

GH / KP Housing & Homelessness Coalition -

Oct. 31, , 2024 - Agenda 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Pierce County Human Services - Valeri Almony

Tacoma Pierce County Health Dept - Jennie Schoeppe

***KPCS Homeless Outreach / Case Management Update - Delci Whited**

***Family Resource Center Update -**

“ Prevention Pilot Program Update” - Open Discussion

***** In 2023, People experiencing homelessness in Pierce County indicated they were survivors of domestic violence. (53% women, 20% men, 60% indentifying as transgender).**

Pierce County FPPC Hub Updates:

Families on waitlist for emergency shelter - 61

Un-housed children: 124, 94 waiting more than 4 weeks

Children under 3yrs old: 20 Children 3-5 yrs old: 15 Children over 5: 85

Intakes this month: 143 (103 families / 40 individuals)

Referrals to partner agencies this month: 143

*****Effec. Nov. 1st**, the ‘Physical Intake Center’ will be available to call for appts.

***Food Sustainability Crisis** - The need for food banks across Western Washington is greater than ever. According to Food Lifeline, food bank visits have increased by 63% this year with 1.6 million families and individuals finding themselves food insecurity. But with increasing needs has come a decrease in donations.

*****A University of Washington professor and author offers [a compelling analysis of the root causes of homelessness in our region](#)** in this video clip.

Mobile Auto Repair & Emissions - Mark Aldrich - Mark is local and can provide mobile auto / truck repair work, and onsite quotes. 253-355-3662

Pierce county **"Inclement Weather (heat/cold) Shelters**

- KP: Waypoint Church North (12719 134th Ave. NW) is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mon.-Fri. For information, call (253) 853-7878.
- KP: Key Peninsula Civic Center (17010 S. Vaughn Rd. NW) is open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. A volunteer will be on site if temperatures are forecast to drop below 35 degrees for two or more consecutive days. For information, eprep@kpciviccenter.org and office@kpciviccenter.org.
- GH: Chapel Hill Church Warming Center. 7700 Skansie Ave, Gig Harbor. Will open as necessary.

Enter Door D, follow signs. If doors are not open upon arrival, call 253-405-2829.

- GH Library is open daily, subject to change based on road closures.
- KP Civic Center hosts monthly PEP-C meetings covering "Emergency Preparedness" for neighborhoods. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday each month, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Whitmore Room.

***Chapel Hill Lay Counseling and support groups** - affordable/sliding scale non-clinical counseling, free support groups for life challenges for youth and adults. <https://www.chapelhillpc.org/connect/support/>

****Spring Faith and Finances course** - Chapel Hill Church in Gig Harbor is offering another course **Wednesday evenings beginning March 13 for ten weeks!** Invite any participants wanting to learn some basic financial literacy, budgeting skills and support achieving their financial goals even with very low incomes. Each participant is assigned an "ally" to go through the material with them as well as offer regular encouragement and light accountability and there are incentives for completing coursework. Please reach out to Carolyn Clear, the coordinator, if you have any questions or people to refer to the course. carolyn.clear@gmail.com

From Tacoma Rescue Mission's Duke Paulson:
Hello!

I want to give you a brief update about the Good Neighbor Village project. This is in part to respond to misleading allegations made by the Spanaway Concerned Citizens group

that opposes the project. TRM is accused by the group of willful un-permitted actions and significantly impacting the wetland areas near the Good Neighbor Village. They argue that construction should halt. Here is what happened. As the rainy season approaches, Tacoma Rescue Mission recently took steps to address accessibility via the county road to the rental home and buildings on the property. TRM had the culverts (pipes that go under the road) cleared of debris so water would flow freely underneath and not over the road during continuous rain. We also replaced a failed overflow culvert and added gravel to the roadway to level and fill potholes, and in one case widened the road to more closely match the two-lane width of the road connecting to it. TRM also added gravel to a deteriorated dirt road for vehicle access to a barn and a turnaround located on the property. In one location, the added gravel encroached 8-10 feet into a wetland buffer area. We now know that these actions should have been discussed and, in several cases, permitted separately from our current project permit process prior to doing this work. These oversights occurred due to an internal communication error between different teams, and we have since taken firm steps to ensure that this mistake will not happen again.

After disclosing what happened to the regulating agencies and viewing the area with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, a wetland biologist, the county staff, and TRM contracted engineers and project team, TRM was told that this work should have been specifically permitted, and because it was not, we would receive formal notice letters from the county for each violation as well as a request to submit plans to repair any damage. On a positive note, what was done is generally allowable activity (when permitted) and has not significantly damaged the wetland areas or wildlife. TRM has agreed to do remediation (corrective actions) to repair damage done, as well as to apply for and retroactively receive the permits needed for the performed work. This will effectively correct the situation, which is what we all want to happen.

Additional good news is that the wetland impact was performed on a road that was not a part of the Good Neighbor Village project area. We've been informed that this should have no impact on the viability of the Good Neighbor Village permitting and construction proceeding as planned. We are very excited to continue developing this new community that gives real hope and a new life to our chronically unhoused neighbors in Pierce County.

