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JOHS Monthly
September 2024 Edition

To our partners and the community, welcome to our monthly newsletter!

Learn about the collective work that our office, service providers, and partners does and our shared commitment to make homelessness a rare and brief experience throughout Multnomah County.

If you are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, call 211 or visit 211info.org for assistance connecting to services.

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New Podcast: A FUSE Program Success Story (Season 2, Episode 8)



Eric Tucker

“It’s like my life is brand new - now, I have housing. I have a life - I have a reason to live again.”

Thanks to the FUSE program and East County Housing, Eric and his dog Misty are housed and stable, and he is able to get the healthcare and recovery support that he needs.

Listen to Eric’s Full Story

East County Homelessness Resource Center Community Meeting Announcement



On Thursday, Sept. 5, the Multnomah Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved construction plans for the East County Homelessness Resource Center in Gresham.

We are excited to announce the 1st public community engagement event for the East County Homeless Resource Center (formerly known as Cook Plaza), taking place on **Monday, September 23rd, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event is being held at the facility at 19421 SE Stark St, Gresham, OR.**

RSVP and find more info at the ECHRC page below.

We will be welcoming elected officials and community leaders to discuss the future of the facility and increasing services and shelter for people experiencing homelessness in East County.

[Visit ECHRC Page](#)

Sunderland RV Safe Park Reaches Full Capacity

Sunderland RV Safe Park



The Salvation Army shared the news on Friday, August 30 that for the first time, the Sunderland RV Safe Park is fully occupied -- all 55 parking spots are taken and there are 74 participants.

Recent Quote

"...we're incredibly thankful to have a full and vibrantly active site! Although we have some success stories coming up that will mean more vacancies in the near future, it is fun to see the park at capacity, and I can already tell you that the critical mass helps with the sense of life and community.

"Our latest intakes have been full of folks who are eager to get working toward their goals!... We already have a list developing of folks looking for a participation spot. As I'm sure you know, we're eager for more stories of folks meeting goals and moving to the next step, as well as anticipating the names/faces of those who are next!... There are a lot of 'wide eyes' and thankful words being shared as folks settle in for their first few nights of restful sleep."

New Coordinated Access for Adults & Families Training Series

As we near our October implementation of the new Multnomah Services and Screening Tool (MSST) and redesigned Coordinated Access (CA) process, JOHS is hosting a 3-part training series for Coordinated Access assessors.

CA assessors must complete:

1. Coordinated Access Overview & Assessment Training,
2. Equity and Stigma Training, and
3. Data Entry training.

Email katie.dineen@multco.us for training dates and registration info.

Supporting Disaster Resource Centers

Disaster
Preparedness
**Volunteer
Trainings
Signups**



During dangerous weather emergencies, Multnomah County opens life-saving Disaster Resource Centers (DRCs) across our community that offer people shelter, safety, resources and connection — especially those who are at greatest risk of harm.

Getting trained and gaining basic shelter skills ahead of time can help you be prepared and ready to support these important efforts. Attending a Disaster Resource Center info session and/or a General Staff training is a great place to start.

Please visit this website for information on upcoming trainings.

[View Training Offerings](#)

Francis + Clare Place Grand Opening



JOIN US
FOR THE
**GRAND
OPENING**
OF
**FRANCIS & CLARE
PLACE**
ON
THURSDAY, SEPT 26TH 2024
3:30pm - 5:30pm
380 SE 11th AVE, PORTLAND

Join Catholic Charities and their partners at the Grand Opening of Francis & Clare Place in the Buckman neighborhood of SE Portland!

Francis + Clare Place Apartments offers affordable studio and 1-bedroom apartment homes of Portland, OR. Francis + Clare Place is an affordable community in the Buckman neighborhood focusing on those experiencing chronic homelessness.

Our community enjoys a community room/classroom, laundry lounge, and resident services. With restaurants, entertainment, and transportation nearby, Francis + Clare Place is a great place to call home.

Please join us on Thursday, September 26th at 3:30pm to celebrate our newest affordable housing development. RSVP to the event below!

RSVP to Grand Opening Event

Provider Highlight: Rafting Excursion in the Wilderness



In an ongoing partnership, New Avenues and LEAP (Life Expanding Adventure Programs) facilitate an annual experience for homeless youth by engaging in a multi-day rafting and wilderness excursion.

This year, a team of six staff successfully supported seven youth in completing a 5-day, 60-mile kayaking and camping program on the Lower Salmon (Tamaánma) River in Idaho, land which is stewarded by the Nimiipuu (Nez Perce) indigenous peoples.

These youth went over class 4 rapids, camped under the stars, paddled through a thunderstorm, and honed resiliency within discomfort, interpersonal communication, and leadership skills. During the evenings, youth engaged in intentional activities and facilitated conversations that gave them space to reflect on how they navigated the challenges and successes of the day, and how they can apply these skills to navigating trauma and adversity during their lives back home.

Two youth, immediately after returning from the trip, have been approved for housing vouchers and are on track to be housed shortly. Two more youth are working with LEAP to participate in their paid internship program next season, where they will be trained to be licensed wilderness guides. All youth reported the experience as being “life changing.”

Join the Community Budget Advisory Committee

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) is seeking volunteers invested in addressing solutions to homelessness in Multnomah County to serve as a Community Budget Advisory Committee member. This committee develops recommendations for the Chair’s consideration on departmental budgets through a process of listening, learning and prioritizing allocation of funding each fiscal year.

