



## NEWS UPDATE 02-17-2012

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→ **City of Tacoma ESG Funding:** The City of Tacoma is issuing a Request for Proposals to human service programs that meet the requirements for **2012-2013 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding**. Proposals are due by **5:00 p.m. on February 29th, 2012 at 747 Market St., Rm 836**. Late proposals will not be accepted. Application materials can be found on the website: <http://www.cityoftacoma.org/hspc>.

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→ **Speak up for Revenue**

**February 18** 10 am – noon Evergreen Tacoma Campus & Garfield Books at PLU

Advocacy focus primarily on these issues:

Housing & Emergency Needs

Housing Trust Fund

FTSA

Washington Families Fund

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

Revenue for Human Services

Document recording fees for Housing

Foster Care to 21

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→ **The President's Budget and Beyond: A Pivotal Year Ahead:** Coalition on Human Needs Webinar  
Wednesday, **February 22, 2012**, 1 - 2 PM PST

[Register today!](#)

President Obama's budget includes a balance of new revenues and spending cuts, while leaving room for investments to spur economic growth. Some in Congress will propose big spending cuts alone. The debate over these choices will have a huge impact on service providers' ability to meet human needs, and on the state of the economy for years to come. And all these federal choices will roll into a battle over spending, taxes, and services before, during, and after the election.

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→ **Keeping Homeless Children Safe from Lead Poisoning Webinar**

**February 28**, 11 am PST

<http://www.nhchc.org/2012/02/keeping-homeless-children-safe-from-lead-poisoning-webinar/>

Free webinar on preventing childhood lead poisoning among homeless children hosted by the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council (NHCHC) and National Nursing Centers Consortium (NNCC).

1. How and why homeless children are at high-risk for lead poisoning
2. Health impacts and social costs of childhood lead poisoning
3. Simple and effective techniques for preventing children in shelter and/or transitional housing from becoming lead poisoned
4. Challenges and successes of the Lead Safe Babies - Families in Transition (LSB-FiT) program and how the program can be implemented nationwide
5. The state of federal funding for childhood lead poisoning

prevention Register Here: <https://www.nhchc.org/event-registration/?ee=16>

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→ **DSHS Community Brown Bag Meeting:**

**February 29** 11:30am to 1:00pm Evergreen Tacoma Campus 1210 6th Av Room 104

Program changes in the past 6 months in the Community Service Division and an opportunity to ask questions for clarification

RSVP: [Vicky.Mclaurin@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Vicky.Mclaurin@dshs.wa.gov) by February 24, 2012

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→ **Spring for Housing Dinner Auction**

**March 3** 6 pm Tacoma Country & Golf Club

Shared Housing Services 253.272.1532

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→ **Habitat for Humanity Changing Lives luncheon**

**March 6** at the Hotel Murano; doors open at 11:30

Habitat for Humanity 253. 627.5626

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→ **Rebuilding Together South Sound 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Give a Heart a Home Gala and Auction**

**March 10** 5:30 Chambers Bay Environmental Services Building

9850 64th St. West University Place WA 98467

Fabulous auction items such as a 10-day cruise, tickets for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Vera Bradley items and so much more.

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→ **AmeriCorps host applications:** Washington Service Corps **Individual Placement and VISTA Programs** are pleased to announce their **Requests for Application** from organizations who are interested in hosting from one to four AmeriCorps members during the **2012 - 2013 Program Year**.

Organizations eligible to apply include:

- State, local, and tribal government organizations;
- Nonprofit, private organizations; not limited to those with IRS 501 C3 status, but rather all organizations with IRS 501 C status (organizations that focus solely on advocacy and lobbying are not eligible)
- Schools: including school districts, educational service districts, colleges, universities, alternative schools and others.

Submit Request for Application by **March 23**

Instruction and Submission Requirements documents are available on the Washington Service Corps [website](#)

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→ **New Housing Spotlight Released:**

**In 2010, there were 9.8 million extremely low income renter households in the United States, and only 3 million rental homes affordable and available to these households. This shortage of 6.8 million rental units means that only 30 rental homes are affordable and available for every 100 extremely low income renters.**

These are among the findings in the new issue of *Housing Spotlight: The Shrinking Supply of Affordable Housing*. This National Low Income Housing Coalition research brief uses new data from the 2010 American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) to compare the number of low income, very low income, and extremely low income renter households in each state with the number of rental homes that renters below each income threshold can afford. The analysis also takes into account availability; that is, whether a rental unit is occupied by a higher income household.

*Housing Spotlight: The Shrinking Supply of Affordable Housing* is available at:

<http://nlihc.org/doc/HousingSpotlight2-1.pdf>.