At the Tacoma Rescue Mission, we are committed to learning from this experience and ensuring that we uphold the highest standards of responsibility — both to our community and the environment. We sincerely apologize for any concern this may have caused, and we are working diligently to correct it. If you have any further questions or feedback, we welcome the opportunity for dialogue as we move forward.

Duke Paulson

Executive Director (he/him)



Housing

KCR's Housing division serves the needs of families and individuals in Kitsap County who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. We provide services that can help you prevent eviction; find affordable housing options; and we work to help stabilize families who are in crisis situations.

Housing Solutions Center (HSC) of Kitsap County

The Kitsap County Housing Solutions Center is your first step in seeking housing assistance. This center is funded by grants from the Kitsap County Housing and Homelessness Division; works in tandem with community partners throughout the county; and is managed and staffed by Kitsap Community Resources.

As a one-stop community portal to county-wide housing availability and resources, HSC can connect individuals to housing resources throughout the county, including emergency shelter, rental & deposit assistance, and/or landlord referral.

[HOUSING SOLUTIONS CENTER INTAKE APPLICATION 2024](#)

HSC maintains lists of housing availability for all community partner organizations located in Kitsap County. Residents seeking assistance can begin their search with HSC where KCR Navigators will work one-on-one with

them to determine eligibility and make referrals to the appropriate housing resource.

***All housing referrals are subject to the current availability of resources within the community.**

About Menu

HSC Locations

Hours of operation vary, please call the corresponding phone number listed below for hours.

Bremerton

Kitsap Community Resources (Main HSC Center)

1201 Park Avenue

Bremerton, WA 98337

(360) 473-2035

Coffee Oasis

Serving Ages 13-25

837 4th Street, Bremerton, WA 98337

(360) 377-5560

Port Orchard

Kitsap Community Resources

3200 SE Rainshadow Ct.

Port Orchard, WA 98366

(360) 473-2146

North Kitsap

787 Liberty Lane NW

Poulsbo, WA 98370

(360) 801-2564

Bainbridge Island Helpline House

282 Knechtel Way NE

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

(360) 801-2564

The HSC Process and Eligibility

- HSC offers services to Kitsap County residents who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The eligibility for specific programs such as emergency shelters and rental assistance will depend on the specific qualifications of each agency. Your KCR Navigator will review your personal situation and connect you with the resources for which you are qualified.
- Individuals and families are encouraged to visit their nearest HSC location. Many convenient sites are located in Kitsap County, including centers in Bremerton, North Kitsap, Bainbridge Island, South Kitsap. Coffee Oasis locations are open exclusively for teens and young adults ages 13-25.
- All households will complete a brief intake application followed by an appointment with a KCR Navigator to review available housing options.
- All clients are able to be seen on a walk-in basis at the Bremerton location.(1201 Park Ave, Bremerton)

HSC Partners

HSC partners with many partner agencies to connect those in need to the appropriate housing solution; including...

Vincent de Paul of Bremerton

West Sound Treatment Center

Catholic Community Services/Benedict House

Agape Unlimited

North Kitsap Fishline

Housing Kitsap

The Salvation Army

Kitsap Recovery Center

Hope in Christ Ministries/Coffee Oasis

Kitsap Mental Health Services

YWCA/Alive

Kitsap Transit

Bremerton Housing Authority

Housing Resource Bainbridge

Kitsap Rescue Mission

Kitsap Public Health District

Kitsap Connect

Helpline House

Georgia House

Scarlet Road

Kitsap Sexual Assault Center

KCR Housing Programs

KCR has a variety of housing units for low-income families with children. Our housing units vary from emergency shelter to permanent supportive housing. All housing programs have supportive services available, such as help with obtaining employment and permanent housing. If you are interested in living in KCR housing, please contact the Housing Solutions Center to ensure that you have a current application on file. If a unit becomes available, potential tenants will be contacted by the KCR property manager.

****URGENT UPDATE****

Due to COVID-19 concerns, Kitsap Recovery Center is temporarily suspending outside visitation to our residential and withdrawal management facilities. We are also suspending weekend family groups and visitation. Only essential staff and volunteers will be allowed in the facility. While we understand this may be an inconvenience for our community members, we have made these decisions to protect the health and well-being of our residents and staff. Kitsap Recovery Center remains committed to providing effective treatment in a safe environment. We will continue to monitor our visitation policies as information about the spread of COVID-19 evolves.

KITSAP COUNTY RECOVERY CENTER

Kitsap Recovery Center

ABOUT US

Kitsap Recovery Center (KRC), located in Port Orchard, provides both inpatient and outpatient substance abuse treatment services.

KRC is state-approved and utilizes the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) treatment criteria.

The facility houses 27 inpatient treatment beds and 9 sub-acute detoxification beds. Employees include treatment staff, administrative support staff and two private consultants contracted to provide medical and dietary advice and assistance.

Annually, approximately 1,200 adult men and women receive chemical dependency treatment for drug and/or alcohol addiction.

KRC serves primarily low-income and Medicaid-eligible clients. KRC provides information, education and referrals to all county residents.

SERVICES INCLUDE...