What We Hope You Bring:

- A sincere interest in public service.
- No budgeting or financial expertise is necessary.

- Experience working in a collaborative, respectful, and productive way with people who have diverse backgrounds and viewpoints.
- Knowledge, skills and/or life experiences that can inform and enrich the committee's deliberations.
- A willingness to uphold JOHS [mission and values](#) throughout the CBAC's work.

Application Timeline

- Information sessions will be facilitated by the Office of Community Involvement (OCI) on these dates: October 1st at 10:00 AM; October 2nd at 5:00 PM; October 3 at 5:00 PM
 - Details will be posted on the [OCI website](#)
- Applications are also posted on the [OCI website](#)
- Applications are due - Friday, October 11, 2024 by 11:59 PM.
- Application review and follow up with applicants - the week of October 14 to October 18, 2024.
- Notification of selection - Tuesday, October 29, 2024.
- General orientation - Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6 PM.

For more information, please visit the [OCI Webpage](#), the [JOHS Community Advisory webpage](#) or contact the JOHS Community Advisory staff at johscommunityadvisory@multco.us

[Learn more and apply](#)

City of Portland Funding Opportunity

Please consider applying for a Supportive Workforce Opportunity Grant!

Supportive workforce opportunities are an important intervention to address both homelessness and housing instability. Grant funds are

intended to support organizations with pre-existing supportive workforce, apprenticeship, or skills training programs, to expand capacity for additional participants or to adjust program guidelines as needed to serve a population previously or currently experiencing homelessness.

The grant program is open to organizations located in Oregon and Washington, providing services in Portland and Multnomah County. Applications due Monday, September 30th.

Learn more and apply!

CoCBuils Notice of Funding Opportunity

The Multnomah County Joint Office of Homeless Services and the Portland Housing Bureau are partnering to solicit Notice of Interest & Pre-Applications from eligible entities who are developing affordable housing projects within Multnomah County that may be eligible to receive an award of funds from HUD's recently released **CoCBuils Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**.

The CoCBuils NOFO encourages Continuums of Care (CoCs) to leverage funds provided for construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units with other funding sources to maximize the amount of housing that can be directed to meeting the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

These units must serve individuals with a disability and families where at least one household member has a disability and is experiencing homelessness.

The Multnomah County Continuum of Care can only select one project in an amount up to \$7.5 million to submit to HUD for funding.

All Letters of Interest & Pre-Applications
Due Thursday, September 26, 2024.

View JOHS Funding Opportunities

Upcoming Meetings

We welcome the public to attend our advisory committee and board meetings!

Find the meeting schedule for the following committees and boards below. You can also find more details [on our website](#).

Community Budget Advisory Committee

Monday, September 30th, 2024 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm

Click here for [Virtual Meeting](#)

Continuum of Care Board

To be determined.

Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 10th, 2024 - 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

See meeting agenda for Virtual Meeting information.

Please email johnscommunityadvisory@multco.us for any questions.

View our Boards & Committees

Resources for People Experiencing Homelessness

[Who to Call for What](#)

A list of hotlines, helplines and other useful phone numbers.

[Oregon Law Help](#) or [Oregon Renters Rights](#)

Information about rental assistance and eviction protection.

[Street Roots' Rose City Resource Guide](#)

Searchable list of food, housing, and other resources in PDX.

Partner Organizations - Employment Opportunities

- [All Good NW](#)
- [2-1-1 Info](#)
- [Beacon Village PDX](#)
- [Blanchet House](#)
- [Bradley Angle](#)
- [Bridges to Change](#)
- [Call to Safety](#)
- [Cascade AIDS Project](#)
- [Cascadia Health](#)
- [Catholic Charities](#)
- [Central City Concern](#)
- [JOIN](#)
- [Latino Network](#)
- [Multnomah County](#)
- [Native American Rehabilitation Association \(NARA\)](#)
- [Native American Youth & Family Center \(NAYA\)](#)
- [Neighborhood House](#)
- [New Avenues for Youth](#)
- [Northwest Pilot Project](#)

- [City Team Portland](#)
- [Cultivate Initiatives](#)
- [Do Good Multnomah](#)
- [Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon](#)
- [El Programa Hispano Católico](#)
- [Home Forward](#)
- [Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization \(IRCO\)](#)
- [Janus Youth](#)
- [Our Just Future](#)
- [Outside In](#)
- [Path Home](#)
- [Raphael House of Portland](#)
- [Self Enhancement, Inc.](#)
- [Transition Projects. Inc.](#)
- [Urban League of Portland](#)
- [Volunteers of America](#)
- [Washington County](#)
- [Worksystems](#)
- [YWCA of Greater Portland](#)

Thank you for reading our newsletter!

It is important that we continue to acknowledge the underlying issues that make homelessness so pervasive across the U.S. From structural racism and disparities, to the economic and social impact from COVID-19, the lack of affordable housing and healthcare, and other challenges of meeting people's basic needs, homelessness is a collective issue we need to address together.

Share this newsletter to spread awareness about the meaningful, impactful, and life-saving work taking place in Multnomah County.

Thank you for your interest, work, and care in helping our neighbors experiencing and at risk of homelessness get the support they need to get into and maintain their housing.

Let's make homelessness a rare and brief experience for all!

This notice was distributed to those who have [signed up](#) to hear about opportunities to participate and receive updates on the Joint Office of Homeless Services and the local implementation of [Metro's Supportive Housing Measure](#) in Multnomah County.

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