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➔ Need more proof of Tacoma's housing crunch? It's here

Report on 2016 Out of Reach by National Low Income Housing Coalition – Matt Driscoll, TNT 05-31-2016

<http://digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/ODN/TheNewsTribune/#emlnl=eEdition1>

2016 Out of Reach Report – Washington & Pierce County:

<http://nlihc.org/oor/washington>

➔ Pierce County Charrettes on Homeless

How can we better serve those who live on the streets and in encampments in our community?

Tacoma: June 21, 9-5 Bates Technical College, 1101 S Yakima 98405

Parkland: June 22, 9-5 Pierce County Library Admin Bldg, 3005 112th Street E 98446

Feedback Session: June 24 Bates Technical College

- Space will be limited at each site, so please **RSVP** as soon as possible to nui.bezaire@csh.org

Info on 2016 Pierce County Homeless count:

<http://thesubtimes.com/2016/04/30/unsheltered-homelessness-up-37-in-pierce-county/>

A Charrette is an intensive planning process that jumpstarts and streamlines how your community develops or updates its plan to end homelessness. It provides an opportunity for collaboration among diverse stakeholders to solve community problems related to homelessness within a very short period of time. Four to six months of facilitated planning with a diverse steering committee. A customized Charrette Week of expert-led discussions and concentrated planning. A report with concrete action steps and implementation strategies for the future How Can a Charrette Benefit My Community? Charrettes stimulate and reignite community interest in ending homelessness. Dramatically decrease the time required for planning from two years or more to four to six months Quickly establish an open environment for concerns and questions Push the community conversation forward and confront the most difficult issues Strengthen relationships across systems, programs and funders Who Needs a Charrette? A CSH Charrette is right for any community that needs work on a plan to end homelessness—from those creating their first plan, to communities with new elected officials and staff, to those seeing diminishing support for efforts to end homelessness.

➔ HUD KICKS OFF NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

"Dare to Own the Dream" is theme for month-long recognition

WASHINGTON – This week, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) kicks off National Homeownership Month by recognizing how homeownership enhances lives and contributes to thriving communities we call home. "Dare to Own the Dream" is the theme of this month-long recognition, reinforcing the long-held belief that owning a home remains one of the cornerstones of the American Dream.

When President Obama took office nearly eight years ago, the nation's housing market was in free-fall, unemployment was rising and many families were left feeling trapped and anxious about their mortgages. He immediately took action to address these issues and to protect the middle class. The steps he took helped millions of Americans stay in their homes, save money on their mortgages and turn their communities around.

"Homeownership Month is a good time to reflect on the progress the Obama Administration has made to ensure that owning a home is always within the grasp of the average American family. A home is the place where we raise our children, establish roots in a community and plan our future," said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. "The opportunity to be a homeowner should be open to those ready and able to buy a home. As the housing market continues its recovery we must ensure that responsible homeowners have access to credit to make their dreams of homeownership a reality."

Over the course of its 82-year history, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) stimulated nearly \$4 trillion in mortgage capital into our economy and helped more than 44 million Americans to become homeowners. Today, FHA continues to build the middle class and open doors for underserved families.

Since its roots during the Great Depression, FHA is leveling the playing field for all Americans who can reasonably purchase a home by ensuring affordable access to credit for underserved borrowers. In January 2015, FHA lowered its mortgage insurance premiums (MIP) because too many families were priced out of homeownership. As of March 31, 2016, FHA has endorsed approximately 1.3 million loans under the new reduced MIP. This price reduction is projected to save more than two million FHA homeowners an average of \$900 annually and spur 250,000 new homebuyers to purchase their first home.

Throughout the month of June, HUD will host a series of Twitter chats to discuss three important topics surrounding homeownership and FHA. Follow Brookings with these chats **#OwntheDream**:

- Are you ready for homeownership?
- How to know if an FHA loan is right for you.
- Is housing counseling for you?

➔ Homeownership opportunities should exist in all communities

Despite the declining rate of homeownership nationally, 80 percent of millennials, 87 percent of African-Americans and 84 percent of Latinos say owning a home is an important part of the American dream.



➔ Local Homeownership Opportunities:

- Habitat for Humanity 253.627.5626
- Homeownership Center of Tacoma 253.627.6560
- HomeSight 253.722.5922

➔ Brookings Institution Articles

We have to close the growing “work gap” to help low-income American households

Isabel V. Sawhill, Nathan Joo and Edward Rodrigue | @isawhill

Link: <http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/social-mobility-memos/posts/2016/05/31-help-low-income-close-work-gap-sawhill>

Owning a home is all about education. Homeownership in the U.S. is nearing its lowest point in half of a century, which some leading economists have attributed to high levels of student debt in America. [In a new study](#), Susan Dynarski debunks this theory, revealing that one's ability to own a home is determined not by their college debt but by whether they have a college degree at all.

➔ Out of Reach 2016: No Refuge for Low Income Renters

Now Available!

