**GHKP Housing & Homeless Coalition- May 29, 2024 Meeting Agenda**

**-PC Human Services** Update Valeri Almony -Family Resource Center - Kate Landon

**-KPCS** Outreach / Case Mgmt - Delci Whiten **-Family Promise of Pierce County** -

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**Presentation: Open - Discussion of Federal Medicare/Medicaid Reductions**

\*Homeless Housing Update:

Family Promise Update: Families on waitlist for emergency shelter: 86

Un-housed Children: 181 Children under 3: 55 Children 3-5: 23

Children over 5: 91 Unaccompanied Minors: 0 Single Males: 4

Single Females: 5 Couples/Social Groups: 0

\*NOTE ; [https://rocusa.org](https://rocusa.org/) - Manufactured Housing Programs - PC Council Review

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| \*\*[**HB 1217, the Housing Stability Act, was passed by the Washington state Legislature on April 27, 2025**1](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=cf32fdbf758af985af84c2252a78468f682517b614db475bfd86e4c27468acb7JmltdHM9MTc0NjU3NjAwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=1ccaf5ff-277e-6d2d-106e-e01d26c46c51&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly9sZXdpc2JyaXNib2lzLmNvbS9uZXdzcm9vbS9sZWdhbC1hbGVydHMvd2FzaGluZ3Rvbi1zdGF0ZS1sYXdtYWtlcnMtcGFzcy1zdGF0ZXdpZGUtcmVudC1zdGFiaWxpemF0aW9uLWxlZ2lzbGF0aW9u&ntb=1). [It caps rent increases for most single-family and multi-family landlords and mandates specific notice requirements for rent increases that landlords must comply with to increase rents1](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=cf32fdbf758af985af84c2252a78468f682517b614db475bfd86e4c27468acb7JmltdHM9MTc0NjU3NjAwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=1ccaf5ff-277e-6d2d-106e-e01d26c46c51&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly9sZXdpc2JyaXNib2lzLmNvbS9uZXdzcm9vbS9sZWdhbC1hbGVydHMvd2FzaGluZ3Rvbi1zdGF0ZS1sYXdtYWtlcnMtcGFzcy1zdGF0ZXdpZGUtcmVudC1zdGFiaWxpemF0aW9uLWxlZ2lzbGF0aW9u&ntb=1)[3](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=ef3a30f6a1fe48b900649897d0e2285c1cde199c207fd16b3ff4cafda28f175fJmltdHM9MTc0NjU3NjAwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=1ccaf5ff-277e-6d2d-106e-e01d26c46c51&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuY2FzY2FkZXBicy5vcmcvcG9saXRpY3MvMjAyNS8wNC93YS1sZWdpc2xhdHVyZS1hcHByb3Zlcy15ZWFybHktcmVudC1jYXBzLWp1c3QtdW5kZXItd2lyZQ&ntb=1). [The bill limits annual rent hikes for most tenants to 7% plus inflation, or 10%, whichever is lower3](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=ef3a30f6a1fe48b900649897d0e2285c1cde199c207fd16b3ff4cafda28f175fJmltdHM9MTc0NjU3NjAwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=1ccaf5ff-277e-6d2d-106e-e01d26c46c51&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuY2FzY2FkZXBicy5vcmcvcG9saXRpY3MvMjAyNS8wNC93YS1sZWdpc2xhdHVyZS1hcHByb3Zlcy15ZWFybHktcmVudC1jYXBzLWp1c3QtdW5kZXItd2lyZQ&ntb=1). [For mobile homeowners, rent increases would be capped at 5% each year3](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=ef3a30f6a1fe48b900649897d0e2285c1cde199c207fd16b3ff4cafda28f175fJmltdHM9MTc0NjU3NjAwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=1ccaf5ff-277e-6d2d-106e-e01d26c46c51&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuY2FzY2FkZXBicy5vcmcvcG9saXRpY3MvMjAyNS8wNC93YS1sZWdpc2xhdHVyZS1hcHByb3Zlcy15ZWFybHktcmVudC1jYXBzLWp1c3QtdW5kZXItd2lyZQ&ntb=1). [The bill passed the Senate Floor Vote on April 10th, the Conference on April 27th, and the House on April 27th4](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=acfdd0a1b8bf3844d9b817a08561dbb86956c6a25feedb30cfdf488d1316a542JmltdHM9MTc0NjU3NjAwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=1ccaf5ff-277e-6d2d-106e-e01d26c46c51&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93YXNoaW5ndG9uZ3IuY29tL2hiLTEyMTctdGltZWxpbmUv&ntb=1). |
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**\*\*How to File for Property Tax Exemptions:**

