

Healthy Community Coalition

Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 14, 2021

IMPORTANT: We will be moving the HCC meetings from every Thursday to the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month

NEXT MEETING: Thursday January 28 at 11am via Zoom

FACILITATOR: Sarah Marsh

NOTE TAKER: Lisa Hart

Featured Provider for January 28, 2022

Thu 1/28: Chris Lovings with Eastside Legal Assistance Program

AGENDA

- Announcements
- Provider Updates, Needs, Concerns
- Immigration Support Resource List (Document provided by Eastside Legal Assistance Program)
- Attendance

Announcement

- Thursday, 1/21 from 11:00-12:30 – Domestic Violence and Community Resources
Co-hosted by SVCN and ELAP
- Register: <http://bit.ly/dv-resources-2021>
Snoqualmie Valley Community Network (SVCN) and Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) are co-hosting a panel to educate our local providers about domestic violence and available resources in Snoqualmie Valley. Panelists will include representatives from Lifewire, Sound, and ELAP. Bring your questions to this special event of the Healthy Community Coalition and let's work together to connect our community to supportive services, stability, and healing.
Panel discussion with reps from ELAP and Lifewire and clinician from Sound

Provider Updates, Needs, Concerns

- Wednesday's power outage, Fall City is still without power

Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank

- Power outage – yesterday quiet, families afraid to open their fridge, and cannot cook anything if you do not have gas power
- Number of clients recently has been really high over 250 clients / week
- Anticipating that number going up again
- Great with amount of food at the food bank and able to offer clients what they need.

Are there other things you are offering or directing people to that need items other than food?

- We currently have every size of diapers – always have diapers!
- Wipes are hit or miss (provide flushable wipes when we have them)
- Work with St Claire's Church in Snoqualmie – show up once every quarter and distribute non-food items
- Don't have the space to house those items so we give them out when they are in the Food Bank
- Do not have a schedule for when the next distribution will be – possibly February – will provide information later

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Nicole provided an update

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- Running Energy Applications as usual – everyone can qualify for the low heat grant and if they are a PSE customer can apply
- Have you been financially affected by COVID? If yes, they can qualify for an extra \$500 on their energy bill
- Financials – working with Solid Ground in Seattle until the end of December – funding helped our financial clients
- Is there a requirement for rent assistance – do not need any documentation to getting approved
- Point people toward us it has been easier than ever to get assistance
- Voicemail system – be able to talk to a person rather than automation
- Any restriction on immigration services – okay on rental assistance
- Only restriction for energy – Applicants need a SS # but if they have a PSE account that works for assistance

Eastside Legal Assistance Program

Chris

- : DV Resources and Panel - Thu Jan. 21st: 11 - 12:30 PM - <https://bit.ly/dv-resources-2021>
- Tenant Rights in 2021 - Thu Jan 21st: 5 - 6:30 PM - <http://bit.ly/tenant-rights-2021>
- COVID Scams with Attorney General's Office - Thu Jan 28th: 5 - 6:30 PM - <http://bit.ly/covid-scams-2021>
- Thur 1/21 - Webinar on Tenants Rights, Eviction Rights
- 1/28 speaking with the AG's office about COVID scams – ways to protect yourselves – audience seniors

KCLS

- Expanded our internet network reach – in parking lot – better and stronger

Hopelink Community Van

- Our Duvall Community Vans have remained available and offering backup support to communities where other transit services have become less available due to COVID-19. Foodbank/food delivery, non-COVID-19 medical appointments, grocery runs, and other essential trips have been the main focus of trips during this time. For more information visit our website, or contact Victor for questions or to get started 425-943-6721 or communityvan@hopelink.org

Snoqualmie Valley Community Network

Save the Dates

- Virtual Gala - Feb 27th
- Resilience Rising Wednesday - 3/17

Trac Associates non-profit

- Job support – reaching out to school counselors
- <http://tracassoc.com/about-us.html>

Immigration Resources in the Valley or in neighboring communities

- Cansejo – Spanish Speaking families
- Guided Pathways
- Work Source
- CHAP program

