



*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 – September 2014*

## **AEA News!**

➤ **Join an AEA Committee**

AEA members are welcome to participate in the planning of its various activities. Currently the Training Committee could use your assistance. Please contact Chairs David Downing: [davidd@youtheastideservices.org](mailto:davidd@youtheastideservices.org) or Debra Grant: [debrag@hope-link.org](mailto:debrag@hope-link.org) if you are interested.

## **Featured Member Agency of the Month**

➤ **Chinese Information & Service Center (CISC)**

CISC is bridging cultures, communities and generations by creating opportunities for Asian and other immigrants and their families to succeed. CISC helps immigrants throughout King County achieve success in their new community by providing information, referral, advocacy, social, and support services. Each year CISC serves over 20,000 immigrants and their families throughout King County, Washington (including Seattle.) CISC services help overcome barriers, facilitate transition and create attachment, understanding and belonging for newcomers to their new communities. Visit their website for more information: [www.cisc-seattle.org](http://www.cisc-seattle.org).

CISC was started in 1972 by a group of energetic college and high school students. They worked as part-time volunteers in a tiny donated space in Chinatown to fulfill a community need. The early focus was on helping non-English speaking elderly in the

community. Later, CISC broadened its scope and added adult and youth employment programs, ESL and naturalization classes, family and youth services, domestic violence and crime victim services, and a community technology center.

Over the years CISC has continued to respond to community needs by insuring access to services. In 2007, CISC partnered with the Eastside Refugee & Immigrant Coalition (ERIC) and began providing immigrant transition services on the Eastside and at its International Family Center-Kent for community members who speak Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish, Russian and languages of India through its Cultural Navigator Program.

## Member News

### ➤ **Together Center After-Hours 2014**

September 25, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Garibaldi Room, Building B, Together Center.

The community is invited to enjoy jazz, appetizers and a short presentation at 5:30 p.m. on the ways the center is growing. The event is free. [Please RSVP](#). ([www.togethercenter.org/events](http://www.togethercenter.org/events)).

### ➤ **FOY expands shelter**

FOY is planning to permanently increase the number of beds in their youth shelter, The Landing, to 20 towards the end of September. In the past they have had to turn some youth away; this will give them the opportunity to help more homeless youth.

## Partner News

### ➤ **EHSF's Annual Meeting**

Help shape the Forum's 2015 Work Plan. December 4, 2-4 p.m.; Peter Kirk C.C., Kirkland. Click here [to register](#).

## Advocacy

### ➤ **Coordinated Advocacy**

Eastside Human Services Forum will be sending a letter to King County Executive and Council advocating against pending cuts to Public Health. AEA has endorsed this letter in coordination with the Forum.

## Community News

### ➤ **Crisis Clinic's Community Training Program**

Some classes this fall for those who work in social services:

*Dealing with Difficult People & Battling Compassion Fatigue* – Sept. 24, 9 - 4

*Suicide & Crisis Intervention* (6 CEUs) – Oct. 2, 9 - 4:30

*The Tools of King County 2-1-1* – Nov. 6, 9 - 4

For more information: [www.crisisclinic.org](http://www.crisisclinic.org).

### ➤ **Age Wave Forum**

A Candidates Forum on Washington's Aging Readiness. September 29, 12:45-3:00 p.m.  
North Bellevue C.C. Free event but [registration](#) necessary. 425-452-7681.

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