**GHKP Housing & Homeless Coalition- July 24, 2025 Meeting Agenda**

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

**-KPCS Outreach** - Delci Whiten **- Family Promise of Pierce County** - Laura Mapes

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**Family Promise weekly updates: Statistics as of: 07/18/25**

**Families on waitlist for emergency shelter: 104 Un-housed Children: 204 Children under 3: 53 Children 3-5: 29 Children over 5: 113**

**Unaccompanied Minors: 0 Single Males: 5 Single Females: 5**

**Couples/Social Groups: 0**

**\*Pierce County Executive Ryan Mello has proposed adding $25 million to the county budget this year to keep its contract obligations amid federal funding cuts and policy changes. Mello, a Democrat, proposes the funding come from Pierce County’s $210 million reserves and anticipated a final vote would be before the Pierce County Council in August. It would need a simple majority to pass.**

**\*\*Pep-C - Capt. Tuuli Messer-Bookman, Esq., AFNI - provided an update on the**

**Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition’s initiatives at the KP Council meeting and will be a presenter at one of our upcoming meetings.**

**DEM Recommendations Sign up for PC Alert -**

**\*The KP Fire Dept with support of DNR, Pierce Conservation District and DEM, should conduct focused site-specific risk assessments in the extreme and high hazard potential areas to make recommendations to property owners.**

**\*DEM should assist the community in developing an evacuation and shelter in-place plan**

**\*Planning and Public Works should determine what improvements could be made in the identified bottlenecks in case of evacuation and assess the potential for connecting public roads to existing private roads for creating suitable evacuation routes.**

**\*Beyond Boundaries Resource Fair 2025** - **Event Details: Beyond Boundaries Resource Fair - August 6th, 2025 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Pierce County District Court Resource Center, 925 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA, 98402 Email Louis.ihrig@esd.wa.gov for additional questions.**

**\*Food Backpacks4Kids -**

Back 2 School Event - Aug. 16th - KP Civic Center

Annual Clothing Event - Aug 22-24th - KP Civic Center

**\*\*Care Giver Burnout - https://www.caregiveraction.org/**

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

**\*\*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.

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**Housing Services for the Deaf -**

[HUD does not provide special housing services specifically for the Deaf. However, at their discretion, PHAs may permit participating households to use Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) assistance in a variety of special housing types13](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=a056bae0bce363b99a7617725fdb0acfddb056f6e953ea1dd9b22c8b23685f66JmltdHM9MTc1MDIwNDgwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=1f4faf74-850d-63e7-31ec-b97984ca62cd&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuaHVkLmdvdi9zaXRlcy9kZmlsZXMvUElIL2RvY3VtZW50cy9TcGVjaWFsX0hvdXNpbmdfVHlwZXNfVXBkYXRlZF9KdWx5XzIwMjAucGRm&ntb=1). [The CCD Housing Task Force works with Congress and HUD to increase access to decent, safe, and affordable housing for all people with disabilities4](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=8d25528d54277960daa4311bada3bc112c77a63e5550d09087039f1abe979b57JmltdHM9MTc1MDIwNDgwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=1f4faf74-850d-63e7-31ec-b97984ca62cd&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly90aGVhcmMub3JnL3BvbGljeS1hZHZvY2FjeS9ob3VzaW5nLw&ntb=1). [HUD is also committed to helping multifamily owners offer persons with disabilities housing options5](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=73bea7c3933ec1f4548ab90dde8c726326bf1d3dc20dfd85937931a667b61f61JmltdHM9MTc1MDIwNDgwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=1f4faf74-850d-63e7-31ec-b97984ca62cd&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuaHVkZXhjaGFuZ2UuaW5mby9wcm9ncmFtcy9tdWx0aWZhbWlseS1ob3VzaW5nL2Rpc2FiaWxpdHkvaW50cm9kdWN0aW9uLw&ntb=1).

**\*\*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**

**\*How to File for Property Tax Exemptions**

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

[Foreclosure | Pierce County, WA - Official Website](https://www.piercecountywa.gov/716/Foreclosure)

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.**

* **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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## **\*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.**

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**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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