

→ WA State Legislative Update: <http://wliha.org/2013-bill-tracker>

→ **Special Session = More Time to Support the Housing Trust Fund!**
Tell your legislators: Invest in opportunity for Washington families!

Over the past few weeks, affordable housing advocates have been meeting with legislators and advocating for the Housing Trust Fund. Many legislators agree: Kids can't learn when they're homeless, sick, and hungry. We need to invest in opportunity for Washington families, and that means investing in affordable housing. But in order to reach \$65 million for the Housing Trust Fund, we need new revenue.

An all-cuts budget that slashes our safety net and does not invest in the Housing Trust Fund would be a disastrous step backward for homeless and struggling families and children all over Washington. We need to move Washington forward, not back.

As Special Session marches on, we have a great opportunity to reach out to legislators and spread our message of support for New Revenue and the Housing Trust Fund. Even if you've already taken action on the Housing Trust Fund, we need you to send one more e-mail OR better yet, meet with your legislator in district!

There are two ways you can take action:

1. To find the office phone numbers and email addresses for your legislators, simply click here <http://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/> Please personalize your e-mail. The most effective messages are the ones that tell your personal story.
2. Schedule a meeting with your legislators to tell them, in person, why you support \$65 million for the Housing Trust Fund. Even better, meet with them *at* your affordable housing site! During special session, most legislators are back in their districts and may have time for longer meetings with constituents. This is a great opportunity to invite them to tour your affordable housing site and remind them of the great work being done with Housing Trust Fund investment.

Consistent, repetitive advocacy is the key to ensuring the House and Senate do the right thing and match the Governor's \$65 million Housing Trust Fund allocation.

Thank you for your continued advocacy!

➔ New HOME Rent Limits

New HOME rents limits are out...effective June 1st. I have attached the income & rent limits spreadsheet for your reference. Please note that we did check with THA and the utility allowances issued November of 2011 are still in effect.

HOME Program Income Limits Effective: March 15, 2013

Family Size	Median Income	30% of Median Income Limit	50% of Median Income Limit	60% of Median Income Limit	65% of Median Income Limit	80% of Median Income Limit
1	\$49,200	\$14,750	\$24,600	\$29,520	\$31,980	\$39,350
2	56,200	16,850	28,100	33,720	36,530	44,950
3	63,200	18,950	31,600	37,920	41,080	50,550
4	70,200	21,050	35,100	42,120	45,630	56,150
5	75,900	22,750	37,950	45,540	49,335	60,650
6	81,500	24,450	40,750	48,900	52,975	65,150
7	87,100	26,150	43,550	52,260	56,615	69,650
8	92,700	27,800	46,350	55,620	60,255	74,150

Rent Limits: Effective June 1, 2013

	Studio	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	4-Bedroom	5-Bedroom	6-Bedroom
Fair Market	\$608	\$740	\$964	\$1,421	\$1,707	\$1,963	\$2,219
Low Home Rent	627	672	807	932	1,040	1,148	1,254
High Home Rent	669	791	997	1,178	1,295	1,410	1,525
50% Rent Limit	627	672	807	932	1,040	1,148	1,254
65% Rent Limit	796	854	1,027	1,178	1,295	1,410	1,525

Maximum home value for TCRA assistance is \$362,790 (after-rehab value), as of 10/02/2007.

FYI: Maximum home value under HUD's proposed HOME program rule would be \$203,300 (as of 03/29/2012).

➔ **McCarver – THA Housing Program in the News! 3 great stories!**

http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/05/19/2603005/the-home-and-school-connection.html#emlnl=Local_News

http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/05/19/2603014/mccarver-a-natural-candidate-for.html#emlnl=Local_News

http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/05/19/2603015/reputation-earns-housing-authority.html#emlnl=Local_News

➔ **THA – Private Developer in the News!**

http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/05/10/2592123/private-developer-public-housing.html#emlnl=Today's_Headlines

