



TACOMA / PIERCE COUNTY
**AFFORDABLE
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→ **2014 Legislative Action Alert!**

Contact your Representatives and Senators to support

- Homeless Housing & Assistance [Document Recording Fees] ESHB 2368
- Fair Tenant Screening Fees SHB 2537
- Funding the State Housing Trust Fund [budget hearings next week!]

Background information: → <http://wliha.org/advocacy/state>

→ **WLIHA State Legislative Agenda: 2014 Lead Items**

- Invest in the Washington State Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
- Protect & Strengthen the Housing & Essential Needs (HEN) & the Aged, Blind & Disabled (ABD) Programs
- Enact Part 3 of the Fair Tenant Screening Act
- Prevent the Sunsetting of the State's Document Recording Fees
- Leverage Medicaid Expansion to End Homelessness & Improve Health
- Enact Revenue to Avoid Cuts to Services and Programs
- Protect TANF and the families that rely on this important program
- Extended Foster Care: Protect youth aging out of foster care
- Protect the Foreclosure Fairness Act

→ **AHC Upcoming Public Forums:**

Health & Housing – Panel discussion with MDC Staff

03-12 [Wednesday] 4:30 – 6
MDC 721 FAWCETT, TACOMA

Youth Housing in Pierce County ...Finally!

06-12 [Thursday] 4:30 – 6
[location to be determined]

Candidate Forum on Affordable Housing – Pierce County Legislative Candidates

09-11 [Thursday] 4:30 – 6
[location to be determined]

4th Annual Excellence in Affordable Housing Awards Celebration

10-22 [Wednesday] 5 – 7
Annie Wright School 827 North Tacoma Av

→ **Capitol Express Newsletter**

Housing issues in WA DC: http://www.enterprisecommunity.com/news-and-events-newsletters-ce-feb_17_2014

→ **The Worst Financial Decision Ever**

<http://www.nonprofitquarterly.org/management/23699-the-worst-financial-decision-ever.html>

→ **Training from Washington Clean Technology Alliance**

Managing Stormwater in the Northwest ← click for info [special nonprofit/government rate]
Mar 5: 8-5 Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center Tacoma, WA

→ **Updates on Foreclosure Housing Counseling**

In addition to South Sound Outreach Services, Associated Ministries is now offering HUD Approved Foreclosure Intervention Counseling in new second office in Lakewood.

<http://asociatedministries.org/foreclosure-counseling/> or 877.894.HOME

Washington Foreclosure Fairness in 11 languages

Link: Foreclosure information and assistance available from the state DFI

→ **“A Veteran’s Continuum of Care”**

Everett-Snohomish County Panel Discussion

03-06 7:30 – 9 am Weyerhaeuser Room, Everett Station

Panelists: Veterans Service Officer, LICSW Community Housing & Outreach Supervisor, Case Manager, CCS Supportive Services Veterans Families

Directions: Everett Station 3201 Smith Avenue in Everett, Washington

From South - I-5 North:

Take I-5 Northbound to the Pacific Ave. exit (#193). At the base of the exit, take the free left turn onto Pacific Ave. Follow Pacific to the overpass. At the top of the overpass, turn left onto Smith Ave. Everett Station is the large brick building on the left side of the street

→ **Serving Veterans & Military Families: Best Practices for Human Service Professionals**

Friday, March 7, 2014 8:30 am - 4 pm

William W. Philip Hall - UW Tacoma campus - 1918 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma

Enhancing human services professionals’ capacity to serve veteran and military families: This one-day conference offered by the UW Tacoma Social Work Program will help social workers, human services and employee assistance professionals better serve veterans and their families. The conference draws on regional and national experts to share best practices for addressing common challenges veterans face in work, education and family life, as well as approaches for addressing serious behavioral health challenges such as suicide and PTSD. \$25 registration includes continuing education credits, clock hours or professional development units with continental breakfast and buffet lunch.

Register Now @ www.tacoma.uw.edu/svmf-conference

➔ Innovations in Neighborhood Stabilization: Responses to the Foreclosure Crisis

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco



➔ Vista Program – invite great volunteers to your organization



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➔ WorkForce Central RFP

This spring, the Tacoma-Pierce County Workforce Development Council (WDC) anticipates releasing a request for Proposals (RFP) for provision of Youth Services under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) specifications reinforced with county priorities.