- Inpatient treatment program (up to 60 days)**
- Sub-acute detoxification services (varied length of stay)**
- DSHS assessments and referrals (state-sponsored treatment)**
- Case management services**
- Drug Court outpatient chemical dependency treatment**
- Programs for family members of in-patient clients**
- Information and referrals**

FUNDING

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) directly

funds intensive inpatient treatment. A separate contract with DSHS provides funding for most other Recovery Center services administered by the Human Services Division. Drug Court services are funded through a federal grant. The County contributes funds from real estate excise tax revenues to offset mortgage and other facility expenses.

Mission Statement

The mission of Kitsap Recovery Center is to promote healthy lifestyles and communities through superior, responsive, cost-effective chemical dependency treatment services leading to improved quality of life for those involved in or affected by chemical dependency.

Staff Values

Integrity - by maintaining ethical principles and standards and keeping commitments.

Respect - by appreciating each other's contributions and allowing for a risk-free environment where differing opinions are accepted.

Team work - by working together for a common mission and by appreciating the roles played and efforts made by each person on the team.

Growth - by seeking self-care and self-improvement, staff remain centered and more effectively contribute to the mission.

Compassion - by treating others with dignity.

Communication - practicing listening skills, sharing necessary information and respecting confidentiality.

***National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.** The U.S. is getting close to the July 16 transition to 988 – the easy-to-remember number to reach the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This transition is an important step to strengthening and transforming the crisis care continuum in the U.S. Find out more below.

***TPCHD - WA State** Department of Health unveils Strong Start, a new statewide data system that supports child development *The free, secure online tool helps families track children's development from birth through age 5*

OLYMPIA –The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is pleased to announce the launch of the state's new universal developmental screening system, [Strong Start](#). It's a free online tool where parents, caregivers, and providers can securely store, share, and track children's developmental screening information from birth through age 5.

By creating a centralized and secure location for sharing developmental information, Strong Start offers families and health care providers the opportunity to collaborate to best support each child's unique development and make sure they find any needed support. Regular screenings show how children are doing with language, movement, thinking, and interacting with others. It's important because the brain develops faster between birth and age 5 than any other stage.

"Universal developmental screenings play a critical role in ensuring all children have the best possible chance at a healthy future by monitoring important milestones in their speech, play, and motor skills," said Michele Roberts, Assistant Secretary for Prevention and Community Health, DOH. "Strong Start empowers parents and caregivers to take direct action in their child's health while also ensuring they can find the necessary resources for their children to thrive."

Parents and caregivers can add Strong Start as a service to their [Secure Access Washington](#) accounts. From there, they can easily enter their child's completed developmental screening results and share them with authorized health care providers of their choosing. Parents and caregivers can also use links to find screening tools within Strong Start if a child has not completed a developmental screening with their health care provider.

Pierce Transit Runner is now available in [Transit](#), Pierce Transit's all-in-one app to plan, track and pay for rides. Thanks to this new integration, riders can for the first time plan and pay for trips that combine Pierce Transit's on-demand and regular bus services. [Read more here.](#)

RUNNER MEANS ON-DEMAND TRANSIT

With one simple smartphone app and just a few taps, Pierce Transit Runner will pick you up and drop you off in certain areas where a bus may not be available – all for the same low public transit fare. Convenient, fast, and affordable on-demand transportation is at your fingertips to help you get to work, school, shopping or connect to local buses or regional rail.

[What is Runner?](#) | [Hours and location](#) | [How to ride](#) | [Fares](#) | [Accessibility](#) | [Things to know](#) | [FAQs](#)

WHAT IS RUNNER?

Convenient

Use your phone to tell Pierce Transit Runner where you are and where you want to go. Runner pairs riders headed in the same direction to ensure faster service. Also, with your ORCA card, you can transfer easily to or from a bus.

Fast

Booking your ride is quick and a Runner will pick you up in about 15 minutes! The app will send you an approximate arrival time for your vehicle and you can track your driver in real-time.

Affordable

Ride the Runner for the same cost as a Pierce Transit bus trip. Also, Runner doesn't raise prices during peak hours, so you can rely on the same great pricing whenever you ride!

Transit Options

The app will list your best transit choice based on your pickup and drop-off points—in some cases that may be a trip on the bus or another transit service.

Resource Links / Materials

- Chapel Hill Lay Counseling and support groups - <https://www.chapelhillpc.org/connect/support/>
 - Greater Lakes Mental Health www.glmhc.org
 - Refugee Women's Alliance - www.rewa.org
 - Legal Aid www.tacomaprobono.org
 - Tacoma Rescue Mission www.trm.org
 - MDC www.mdc-hope.org
 - Work Force Central www.workforce-central.org
 - Blue Star Families www.bluestarfam.org
 - A Place Called Home" by David Ambroz
 - Violet Sees www.violetsees.org
 - "Love in the Time of Fentanyl" www.meaningfulmovies.org
 - Associated Ministries Programs <https://associatedministries.org/>
 - Miracle Messages - reach lost family - www.1800MISSYOU.org
 - Cornerstone Respite - www.cornerstonerespite.org
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