➔ **HUD Issues Notice on Service and Assistance Animals:**

April 25, HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity issued Notice # FHEO-2013-01 (attached), which provides guidance to housing providers on animals that provide assistance to persons with disabilities. The notice applies to housing providers covered by the Fair Housing Act, Section 504, & the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Notice discusses definitions of service animals, how the various applicable laws fit together, & requirements for providing reasonable accommodations for persons who have service animals. See HUD Press Release #13-060A: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2013/HUDNo.13-060A

➔ **Joint HUD- Justice Dept Statement on Accessible Design for Multifamily**

Housing: On April 30, HUD and the U.S. Department of Justice issued the attached Joint Statement on Accessibility (Design and Construction) Requirements for Covered Multifamily Dwellings Under the Fair Housing Act. This Joint Statement provides guidance regarding the persons, entities, and types of housing and related facilities that are subject to the accessible design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act. See also HUD Press Release #13-055: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2013/HUDNo.13-055

➔ **Be a Champion for Military Veterans!**

Help LIHI win \$250,000 to house homeless veterans by voting on Facebook in the month of May. Click [here](#) to help.

Low Income Housing Institute is a member organization of the AHC.

→ KWA hiring 100 home health workers



News Release

For release 10:00 a.m. (PST) Friday, May 10th, 2013

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KWA Hiring 100 Caregivers in Pierce County

KWA's largest hiring event ever!

KWA is partnering with Home Depot, Work Source, Work Force Central and American Medical Rental & Supply to present the KWA Hiring Fair 2013 on Wednesday, May 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Work Force Central, located at 3650 South Cedar Street Tacoma, WA 98409.

More than 100 Caregiver positions are available and need to be filled immediately. "This is an awesome opportunity to provide much needed jobs in Pierce County," said Pete Ansara, Executive Director of KWA.

This event's focus is not only finding quality caregivers, but to show interested parties what a day in the life of a caregiver looks like. There will be stations set up for attendees to participate in practice activities that would occur in a home-care situation. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions about this hands-on position to help determine if this job is a good fit. All medical equipment is provided by American Medical Rental & Supply.

KWA will have onsite hiring confirmation for qualified candidates. Attendees should bring: three references (at least one employer), job history with contact information, Washington State driver's license and proof of car insurance (attendees name listed).

Pierce County is still experiencing a 10.4% unemployment rate with 41,080 out of work; KWA's desire is to increase the number of employed residents in Pierce County.



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Integrated Pest Management (IPM) & Indoor Environmental Quality Course

May 28-29, 2013

Catholic Community Services

1323 South Yakima Avenue ♦ Tacoma, WA 98405

This 1.5 day course will help you implement a comprehensive integrated pest management program to effectively eliminate pests and rodents from multi-family housing. In addition, the course will provide an overview of some of the most common hazards that impact our indoor air quality, including mold, chemicals, and dust.

According to the EPA, we spend 90% of our time indoors and our indoor air can be up to 5 times more polluted than outdoor air. Register now for this course to learn how you can create healthier home environments.

Registration Instructions: Please email, mail or fax the registration to Connie Brown at the Tacoma/Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium.

Fee: \$50 per person (includes food and materials)

Mailing Address:

ATTN: Connie Brown, Tacoma/Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium, 1323 S Yakima Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405

Fax: 253.627.2160

Email: connie@tpcahc.org

When your registration form is received, you will receive a confirmation via e-mail.

Who Should Attend?

- Property Owners
- Property Management
- Maintenance
- Resident Services
- Community-Based Organizations
- Environmental Health Professionals
- Residents
- Pest Control Operators
- Housing Inspectors
- Public Health Professionals

Course Goals

- Understand health effects of household contaminants.
- Learn how to implement integrated pest management.
- Identify resources to solve problems.
- Learn techniques to reduce resident exposures.
- Identify potential violations of law, policy or contract and report it to proper person at housing owner organization.

Instructors: [Chuck Treser](#), University of Washington

[Aileen Gagney](#), American Lung Association

REGISTRATION

➔ Send to Connie Brown - connie@tpcahc.org

Organization: _____

Name of Participant: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Payment

➔ Send check to TPCAHC, 1323 S Yakima Ave, Tacoma WA 98405