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# FACING PIERCE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS: *Creating HomeFULLness*

Saturday, April 28, 2018

10:00am - 4:00pm

Tacoma Convention Center

1500 Commerce, Tacoma

## FREE Public Forum

- Understand more about causes of homelessness
- Learn about alternatives to homelessness
- Learn how YOU can be part of the solution

### For more information visit:

[www.tacomapiercelwv.org/Homelessness\\_Forum](http://www.tacomapiercelwv.org/Homelessness_Forum)

### Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/facing-pierce-county-homelessness-creating-homefullness-tickets-44228531729>



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Purposes of the Conference:

- To educate the community about this countywide problem, which is:
  - an emergency
  - growing continuously
  - invisible; we only see about 5% of the people who are experiencing homelessness
- To inspire community action to mitigate the effects of poverty, which is the cause of homelessness

Participants may attend any or all of the sessions.

| Time     | Room | Session   |
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| 10:00    | B-C  | <b>Facing All Our Homeless: Strategies to increase hopefulness in Pierce County</b><br>Overview of data, causative factors, trends and the economy  |
| 11:30 pm | A    | <b>Perspectives: From the Depression to the Civil Rights Movement</b><br>The effects of extreme economic collapse   |
|          | B    | <b>Closing the Affordable Housing Gap</b><br>Affordable housing needs and supply; and creative ways to house more people  |
|          | C    | <b>Addressing Homelessness throughout the Community</b><br>Ways to organize the community to respond effectively to homelessness  |
|          | D    | <b>Road to Nickelsville</b><br>Film portraying the development of Nickelsville tent camp in Seattle, approximately 2004, and discussion with the director   |
| 1:00 pm  | A    | <b>Health Care and Homelessness</b><br>Effects of homelessness on the health care system and on the health of people experiencing homelessness  |
|          | B    | <b>Racial Inequity in Homelessness</b><br>How racial inequity feeds into homelessness and how it can be addressed   |
|          | C    | <b>Coordination of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness</b><br>How services are currently delivered in the private non-profit and governmental systems; and how coordination can be enhanced |
|          | D    | <b>Homeless Youth</b><br>How homeless youth are identified and services offered to them. Issues surrounding youth homelessness that are different from what adults experience.                        |
| 3:00 pm  | B-C  | <b>Leadership in the Community to Address Homelessness</b><br>A conversation among elected officials  |
| 3:45     | B-C  | <b>Audience Participation Exercise</b>  |
| 4:15     |      | <b>Adjourn</b>  |