Below is background information on the WDC and its priorities as outlined in the “Pierce County Local Integrated Workforce Plan” for 2013 – 2017 and information on the WDC Youth Council.

This announcement of the upcoming RFP is to allow prospective bidders time to review WIA regulations from the Department of Labor. Resource information regarding the WDC is available at the WDC web page at: www.workforce-central.org/page_details.php?pageid=38

Youth Services: <http://www.workforce-central.org/media/files/YTHOutreach.pdf>

➔ AHC Member Events

Shared Housing Services – Spring for Housing Dinner & Auction – March 1

Purchase tickets in advance. This event sells out every year. Call Byron at 253.272.1532 to purchase a ticket or make a donation.

Habitat for Humanity Tacoma/Pierce County - Annual Changing Lives Luncheon – March 4

RSVP by Feb 25 www.tpc-habitat.org

➔ UWT Urban Studies – Urban Governance Speaker Sessions

Wednesdays, Keystone Auditorium – Carwein Hall – 102 – all start at 5:15

Session 4: Weds, Feb 26th - “Affordable Housing”

Guests: Tess Colby (Pierce Co Communication Connection), Carey Jenkins (City of Tacoma Housing), TBD (Tacoma Housing Authority)

Session 5: Weds, Mar 5th - “City Budgeting”

Guests: TC Broadnax (Tacoma City Manager), Virginia Eberhardt (Comm Council Chair), and Tadd Wille (Tacoma Finance Director)

Session 6: Weds, Mar 12th - “Place Knowledge”

Guest: Robin Hambleton (Professor of City Leadership at the University of the West of England, Bristol and Director of Urban Answers)

➔ Housing First Partners Conference "Housing First and Systems Change"

Pre-conference: March 11, 2014 Conference: March 12-14, 2014 Swissôtel, Chicago

register: hfpartnersconference.com

➔ **U S Senators Call for Funding National Housing Trust Fund**

http://www.housingfinance.com/affordable-housing/senators-call-for-funding-housing-trust-fund-o.aspx?dfpzone=news&utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=jump&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=AHFBU_012914&day=2014-01-29

➔ **PSRC Transportation Policy Board**

Report on Transit Coordination in the Central Puget Sound.

The [report](#) reviews existing institutional structures in place for transit agency coordination and describes coordination efforts among transit agencies. Specific topics included wayfinding and signage, fare coordination, regional transit coordination in downtown Seattle, transit access, and long-range transit planning.

This is the first edition of an annual report to the Transportation Policy Board on transit coordination. The Transportation Policy Board provided feedback on a number of topics to be considered for the next transit coordination report. [View the presentation](#) or [watch the discussion](#).

In case you're discouraged by not seeing a Seattle-Tacoma Transit Plan in the above report, look at South Corridor plan: http://www.psrc.org/assets/6761/South_Corridor_Handout.pdf



➔ **28th Annual Western Washington Fair Housing Conference**

Taking the Lead: Creating Partnerships for Inclusive Communities

05-22-2014 Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center



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➔ Housing-related employment opportunities

[The San Diego Housing Federation is seeking a new Executive Director!](#)

➔ NeighborWorks Achieving Excellence Program – Apply by March 26 for Fall 2014

NeighborWorks America is accepting applications for the seventh round of the [NeighborWorks Achieving Excellence Program](#). This organizational investment program has proven to be one of the most innovative and high-impact programs for organizations working to benefit their communities.

Designed for experienced nonprofit executive leaders, this exciting program:

- incorporates three academic sessions at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government,
- executive coaching throughout the 18-month program,
- structured peer-group work, and
- guidance from thought-leaders in the areas of leadership, nonprofit management and community impact.

Throughout the program, all of your work will be focused on **addressing a challenge you have defined specifically for your organization, and one you believe is truly critical to your organization’s success**. This is not “busy-work” and it is not adding something to your plate—this is an opportunity to focus on the real work of your organization and have a tremendous impact as well as an impressive return on investment.

➔ “The Bridge” is HUD’s Office of Housing Counseling Newsletter

for Housing Counselors. You can read the latest edition of “The Bridge” online at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=OHC_BRIDGE112713.pdf