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- KCLS Welcoming Center – Immigrant resource at library in Kent and Bellevue. Online is available now.
- From Valerie Stewart (she/her) FESH : At the FESH we are working with SeaMar to beginning translation services for our Latino population in the valley

- Question: Tax help? Will there be places we can point people for tax help?
- The United Way is still doing tax prep help, though primarily virtual. Here's the link to their tax site:
<https://www.uwkc.org/need-help/tax-help/>
- From Brooke Shoostine- Library : I am seeing ELL classes online:
[https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/events/search?q=English%20as%20a%20Second%20Language%20\(ESL\)%20Classes%20&fq=types:\(5672ea0bddaae0b810019c3d\)](https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/events/search?q=English%20as%20a%20Second%20Language%20(ESL)%20Classes%20&fq=types:(5672ea0bddaae0b810019c3d))
- From Chris Lovings (he/him) - ELAP : <https://www.law.uw.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics/federal-tax/information-for-clients>
- Clients may be referred to the clinic or they may contact us directly at (206) 685-6805. The clinic is staffed by student-attorneys, a staff attorney and the director, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended hours and weekend appointments are also available.

Question to the Group:

Would you prefer to take a deeper dive into specific topics during HCC meetings and/or use the off weeks for panel discussions focused on a specific topic (or community provider)?

Valerie Stewart, Far East Senior Hub Coordinator

- Gift cards at the Senior Center available for those without power in Fall City who need assistance

Immigration Support Resource List (Document provided by Eastside Legal Assistance Program)

Eastside Legal Assistance Program: www.elap.org

Holds three Immigration clinics each month in Bellevue, Renton, and Kent; organizes Know Your Rights workshops and Community Forums on various immigration issues. Helps families complete Safety Plan and works with partners to train their staff to offer Safety Plan to immigrant families they work with. Works with community partners to address the increased presence of ICE and the affects it has on the immigrant community. Provide support to partners as immigration issues arise with their clients.

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project: <https://www.nwirp.org/>

NWIRP is the preeminent immigrant rights program for Washington State.

Mission: Northwest Immigrant Rights Project promotes justice by defending and advancing the rights of immigrants through direct legal services, systemic advocacy, and community education. They provide attorneys at the Tacoma Detention Center, have worked with many families at the border; partnered with WA Attorney General's office to stop legal actions by the current administration; Works with immigrant DV survivors and has helped reunite parents with their children who were taken from them at the border.

Legal Counsel for Youth and Children: <http://www.lcywa.org>

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LCYC improves the well-being of young people by advancing their legal rights. We accomplish our mission through direct representation, strong community partnerships, and systemic advocacy.

LCYC advocates for youth experiencing separation from parents due to changes in immigration policy and enforcement. LCYC Staff Attorney, Midori "Chach" Duarte White, designed the "Immigrant Safety Plan for Youth and Children" that so many of us use to help parents prepare in the event they are detained.

Colectiva Legal: <http://colectivalegal.org/>

Colectiva Legal del Pueblo is a non-hierarchical collective organization founded for and by undocumented immigrants working to build community leadership and power for migrant justice through legal advocacy and education. Provides legal services in immigration with a bilingual staff. The work with a variety of individuals at various levels of immigration status. Some of the help they provide is:

Adjustment of Status	Temporary Protected Status (TPS),
Asylum applications	U Visas,
Consular Processing,	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions
Employment Authorization,	Help completing forms
Family-based petitions,	Filings with USCIS
Habeas Corpus,	Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews)
NACARA,	Representation before the Immigration Court
Naturalization/Citizenship,	Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)
Removal hearings,	Federal court appeals
T Visas	

Washington Law Help: www.washingtonlawhelp.org

Online resource where a person can learn about their issue and their rights.

Immigration Legal Resource Center: <https://www.ilrc.org/public-charge>

The mission of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) is to work with and educate immigrants, community organizations, and the legal sector to continue to build a democratic society that values diversity and the rights of all people.