(provided by Adria Johnston / PC Foreclosure Avoidance Coordinator

For those seniors and those with disabilities, when it comes to the property taxes, make sure they are looking into the Exemption program.

[Senior Citizens Or People with Disabilities | Pierce County, WA - Official Website](https://www.piercecountywa.gov/702/Senior-Citizens-Or-People-with-Disabilit)

**\*\*Key Free Clinic** - Open the first and third Thursday of each month. Check in is between 430 and 5pm It is located at the Corral in Key Center. 9013 KPHN Lakebay WA 98349. It is not an urgent care.

# Eviction prevention

## **About**

The **Pierce County Eviction Prevention** program supports eligible low-income households with their past due rent. Submitting an application does not guarantee payment and due to limited funding, not all eligible households can be served through this program. Beginning in February 2025, eligible households will be chosen for assistance through a fair random lottery system as part of an evaluation to improve the program in the future.

### **The lottery is held on the 2nd Friday of each month. Only fully submitted and eligible applications are included in the lottery.**

**Next Lottery: June 13, 2025 11:59pm**

* **Referrals will go out starting Monday, June 16.**
* **The lottery is held on the 2nd Friday of each month.**
* **Applications must be fully submitted and eligible to be considered for the lottery.**

**[Apply](https://piercecountyep.corerelief.com/content2/access/login)**

**Contact Us**

**[Community Events](https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Eviction-Prevention#calendar)**

##  **About the Application Process**

**Applications will be reviewed on the second Friday of each month.** Households not selected for service may reapply from the same address six months from their last application review. Households must answer all questions and submit all required documentation to be eligible.

The tenant will submit and IF APPROVED FOR ASSISTANCE, the nonprofit providers will reach out to the landlord to collect your documentation and payment information. Landlords will no longer be able to start an application for tenants moving forward. This is to respond to landlord time and provide a faster process for households and landlords.

Before starting an application please read the eligibility requirements and required documentation. Tenants and Landlords: Please get accurate email for Landlord/Tenant BEFORE starting an application. The email must be accurate.

**Households may only be served one time by this program. Once a household is deemed eligible, all funding is based on household need and there is no guarantee of assistance through this program.**

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**\*\*Pierce County Begins Development of Five-year Homeless Housing Plan**

**\*RESOLUTION NO. R2024-253**

**The Pierce County Council adopted** [**Resolution No. R2024-253**](https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/iview/proposal.cfm?proposal_num=R2024-253)**, approving the 2024 Affordable Rental Housing NOFA funding recommendations and associated expenditures, on Tuesday, Feb. 11. As a result, Pierce County Human Services announced over $17 million in Maureen Howard Affordable Housing Sales Tax awards to support affordable housing initiatives countywide. These investments will help create, preserve, and maintain over 330 affordable housing units in Pierce County.**

**Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research BILL ANALYSIS Housing Committee HB 1217 Brief Description:**

 **Improving housing stability for tenants subject to the residential landlord tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act by limiting rent and fee increases, requiring notice of rent and fee increases, limiting fees and deposits, establishing a landlord resource center and associated services, authorizing tenant lease termination, creating parity between lease types, and providing for attorney general enforcement.**

