



The Alliance of Eastside Agencies' (AEA) mission is to build healthy communities in East King County through a strong human services network by providing a strong voice for Eastside health and human services and by promoting organizational excellence among providers.

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2014 HUMAN SERVICES AWARD WINNERS:

Business of the Year: Small Threads for Kids; Elected Official: Jane Hague, KC Council; Faith Organization: Cascade Covenant Church; Not-for-Profit Staff: Karina Woodruff; Volunteer of the Year: Mabel Graham; Youth Volunteer: Alaina Blyth; Legacy Award: Sharon Anderson; Outstanding Eastside Philanthropist Award: Bill Henningsgaard; Community Impact Award: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett.

AEA eNews

Our monthly member newsletter – January 2015

AEA News!

➤ **Time to Join AEA or Renew your AEA Membership!**

Much is to be accomplished in 2015! To accomplish our important work we need all of your voices, participation and support by joining or renewing AEA membership today. **If you renew or join by January 19th you will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to be used in any way you wish!**

Renewal & joining is easy—simply go to our website provided below and follow instructions: www.allianceofeastsideagencies.org/joinaea.html.

If you have any questions please contact David Downing, AEA co-chair and Youth Eastside Services, Associate Director at 425-586-2327 or davidd@youtheastideservices.org.

➤ **Thank you 2015 AEA Members**

We appreciate the following Agencies which have renewed their membership since our last newsletter: Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS), Assistance League of the Eastside, Attain Housing (formerly KITH), AtWork!, Catholic Community Services, Child Care Resources, Chinese Information and Service Center (CISC), Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP), Encompass, Friends of Youth (FOY), International Community Health Services (ICHS), Kinderling, Mercer Is. Youth & Family Services, NAMI-Eastside, Together Center, Youth Eastside Services (YES), YWCA of King County/Seattle/Snohomish.

➤ **New Year Networking Get-Together – Jan. 21**

January 21, 2015 at 4:30pm-6:00pm

Blue C Sushi in Bellevue Square

Join fellow AEA members for fun and networking time during happy hour. AEA will provide some appetizers. RSVP on [Evite](#).

➤ **Please join us for AEA's Annual Assembly on February 4th.
“Your Voice Matters — Health and Human Services Integration”**

The planning and integrating of social services, behavioral health, prevention and medical services is happening NOW in Washington State, King County and here in East King County. Goals of this integration include: improving the care experience of individuals as well as population health outcomes, while decreasing overall costs.

This is an exciting time, yet one that creates many questions. What exists now? How will integration impact the work of service providers and other partners in the community safety net? Come to the Assembly to learn from lead representatives of Washington State, King County, Funders and policy influencers to be informed, to engage in the conversation and to have your voice heard in how this process will best work for our Eastside residents and users of services.

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Redmond City Hall

15670 NE 85th St, Redmond, WA 98052

Registration: 12:30 pm

Program: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Featuring Keynote Speaker, Charissa Fotinos, M.D., Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Washington State Health Care Authority

Panel to include:

- Dr. Eric Murray, President, Cascadia College - Panel Moderator
- Sara Levin, Vice President of Community Services, United Way of King County
- Teresita Batayola, Executive Director, International Community Health Services
- Susan McLaughlin, PhD. Health & Human Services Integration Manager, King County Department of Community and Human Services
- Laura Porter, Senior Director of ACEs Learning Institute, Foundation for Healthy Generations

YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT...[Register Today!](#) Free Admission.

(EventBrite: <http://aea-annual-assembly.eventbrite.com>.)

Please share this invitation with others in the community! We hope to see you there!

➤ **Election for AEA Board of Directors**

The election will be held during the Annual Assembly on February 4th.

The slate of nominees for board officers is as follows:

Rochelle Clayton Strunk, Co-Chair

Gina Yarwood, Co-Chair

Barb Thompson, Vice Chair

Helen Banks Routon, Secretary

Pam Mauk, Together Center* (Together Center is the fiscal sponsor for AEA; Pam Mauk serves as Treasurer per AEA's bylaws)

David Downing, Immediate Past President

Featured Member Agency of the Month

➤ **Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS)**

High-School Programming on the Eastside

Throughout King County, ACRS fuels success for families and individuals spanning many generations. They provide a wide-range of services in over forty languages to nearly 28,000 people annually. ACRS helps Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) and others overcome adversity while maintaining their dignity and respecting their cultures.

ACRS started the Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Program in response to an increasing need for services that would strengthen AAPI families and communities. CYF staff use a bicultural, bilingual model of service delivery and provide culturally competent, community-based mental health counseling, case management and youth leadership development programs. They also offer an array of programming for American-born, immigrant, and refugee youth and families.

One such opportunity is the Teen Peer Advocate Program (TPAP), which now hosts support group chapters at Interlake, Sammamish, and Newport high schools. TPAP was developed to meet the need for culturally appropriate services for young AAPI women who have experienced sexual assault and dating violence. It establishes a community of safety, where victims and those at risk can seek support, gain access to critical resources, and be empowered to take action towards the goal of ending the cycle of violence.

ACRS asks AEA members to consider TPAP when helping Eastside clients overcome issues related to dating/domestic violence, gender roles, oppression, social media abuse, sexual assault and harassment. To learn more, please contact Deanna Hamamoto at ACRS (www.acrs.org) at 206-695-7600.

Member News

➤ **Section 8 Rental Assistance**

On January 28, 2015 the King County Housing Authority will begin accepting applications for placement on the Section 8 rental assistance waiting list. Applications will be taken solely on-line and accessed through their website at www.kcha.org starting at 6 A.M.

Flyers are available in several languages. If an applicant has a question about the application process, they can contact their office at 206-214-1300. If they find any technical difficulties when accessing the application, please email KCHA at waitlist@kcha.org.

➤ **Together Center – Office Spaces available**

Together Center has a small 140-square foot windowed office available for lease in its 20-agency nonprofit campus. Just one other suite remains available at Together Center, one with 1,275 square feet, four windowed offices and more.

Together Center offers below-market lease rates and multiple shared resources. Contact Pam Mauk at 425-869-1174 or pamm@togethercenter.org for more information.

Community News

➤ **Volunteer for 2015 One Night Count – Friday, Jan. 23, 1:30-5:30 a.m.**

Dedicated community members will explore the Eastside to gather a count of homeless community members who are without shelter. This annual count is an initiative of the Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness and happens throughout King County and the nation on the same night. This is the Eastside's 11th year of participation in the King County Count. The count is completed to provide information to service providers; funders; and local, state and national government about the status of homelessness in our communities. This invaluable information is utilized to design effective interventions and gather resources to fund them.

Count volunteers will gather at 1:30 am on Friday, January 23 (I.E. very late Thursday night). Team leaders will provide training on safety and count procedures. Teams of 4 to 6 people will then head to specific count areas throughout Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland and count the homeless individuals and camps that are found. Teams return to no later than 5:00 a.m. to turn in their numbers and have a hot breakfast!

Please RSVP to Leslie Miller at lmiller@kirkland.gov. Visit www.homelessinfo.org for more information, especially for upcoming Beyond the One Night Count workshops.

- ***Thanks for reading our newsletter. Watch for us next month.***
- **AEA Board of Directors**