**GHKP Housing & Homeless Coalition- Aug. 7, 2025 Meeting Agenda**

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

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**Statistics as of: 08/01/25**

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Single Males: **5** Single Females: **5** Couples/Social Groups: **0**

### **NW Immigrants Rights Project update -**

**\*\* Immigration Updates Webinar on Tuesday, August 26th-TPCHD**

**Our team will provide updates on immigration policies and laws, as well as provide a brief Know Your Rights presentation. The webinar will be in English from 5:00pm - 5:45pm and in Spanish from 5:45pm - 6:30pm.**

[**Click here to register for the webinar**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8-c4M5nXTaKTHQn2HO4i1A#/registration)

### **\*\*Advisory for Nonprofit Organizations and Social Service Providers Regarding Immigration Enforcement**

**We have received a number of questions from nonprofit partners, social services providers and other agencies about how they can protect their clients if immigration enforcement agents come to their building/facility or otherwise try to apprehend their clients or community members present at their building/facility. We hope the following information addresses those questions.**

[**Access the Advisory**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRvT1KYo6-xK6v-6yX8xUCo9P4QkRBO0_f4KmWTUKOwztzGBpUSAMfGLArWdNsJLRy2JusJK6ckuJ6n/pub)

### **\*\*Advisory on DHS Notice of Parole Termination**

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**From: Health Tacoma-Pierce <healthtacomapierce@public.govdelivery.com>**

**Date: 08/01/2025 9:06 AM PDT**

**Subject: Opioid Task Force summit will address Pierce County’s leading cause of accidental death.**

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* **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.**

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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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