PolicyLink** and our partners on January 30, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. PT (2:30 p.m. ET) for a discussion on how state and local leaders across the country can create safer environments for vulnerable members of their communities.

This webinar will provide an overview of what sanctuary cities and sanctuary spaces are; how such spaces can make all people safer; and how leaders can create – or safeguard – sanctuary spaces in their own communities.

This is the first installment of several webinars the **All-In Cities Initiative** will be hosting throughout the year on local policies to build equitable cities.

Featured Speakers:

- Angela Glover Blackwell, PolicyLink (moderator)
- Angie Junck, Immigrant Legal Resource Center
- Linda Sarsour, MPower Change
- Jorge Gutierrez, Familia Trans Queer Liberation Movement

**Additional Speakers to be confirmed*

DBHR's Focus on Housing and Employment
Principles of Evidence-based Practice Supportive Housing
Principles of Evidence-based Practice Supported Employment
1115 Waiver Overview
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PowerPoint Presentation:

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Sound Transit is accepting comments on the preliminary draft designs for the Tacoma Link Expansion.

Visit soundtransit.org/tacomalinkexpansion to view draft drawings and weigh in on your preferences on station platforms, the traction power substation screening and station names.

Comments are welcome until midnight Jan. 8.

Regional voters approved the Tacoma Link Expansion as part of Sound Transit 2 in 2008. The project is a partnership with the City of Tacoma. The extension will take Tacoma Link from the Theater District, up Stadium Way and through the Stadium and Hilltop neighborhoods. The project is in final design. Construction work will begin in 2018.

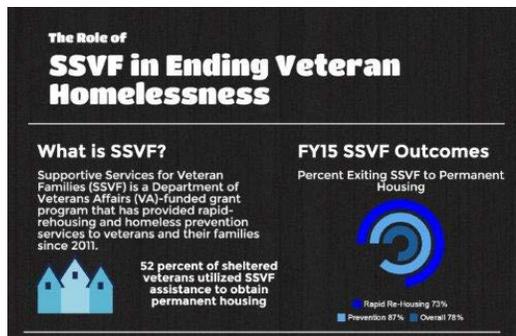
More information on the project is available at soundtransit.org/tacomalinkexpansion.

For more information

- soundtransit.org/tacomalinkexpansion
- Allison Gregg, 206-398-5063 or allison.gregg@soundtransit.org
- 24-hour construction hotline: 888-298-2395

→ National Alliance to End Homelessness

APPLICATION FOR SSVF FUNDING NOW OPEN



The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has released the FY2018 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for their Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program.

What is SSVF and why is the program important? [Check out our new infographic.](#)



[Apply for SSVF funding »](#)



SENATE APPROVES BILL THAT INCLUDES MENTAL

HEALTH REFORM

Today the Senate voted to approve the 21st Century Cures Act, a bill with a number of health care and justice provisions. Among the initiatives in the bill is landmark reform to mental health and substance abuse treatment. The bill extends grants to address homelessness and mental health and provides additional funding for new interventions. The bill is expected to be quickly signed by President Obama.



[Read more »](#)

CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS, SPONSORSHIPS AND INFO TABLES AVAILABLE

The National Conference on Ending Youth and Family Homelessness will be held Feb. 23-24, 2017 in Houston, Texas. [Register now](#), and check out our other opportunities below.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available for individuals who are currently experiencing or have formerly experienced homelessness. The deadline to apply is Thursday, December 15, 2016. [Apply for a scholarship.](#)

Sponsorships

Please email [Michelle Fantone](#) or call at 202-942-8241 for more information about sponsorships.

Info Tables

If you wish to showcase your organization at the conference, information tables are available for purchase. Please email [David Dirks](#) or call at 202-942-8287 for more information.



[Register for the conference »](#)

ENDING HOMELESSNESS TODAY

the official blog of the national alliance to end homelessness

TO GROW RAPID RE-HOUSING, BUILD YOUR SYSTEM AROUND IT

 by *Cynthia Nagendra*

To truly end homelessness, we need to scale up RRH at the systems level in a coordinated manner.

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IMPROVING YOUR RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM TO END HOMELESSNESS

 by *Guest blogger, Ben Cattell Noll, Friendship Place*

How do we hold ourselves accountable to best practices and improve our rapid re-housing programs without established, evidence-based standards? We use our data! There are a million things we could measure to try and demonstrate our impact, but to truly assess if we are doing what we say we want to do, we simply need to break down WHAT we are trying to do.

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→ DOC data: Homelessness and Affordable Housing - 07-2016 Report



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