<http://nlihc.org/oor> Click on WA... data: pp 238-241

➔ Upcoming eClassroom Course: Healthy Homes Fundamentals (CP001WT)

June 16, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. EST

[REGISTER NOW](#)

➔ Pierce County Behavioral Health Study - Community Listening Session

Kalles Junior High School

Wednesday June 8, 2016 | 6:00PM – 8:00PM

The Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) is conducting a study of the behavioral health (mental health and substance use) system in Pierce County. The aims of the study are:

1. Identify behavioral health needs
2. Catalog available behavioral health resources
3. Determine behavioral health resource gaps
4. Provide recommendations for ensuring a comprehensive, cost-effective, and recovery-oriented behavioral health system that meets the needs of the Pierce County community

As part of the study, we are interested in meeting with members of the community to identify guiding principles that should inform this project and the implementation of its recommendations. This listening session is designed to solicit feedback from many stakeholders at once and help the HSRI team understand the local context in Pierce County.

The meeting format will be as follows:

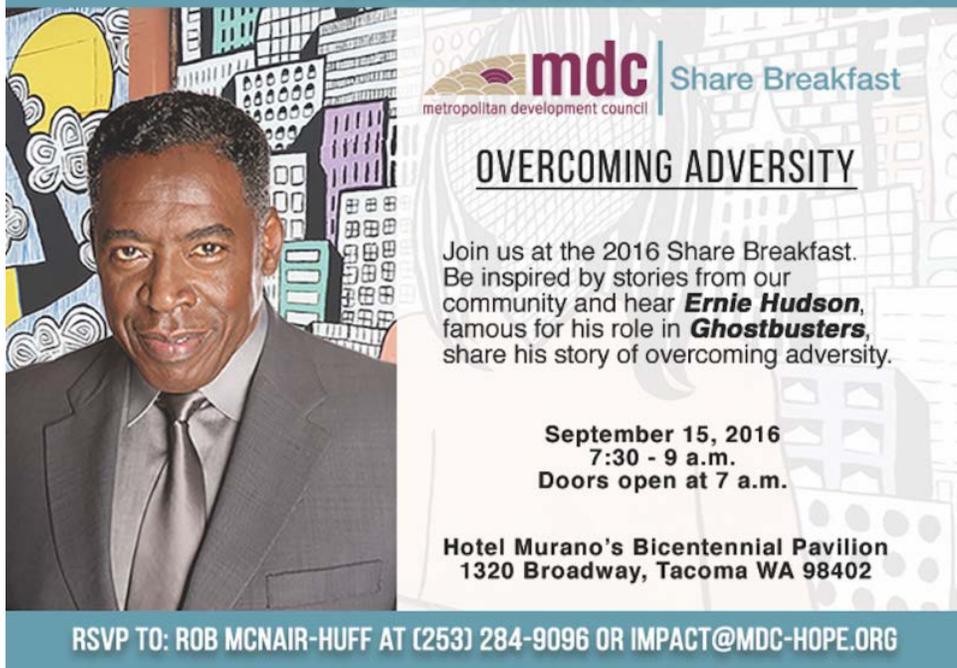
- Introduction and overview of the study (20 minutes)
- Breakout discussions – break into groups of 5-10. Each group designates a leader who will document key discussion points for sharing in the larger group session (30 minutes)
- Break (5 minutes)
- Group discussion – the leader from each group shares key points followed by an identification of themes across groups and open discussion (45 minutes)
- Wrap-up and summary (20 minutes)

Breakout discussion questions:

- What is your vision for an improved behavioral health system five years from now?
- What are the most pressing issues and challenges for people with behavioral health issues?

➔ MDC Share Breakfast

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OVERCOMING ADVERSITY

Join us at the 2016 Share Breakfast. Be inspired by stories from our community and hear **Ernie Hudson**, famous for his role in **Ghostbusters**, share his story of overcoming adversity.

September 15, 2016
7:30 - 9 a.m.
Doors open at 7 a.m.

Hotel Murano's Bicentennial Pavilion
1320 Broadway, Tacoma WA 98402

RSVP TO: ROB MCNAIR-HUFF AT (253) 284-9096 OR IMPACT@MDC-HOPE.ORG

➔ The REACH Center is hiring for the following positions:

Regular Openings:

- Manager of Employment and Education Programs (position description attached)
- Administrative Assistant, Front Desk (position description attached)

TO APPLY: Submit a resume, cover letter, and three professional references to <mailto:jobs@reachtacoma.org> with the subject line, "Administrative Assistant, Front Desk" OR "Manager of Employment & Education Programs" **no later than June 13th, 2016.**

AmeriCorps Openings

- [Employment Associate \(AmeriCorps\)](#), 2 positions starting in early fall
- [Education Associate \(AmeriCorps\)](#), 2 positions starting in early fall

TO APPLY: Hold the "Ctrl" key and click on the job title and follow the instructions

➔ Nonprofit may create homeless encampment in Washington city

Sunrise Outreach may be permitted to create and maintain a homeless encampment in Yakima, Wash., under a proposal being considered by the City Council. The move is viewed as a way to reduce homeless camping downtown and would provide "a safer, more secure area for homeless individuals to camp while searching for transitional or other housing," according to a draft lease agreement. Other nonprofits and public officials would set a screening process for admission.

[Yakima Herald-Republic \(Wash.\) \(free registration\) \(5/25\)](#)