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## NEWS UPDATE 04-27-2011

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**WA Legislation → Foreclosure Mediation Law Passed & Signed:** The Foreclosure Fairness bill, HB 1362, a comprehensive foreclosure prevention measure to deal with the exploding foreclosure crisis in our state, has been signed into law by Governor Gregoire. Click here for a summary of the bill and how it will work: <http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/03-29-2011%20FINAL%20SUMMARY.doc>

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### Calendar →

- **AHC Strategic Plan wrap-up with Board of Directors: April 29, 9-noon, 1323 S Yakima**
- The Washington State Coalition for the Homeless Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness in Kennewick is fast approaching, May 11-13. This is a very important training opportunity, and will include very important information about implementing the HEARTH Act, the reauthorization of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The early bird registration rate of \$275 ends April 30. After that, it goes up to \$375.  
Go to the [conference web page](#) for more information and to register if you haven't already.
- **AHC Member Meeting: May 11, 7:45 – 9:30, Evergreen Tacoma Campus, 1210 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Networking, AHC Strategic Plan Review, Refreshments**
- **AHC Public Forum: June 8, 7:45 – 9:30, Evergreen Tacoma Campus, 1210 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**New Foreclosure Prevention & Mediation Law – Panel discussion**
- Tacoma Housing Authority invites you to a “Welcome to Tacoma” Reception  
Sunday, May 1 5:30 – 7:00 pm Hotel Murano 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma  
Please join THA for an informal get-together of affordable housing and community development professionals from the four-state region of the Pacific Northwest Regional Conference of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).  
Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, entertainment  
To attend please RSVP to Nancy Vignec ([nvignec@tacomahousing.org](mailto:nvignec@tacomahousing.org))
- **AHC Affordable Housing Awards: October 20, 5 – 7 pm – More info coming**

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**News → Collaboration between McCarver Elementary & Tacoma Housing Authority to stabilize families and increase student success, with funding help from Gates Foundation: TNT article by Kathleen Merryman:** [http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/04-24-2011%20Rent%20vouchers%20aim%20to%20bolster%20McCarver%20families%20\(print\).mht](http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/04-24-2011%20Rent%20vouchers%20aim%20to%20bolster%20McCarver%20families%20(print).mht)

THA News Release:

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/THA%20BMGF%20Education%20Project%20press%20release%20final%202011-4-21%20Copy.pdf>

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**DSHS Connections** → information about *Washington Connection* Community Partnerships at:  
<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/servicereform/communitypartner.shtml>

Regional Training Information: <http://www.buildingchanges.org/washington-connection>

Pierce County Training: *Pierce North CSO*, May 31 2011, 12 noon-5 pm,  
1949 S. State St, Room 195, Tacoma, WA 98405

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**Pierce Transit Route Reductions** → The *Pierce Transit Reduction Notification* pamphlet provides route-by-route information as well as SHUTTLE service boundaries and service hours as proposed in the service reductions. Go to [www.piercetransit.org](http://www.piercetransit.org) to view or download a copy of the pamphlet.

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**Funding** → Preliminary Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Policy and Program Development Timeline for 2012 Program Year: <http://www.wshfc.org/tax-credits/timeline.pdf>  
If you have any questions you may contact [askusTC@wshfc.org](mailto:askusTC@wshfc.org) or call *Steve Walker* at 206-287-4467.

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**More Information on Affordable Housing: AHC website** →  
<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org>