<u>Areas of expertise:</u>	DACA
Asylum	Enforcement
Citizenship & Naturalization	Family-Based
Crimes	Immigration Youth

LGBT

Public Charge

Post-Conviction Relief

Removal Defense

Prosecutors

U Visa/T Visa/VAWA

Washington Immigration Solidarity Network: 1-844-RAID-REP (1-844-724-3737) | <https://www.waisn.org/>

WAISN protects and advance the power of immigrant and refugee communities through a multiracial, multilingual, and multi-faith coalition. Our organizing strategy educates and mobilizes statewide to uphold and defend the rights and dignity of all immigrants and refugees, centering the voices of impacted communities.

Their RAID hotline is a key resource for helping community members report ICE activity in their communities. Calling it triggers efforts by rapid-response volunteers to verify and document the raid or other situation. If ICE activity can be verified, rapid responders are dispatched to the scene to assist with community self-defense against deportations. The hotline also serves to connect family members who have had a loved one detained to services and to dispense Know Your Rights information.

West African Community Council: 206-636-9882 | immigration@waccofseattle.org

The West African Community Council (WACC) is recognized and has staff accredited by the U.S. Department of Justice to provide quality immigration services to low-income constituents. Our program is managed by practitioners who have garnered over 17 years of experience in the field. We represent constituents before the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (USCIS and ICE), the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Through our immigration support work, the WACC is responsible for preparing all the necessary paperwork for constituents. Preparing the paperwork includes drafting legal briefs/affidavits, researching and documenting applicable case laws, translating documents, collecting supporting documentary evidence, documenting witness statements and more. Once the paperwork is submitted, we track the progress of each case and follow-up with any further paperwork that is needed.

Womens's Refugee Commission: www.womensrefugeecommission.org

The Women's Refugee Commission improves the lives and protects the rights of women, children and youth displaced by conflict and crisis. We research their needs, identify solutions and advocate for programs and policies to strengthen their resilience and drive change in humanitarian practice. Since our founding in 1989, we have been a leading expert on the needs of refugee women and children, and the policies that can protect and empower them.

Catholic Immigration Legal Services: <https://ccsww.org/get-help/specialized-services/refugee-immigration-services/>

Catholic Immigration Legal Services (CILS) provides quality legal immigration assistance to low-income residents of Washington. Currently, CILS provides free citizenship/N-400 application assistance to people who are currently receiving public benefits or living in the city of Seattle. All other immigration legal services are provided for a small fee.

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If you have questions about the July 28, 2020 memo, need help renewing your DACA status, or would like to be screened for potential forms of immigration relief, please contact our DACA hotline right away.

DACA Hotline: (206) 566-6664

Areas of expertise:

	Citizenship/naturalization (including fee and disability waivers)
Adjustment of status (green cards)	Green card replacements or renewals
Family-based petitions	Consular processing
Fiancé visa	Removal of conditions
DACA renewals	Travel documents
Employment authorization	Parole in place
Mock interviews	Resource/referral

Ukrainian Community Center of WA: <http://uccwa.org/> | 425-430-8229

The Ukrainian Community Center of WA (UCCW)'s mission is to promote community empowerment, leadership essay editor development, self-reliance and health promotion for the greater refugee/immigrant community in the State of Washington. They have helped Eastern European refugees and immigrants predominantly from the former Soviet Union overcome language, cultural, educational and social barriers. Their services include: early learning program, youth after school programs, family support, senior services, immigration services, behavioral health services, and many other programs. For low-income families some services are offered FREE of charge.

Areas of expertise:

Citizenship Classes

Green Card services

Family Petitions

Naturalization services

ATTENDANCE

Eastside Legal Assistance

Chris Lovings: chris@elap.org

Encompass

Sam Sinanan (Parent and Family Coordinator): Sandra.sinanan@encompassnw.org

Laura Lewis, Family Resource Coordinator for Early Intervention (Cherish Program) and Kinship Support: laura.lewis@encompassnw.org

Government and Elected Officials

Lane Covington (SVCN Board and Office of Councilmember Kathy Lambert) lane.covington@kingcounty.gov

Hopelink

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King County Library System

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Seattle YMCA

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Snoqualmie Valley Community Network

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Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank

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