

HOMELESS STUDENT STABILITY PROGRAM

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COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE 2025

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As our clocks spring forward this weekend, the days are getting longer and we are all looking forward to warmer, sunnier weather. I start to think about the opportunities we have coming up to connect in person.

This time together will come in the form of Communities of Practice and for those of you in or around Spokane, there will be some other events during the week leading up to the Community of Practice on April 17th - more details to come soon!

You are only expected to make one of the five Communities of Practice (whichever is closest to you). Those all important dates are as follows: Anacortes on March 26 (Click for PD Enroller Registration link) Spokane on April 17, Ellensburg on April 24, Shelton on May 15, and Seattle on April 30, from 9am - 4pm. We will send out calendar invites and agendas soon!

The intended purpose of these free regional events are to provide opportunities for you to forge new partnerships, learn from each other, and share strategies to improve housing and educational stability for students and families in your local area. A small breakfast, snacks and lunch will be provided at each event. All you need to bring is yourself and your brilliance. Don't forget that travel costs for these events are an allowable cost for HSSP & HSSEP!

This year, we are thrilled to expand our HSSP/HSSEP community to include regional OHY-funded organizations. If you are a HSSP Grantee, it is recommended that you reach out to your School District partners soon to invite them to join us.

Should you have any questions about the Communities of Practice you can reach out to Liam McEvilly at Building Changes or Vivian Rogers-Decker at Office of Superintendent Instruction (OSPI) via email.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- School Housing Network & Job Corps -
March 11th 11:00am - 12:00pm
- Housing Connector Informational Zoom -
March 18th 2:05 - 3:00pm
- Anacortes Community of Practice - March 26th (all day)
- Diversion Training - April 3rd & 4th (all day) - Ask Liam for more info!

[Are you active on LinkedIn? Click here to join the HSSP Resource Sharing Group](#)

JOB CORPS AT SCHOOL HOUSING NETWORK

Job Corps is a Federal Program that is both a Housing Solution and a Career Path for unaccompanied students as young as 16 years of age. Join us and learn more about this incredible option for unaccompanied students at School Housing Network Meeting on Tuesday March 11, from 11am -12pm. They have both a High School completion program AND a Technical College. Job Corps is also a wonderful track for those students with aspirations of joining the military.

Washington Student Achievement Council will also be at School Housing Network to inform us about funding and Supports for Homeless Students as they transition to Post Secondary Education.

If you would like to know more and are not registered to receive School Housing Network update emails please [click HERE](#).



RESOURCE: HOUSING CONNECTOR

Attention HSSP nonprofit Partners in King and Pierce County: Real Estate giant Zillow has a program called [Housing Connector](#) which works with landlords to lower barriers for housing. They have a [Zoom call on March 18th at 2:05pm if you'd like to know more](#)



BUILDING CHANGES IS HIRING!

- **Senior Research Associate** - This position will focus on producing applied research and evaluation relevant for policy and practice on topics identified through collaboration with partners and Building Changes staff with the goal of improving services, supports, and outcomes for students, youth, and families experiencing homelessness.

We offer excellent health, time off, retirement, and other benefits. [Please visit our website for more information](#) and instructions on how to apply!

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