**Sponsors: Representatives Alvarado, Macri, Ramel, Peterson, Berry, Mena, Thai, Reed, Obras, Farivar, Parshley, Ortiz-Self, Cortes, Duerr, Street, Berg, Taylor, Fitzgibbon, Doglio, Timmons, Tharinger, Fosse, Gregerson, Simmons, Wylie, Pollet, Kloba, Nance, Davis, Ormsby, Lekanoff, Bergquist, Scott, Stonier and Hill. Brief Summary of Bill • • • •**

**Limits rent and fee increases to 7 percent during any 12-month period and prohibits rent and fee increases during the first 12 months of a tenancy for tenants subject to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act and the Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Act, regardless of the length or type of lease, with certain exemptions.**

**Provides certain other protections for tenants, such as rent and fee increase notice requirements; tenant lease termination provisions; and limits on move-in fees, security deposits, and late fees. Provides remedies and enforcement mechanisms for violations of the bill, including Attorney General enforcement under the Consumer Protection Act and a private cause of action for damages.**

**Requires the Department of Commerce to create an online landlord resource center and to contract with an independent third party to carry out a social vulnerability assessment of the impacts of rent stabilization. •**

 **Requires the Attorney General to publish model lease provisions This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.- 1 HB 1217 House Bill Analysis**

| **\*\*\*PC Continuum of Care - For all who are passionate about ending homelessness, please join the Continuum of Care as a “Member” or “a Board Member”**[**https://www.piercecountywa.gov/FormCenter/Human-Services-18/The-Road-Home-Membership-Candidate-Appli-566**](https://www.piercecountywa.gov/FormCenter/Human-Services-18/The-Road-Home-Membership-Candidate-Appli-566) **.—--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------****Other Legislative Actions:****Here is a quick overview of where each budget landed on key housing and homelessness priorities. We will provide a thorough overview at our** * **Preventing Cuts to Homeless Services The House provides $40 million more than the Senate to backfill homeless programs normally funded by document recording fee revenue.**
* **Right to Counsel Eviction Prevention The House provides more funding than the Senate but is still over $2 million short of the funds needed to serve the**
* **many people facing evictions across the state.**
* **Housing and Essential Needs Both budgets fully fund this program.**
* **Aged, Blind, and Disabled Cash Assistance The House budget delays implementation of a bill passed two years ago that will end the practice of the state taking the cost of the ABD cash benefit out of people’s Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. This isn’t technically a cut, since the bill wasn’t set to into effect until this fall, but it is something that will impact low-income, disabled people.**
* **Apple Health and Homes The House budget sweeps $15 million in unspent funds from the Apple Health and Homes Program.**
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**\* AA/NA Services -** [**https://www.pugetsoundaa.org/find-a-meeting**](https://www.pugetsoundaa.org/find-a-meeting) **for local meetings.**

**TPCHD - FREE WATER TESTING FOR WATER WELL OWNERS.**

**To Qualify : “Live in Pierce County on the Key Peninsula & Have a Private Well**

**Email:** **ehdrinkingwater@tpdhc.org** **or** [**www.tpchd.org/drinking**](http://www.tpchd.org/drinking) **water**

### [**Veterans Crisis Line: A free resource for veterans in need of support**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vbWVkaXVtLmNvbS9wLzQ0MWMxZDlkNzhlNCIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDA2MDUuOTU4NDg3MTEifQ._kmSRXrZuXsSD1jakazYLsV8bcYqL1ix8st0T-0dxN4/s/1121713882/br/243676242395-l)

## **The Veterans Crisis Line offers confidential support to veterans and service members in crisis**

**The Veterans Crisis Line began operating in 2007. In 2022, it became one of the** [**988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vOTg4bGlmZWxpbmUub3JnLyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDA2MDUuOTU4NDg3MTEifQ.iC2Jg5Vd73J7sCpB_n5duuvseE-OPcO60ekxBCb7x7k/s/1121713882/br/243676242395-l) **subnetwork lines.**

