



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 – March 2014

AEA News!

➤ **After-Hours Meet-up - March 19**

Get together with AEA and your HS peers to share information, common concerns and have some fun at our next after-hours social. March 19, 4:30-6:30 pm at Tutta Bella, 15600 NE 8th at Crossroads Mall, Bellevue.

➤ **AEA Spring Training – Free to AEA Member Agencies**

Date: April 30, 2014

Location: Youth Eastside Services (YES) - 999 164th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98008

Time: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM (lunch following)

“Keys to Effective Supervision”

Learn how to be an even better supervisor. This half day course covers the basics that every supervisor needs to know: how to motivate employees, how to address problem behaviors, and how to build cohesive teams.

Trainer: Jeff Bradt, CEO, EADS Day Services. As a civil rights investigator with the Minnesota Dept. of Human Rights, Jeff investigated hundreds of civil rights complaints involving employee performance management systems. That experience sparked a lifelong interest in performance management and led to his service as the Executive

Director of Human Resources for several large Minnesota public and nonprofit organizations, including Minneapolis Public Schools, the state's largest public sector employer. Jeff has presented at several national and international conferences on performance management.

➤ **Save the Date: June 4**

AEA's Spring Awards Luncheon will once again be held at Bear Creek Country Club. Watch for email notices and more information in the April newsletter.

➤ **Thank you AEA Members**

We appreciate the following Agencies which have renewed their membership since our last newsletter: **Asian Counseling & Referral Service, Crisis Clinic and Sophia Way.**

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 to the AEA website:

www.allianceofeastsideagencies.org/joinaea.html .

Featured Member Agency of the Month

➤ **ELAP Launches a New Program**

The Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) provides access to justice through free civil legal aid to low income residents of East and Northeast King County and domestic violence legal aid to survivors from all over King County. Since ELAP opened in 1989, its volunteer attorneys have contributed over 20,000 hours of free legal aid, serving more than 50,000 clients.

Domestic Violence Legal Project Expansion

On January 1st of this year ELAP initiated an innovative project to address a critical need by substantially expanding ELAP's capacity to serve DV survivors by up to 120 to 130 DV survivors a year. They are designing a program to recruit 5-8 new attorneys each year, focusing on new attorneys who practice family law but who have not fully established their practice yet, and non-practicing attorneys who would like to volunteer on a regular basis to keep their skills sharp.

In addition to providing legal services to more DV survivors who desperately need legal assistance, ELAP will train new family law attorneys in an environment which will familiarize them with working with DV survivors. They will also be forging deeper connections with the project attorneys, which they believe will lead to ongoing pro bono work on behalf of DV survivors, deepening the broader impact on our community.

Brandy Andersson, Lead DV Staff Attorney, has assumed the responsibilities of the Domestic Violence Legal Project Managing Attorney.

Workshops

➤ **Secondary Trauma Training**

Secondary trauma is commonly referred to as “the stress resulting from helping a traumatized or suffering person.” This training is for anyone who works in human services or the medical or mental health field and will help participants identify secondary trauma and learn how to minimize it and manage symptoms.

Date: March 18, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Garibaldi Room, B-bldg. Together Center, 16225 NE 87th St., Redmond

Trainer: Pat Hamman, City of Redmond Police & Fire Chaplain

Cost: \$10

➤ **Tenant Rights Workshop**

Solid Ground is presenting this workshop for current and future renters and tenant advocates.

April 1, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-112

450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98009

To RSVP: call 206-694-6748 or email tenantwa@solid-ground.org

Website: www.solid-ground.org/tenant

➤ **ACRS Wellness Series**

Asian Counseling and Referral Service’s ACRS Therapy Associates are launching a Wellness Series—mini-seminars on issues Asians and Pacific Islanders face in today's society.

The first seminar is on April 4th—Love, Money and God: Young Adulthood in the Asian American Community. To learn more or to register, visit:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/o/acrs-therapy-associates-6052205945?s=22070325>.

Advocacy

➤ **City of Bellevue’s Human Services Needs Update**

Bellevue’s extensive report recommending focus areas for City Council funding also provides informative data for community groups and agencies. An increase in the need for affordable housing, an increasing percentage of older adults and foreign-born residents, children birth to three with special needs, youth with mental illness/substance abuse issues are just some of their “key indicators of need.” See the entire report at: http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/humanservices_needs_update.htm.

➤ **Communities Count Initiative**

Communities Count is a public-private partnership that provides data to monitor the health and well-being of KC communities and inform funding decisions. This data is compiled using 80 different indicators. To view the report, go to:

www.communitiescount.org.

Funding

➤ **Municipal Human Services Grant Applications**

The common applications used by participating cities to receive requests for human services funding can be found on their website: www.share1app.culturegrants.org. Applications are due April 23, 2014.

From our AEA Partners

➤ **Eastside Human Services Forum – Save the Date**

The topic for EHSF's spring educational forum will be "*Moving towards a live-able wage—what will the impact be?*" June 12, 7:30-9:30 a.m. More details to follow.

Community News

➤ **International Community Health Services Open House**

April 22, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at 1050 140th NE, close to the Crossroads Mall.

ICHHS was founded to provide health services to the Asian and Pacific Islander community. Its new location on the Eastside will serve the wider immigrant/refugee community with comprehensive medical and dental services. www.ichs.com.

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

- **AEA Board of Directors**