



TACOMA / PIERCE COUNTY
**AFFORDABLE
HOUSING
CONSORTIUM**

NEWS UPDATE 07-27-2010

SAMHSA Releases Supportive Housing Toolkit →

Affirms permanent supportive housing's status as an evidence-based practice and solution.

After many years of development, the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services has finalized and posted a new toolkit on its website.

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/CommunitySupport/toolkits/housing/>

Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing is decent, safe, and affordable community-based housing that provides residents the rights of tenancy under state and local landlord-tenant laws. The housing is linked to voluntary and flexible support and services designed to meet tenants' needs and preferences.

You will need [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view PDFs.

Permanent Supportive Housing Evidence-Based Practice

[How to Use the Evidence-Based Practices KITs](#) (PDF, 940 KB)

[Getting Started with Evidence-Based Practices](#) (PDF, 1.04 MB)

[Building Your Program](#) (PDF, 3.3 MB)

[Training Frontline Staff](#) (PDF, 2.6 MB)

[Evaluating Your Program](#) (PDF, 2 MB)

[Using Multimedia to Introduce Your EBP](#) (PDF, 8.4 MB)

[Tools for Tenants](#) (PDF, 1.9 MB)

[Brochure \(English\)](#) (PDF, 714 KB)

[Introductory Powerpoint](#) (PPT, 447 KB)

[The Evidence](#) (PDF, 2 MB)

Special Report → Market & Economic Overview – U S Bank – 07-19

View pdf: <http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/07-19-2010-Dan%20Spiller%20US%20Bank%20Economic%20Presentation.pdf>

WA Low Income Housing Alliance → July News:

Rent: It's not a four-letter word anymore

Foreclosure prevention program falling short?

Standing room only at Governor's Tacoma budget hearing

New self-help housing for Central Kitsap

Excess capacity holding back housing market

Jobless benefits bill passed; President to sign

Sustainable redevelopment in Surrey, BC

Everett budget hearing draws a crowd

Engage - Learn – Connect

Jobs, Internships and More

Link to WLIHA News:

http://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/2685/p/salsa/web/common/public/content?content_item_KEY=7618

Client Opportunity → The Pierce County Asset Building Coalition is looking for people who are willing to enter a savings program called an **Individual Development Account (IDA)**. Participants are required to complete a financial education course and work to save for one of the assets listed below. Eligibility includes income 80% or less of area median income and current assets no more than \$10,000 (not including a primary automobile or home). Savings must be added each month for at least six months and the participant's savings will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$4000, when the purchase is made. Please contact Barbara Gorzinski at 253-383-3056 x118 or email barbarag@associatedministries.org for more information and an application. This program will end July, 2011 and there are a few accounts left to fill.

. **Postsecondary education and training.** Education and training may be provided to the accountholder, their spouse, or a dependent child and must be provided through an educational institution or training provider approved by the Washington state work force education and training coordinating board.

. **Computer.** The purchase of a computer must be determined to be necessary for work-related activities and/or postsecondary education or training.

. **Automobile or truck.** The purchase of a vehicle must be determined to be necessary for work-related activities and/or postsecondary education or training.

. **Assistive technologies.** Eligible uses include the purchase or enhancement of technologies that will allow persons with disabilities to participate in work-related activities.

The IDA may also be used for **homeownership** and small business capitalization, with additional asset-specific training.

Fair Housing Training → Wednesday, July 28, 2010 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
SOUNDVIEW BUILDING 3602 Pacific Avenue, Soundview Conference Room, Tacoma
more information: [http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/07-28-2010%20Fair%20Housing_General%20Training%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/07-28-2010%20Fair%20Housing_General%20Training%20(2).pdf)

Assessing & Treating Adult ADD Workshop → September 17 9am – 4:30 pm
HopeSparks, 6424 N 9th Tacoma more information:
<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/09-17-2010%20Adult%20ADD.pdf>

SAVE THESE DATES! →

AHC 4TH ANNUAL CANDIDATE FORUM ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING
September 8 – Evergreen Tacoma Campus 1210 6th Av, Tacoma



October 19 & 20 – Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center

Information: <http://www.desktop-creations.com/housing/std2010.htm>

Newsletter May 1:

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/HW%20newsletter%20information.doc>

Exhibitors information:

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/Exhibitor%20Information.pdf>

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/NPGP%20Exhibit%20ResPay%20Form.pdf>