



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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2013 HUMAN SERVICES AWARD WINNERS:

*Business of the Year: CFO Selection; Elected Official: Amy Walen, Kirkland City Council
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Legacy Award: Mimi Siegel; Volunteer of the Year: Art Mabbott; Youth Volunteer: Eila Sturdivant*

AEA eNews

Our monthly member newsletter – February 2014

AEA News!

➤ **Thank you AEA Members**

We appreciate the following Agencies which have renewed their membership since our last newsletter: ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing), Assistance League of the Eastside, Athletes for Kids, Catholic Community Services of KC, Child Care Resources, Chinese Information and Service, Congregations for the Homeless, Eastside Legal Assistance Program, Eastside Baby Corner, Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress, Hero House, Kindering Center, King County Housing Authority, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, Lifewire, NAMI-Eastside, Youth Eastside Services, YWCA of KC, Seattle & Snohomish. **Together we make a difference by impacting important human services issues and growing leadership in our sector in East King County!**

Our membership drive is still on. Renewal is easy! Simply go the AEA website: www.allianceofeastsideagencies.org/joinaea.html, complete the registration information and submit your fee through PayPal. Organizations which prefer to pay by check can submit the e-mail confirmation as an “invoice” to mail with a check to the AEA address (provided in email).

➤ **Fond Farewell to longtime Board Member, Sharon Anderson**

Sharon recently retired as Human Services Coordinator for the City of Kirkland. She has been a highly active and engaged member of the Alliance of Eastside Agencies, serving many years on its Board of Directors. She took the lead in planning the yearly AEA Human Services Awards Luncheon, and the successful event at Bear Creek owes everything to her careful planning and dedication. Leslie Miller has taken Sharon's place with the City, and we welcome her to a more active role with Alliance of Eastside Agencies.

Featured Member Agency of the Month

➤ Introduce Yourself

Most months this e-newsletter features one of our member agencies. This gives the agency the opportunity to inform readers about its mission statement, the work they do, the population they serve and new achievements. If you would like your agency to be featured in upcoming newsletters contact us at office.eastside@gmail.com. Thank you.

Funding News

➤ Municipal Human Services Grant Applications

The common application website: www.share1app.culturegrants.org used by participating cities to receive requests for human services funding *will be open next month*.

Here are more details from the Technical Assistance Team:

- The participating cities—Auburn, Bellevue, Burien, Covington, Des Moines, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, and Tukwila—will be accepting program applications for human services grant funding for the 2015-2016 biennium.
 - Applications are due no later than 4:30 PM on April 23, 2014.
 - Applications may be submitted beginning on March 19. If you have a program-login active from the last application cycle, you will be able to use that user login to create a new application for your program on March 19.
 - Information from individual cities regarding their funding process and priorities will be posted on share1app after March 5, 2014.
- The 16 cities will jointly host two brief workshops to orient new users to the share1app application process.
 - One will occur on March 12, 2014 at SeaTac City Hall from 10-11:30 AM.
 - Another will occur on March 18, 2014 at Redmond City Hall from 1-2:30 PM.
 - New applicants and/or new staff are encouraged to attend, but all are welcome.
 - The upcoming share1app application is largely unchanged.

If you have concerns about your program-login (user information), please email share1appquestions@gmail.com.

Advocacy

➤ **The One Night Count**

The One Night Count of homeless people in King County took place on January 24. The tally shows 3123 men, women and children had no shelter in King County that night—a 14% increase. However, in downtown Bellevue and Redmond, the numbers were down, very likely a result of the new Eastside Winter Shelter.

Teams of volunteers with trained leaders are dispatched throughout the county to count every person they see outside overnight on one night in January. Volunteers counted people trying to survive in cars, tents, all night buses, hospital emergency rooms, or curled up in blankets under bridges or in doorways. A number of Eastside elected officials participated.

The primary purpose of the One Night Count is to document how many people lack basic shelter; it does not include those who are staying in shelters and transitional housing, who are counted separately. Many communities across the country participate in such “point-in-time” counts. The data inform elected officials and planners at all levels of government about the extent of homelessness in their community.

www.homelessinfo.org.

From our AEA Members

➤ **Together Center**

Together Center has one of its highly coveted small offices becoming available: 157 square feet for \$281/month. In addition, two other spaces are available: 954 square feet at \$1,545/month and 1,444 square feet at \$2,327/month. As we go to press, two of the three spaces have highly interested prospective tenants. If you need space, now is the time to move.

Together Center is a multi-tenant nonprofit campus with 18 health, housing and human services agencies, cultural navigators, free public phones, information and referral and other program supports. Lease rates are significantly below market: last year tenants collectively saved \$270,000 from lease rates alone thanks to renting at Together Center. Shared tools and resources further reduce costs. Contact Pam Mauk for more information at pamm@togethercenter.org or 425-869-1174.

Together Center has work stations and dividers that need to be moved quickly from an office suite that has been rented. If you would like these, please contact ASAP Sondra Sciola, operations@togethercenter.org.

➤ **New Program at ELAP**

Eastside Legal Assistance Program’s board recently approved to increase capacity by serving DV survivors through a training program for newly graduated law students who are interested in family law. This one year program will train five to 8 attorneys each year. New space is being acquired to accommodate the additional staff.

➤ ***Thanks for reading our newsletter. Watch for us next month.***

- **AEA Board of Directors**