**As of April 2024, the Veterans Crisis Line has answered more than** [**7.7 million calls, 377,000 texts, and 941,000 chats**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnZldGVyYW5zY3Jpc2lzbGluZS5uZXQvYWJvdXQvYWJvdXQtdXMvIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDI0MDYwNS45NTg0ODcxMSJ9.jNFD6JIvJe-9Aok9Sfih6LhmKOIN1X8fKUvdZYaKjmo/s/1121713882/br/243676242395-l)**. Crisis responders have also made more than 1.5 million referrals to Veterans Affairs suicide prevention coordinators\*\*PCHS Behavioral Health Tech**

## **\*Protecting our youth with facts about fentanyl - February 9, 2024**

**Chelsea Amato** [**Fentanyl-Facts-Not-Fear-Flyer-EnglishDownload**](https://tpchd.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Fental-Facts-Not-Fear-Flyer-English.pdf)

**Just over 3 years ago, Pierce County Council passed a 0.1% sales tax to fund work to improve Behavioral Health in our community.They did so as more people and more younger people were dying of fentanyl overdose at heartbreaking rates. January 2020–June 2022, 60 people under age 24 died of fentanyl overdose in Pierce County. And fentanyl was involved in another 342 drug-poisoning-related emergency visits.**

**Tacoma-Pierce County Opioid Task Force gave us funds to create and run a youth fentanyl prevention campaign last year.**

**Public health at its best. This work is an example of what public health does best: Confront big health threats to our most vulnerable neighbors. In this case, that’s youth at risk of fentanyl overdose.**

**We used approaches honed during our** [**award-winning responses to complex public health threats**](https://granicus.com/success-stories/how-pandemic-lessons-shifted-digital-community-outreach/)**, like COVID-19 and mpox, to partner with the community and reach our youth.**

* **Talked face-to-face with people in our community**
* **Gathered local data to learn more about the youth who need help.**
* **Asked local youth to help develop messages.**
* **Educated youth about fentanyl and how to make decisions that reduce harm.**
* **Worked closely with local groups that work with youth.**

**Reaching youth where they are—millions of times. You probably saw our fentanyl facts messages—especially if you’re a younger person. In a few short months, we launched a campaign that drew 25.45 million ad impressions and 75,000 visits to our new** [**fentanlyfacts.org**](https://fentanylfacts.org/) **website. We ran the ads where kids go online.**

**Grants went to: Clover Park School District Innovative Change Makers Multicultural Cultural Child Family Hope Center Our Church Foundation Priceless Inspiration Foundation, Recovery Cafe Orting, Tahoma Indian Center Therapy Fund Foundation**

**What’s next? - Our work on this campaign was a constant reminder of fentanyl’s unique danger and how much work we all have left. Fentanyl presents an ongoing threat to our community.**

**Fentanyl is a strong opioid—as much as 50 times stronger than heroin.An amount as small as 2 grains of salt can cause an overdose. And it can be mixed into other drugs like pills, meth, cocaine, or molly without you knowing because you can’t taste or smell it.**

**It’s never safe for youth to use illicit drugs. But we know some do—and in the age of fentanyl, far too many of them overdose. That’s why our messaging offers ways youth can stay safer if they use drugs. In public health, we call it harm reduction.**

**We make sure youth know it’s only safe to use drugs prescribed by your doctor. We also help them understand** [**they can stay safer when they**](https://fentanylfacts.org/sample-home-page/stay-safer/)**: Use test strips. Carry naloxone. Don’t use alone, or don’t use in the first place**

**Learn more at** [**FentanylFacts.org**](https://fentanylfacts.org/)**.**[**Follow our social media accounts**](https://tpchd.org/i-want-to/about-us/sign-up-for-notifications/) **and** [**sign up for the Your Reliable Source blog**](https://www.tpchd.org/i-want-to/about-the-health-department/sign-up-for-notifications) **for regular updates on this and other important public health topics**

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 **Peer to Peer Life Counseling - A new way forward**

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