



# Online Meeting Minutes: June 21, 2022

## **Guest Speaker: Arlene Hampton, Mary's Place Family Shelter Bellevue**

- Recently opened family shelter, open to all households (single parent, 2 parent, any gender as head of household, families with pregnancy, etc).
- Our newest family center and first on the Eastside, this former hotel has private rooms/baths for 90 families each night.
- Occasionally providing shelter and resource connections for survivors of domestic violence
- Also serving families where a child or children are experiencing acute or chronic medical conditions, and work with medical and hospital team to shelter family close by and connect to resources
- Baby Best Start program pregnant women and new moms are supported and connected with education and health resources
- The Bellevue location is currently full, and referrals continue to come in from the King County intake line
- Family centers are 24/7 facilities that provide shelter for moms, dads, and children at night, and resources for housing, employment, and wellness each day. Local service providers join us on site to make it easy for our families to get the services they need.
- Average stay for families right now is about 85 days, though no cap as long as residents are following compliance agreement which focuses on individual goals for next steps
- Full capacity is 85 families with 250 total people
- On site resources include Clothing Boutique (summer clothing right now), diapers and wipes, To Go snacks for children heading out to play, and more
- Also available are mental health team, housing navigation team all with a guest-centered approach. In lobby have space for resource information flyers, etc
- Every week, they do see families succeed and moving out
- There is a barrier to the voucher housing opportunities on the Eastside, limited options.
- For donations, please no canned goods.
- Volunteer coordinator on site to assist with donation drives, projects, etc. 425 679-5969. You can speak to the Day Manager, Patti, and asked to be connected to Grace

## **Issaquah Community Services, Pat Randall**

- Continue to provide assistance with rental and utility expenses
- Trending in numbers of clients right now is almost pre-pandemic levels

## **Safe Place, Bryan Thompson**

- Youth Care is no longer a partner organization with the Safe Place program
- No changes to programs at this time, however hours will be somewhat limited while in transition
- Bryan Thompson - King County Safe Place - Hotline - 1800-422-8336 [425-233-7892](tel:425-233-7892)/[bryan@friendsofyouth.org](mailto:bryan@friendsofyouth.org)

### **Issaquah School District Family Engagement, Lorna Gilmour**

- Summer has started!! All staff liaisons are on break until early August
- In August liaisons will be able to assist families with school registration. There are flyers in multiple languages to share with families <https://www.isd411.org/programs-services/equity/family-liaisons>
- New families from Ukraine arriving in District

### **Community Volunteer, Danny Chang**

- Danny Chang email: [smarms@gmail.com](mailto:smarms@gmail.com) cell: 206-498-331
- Member of Timberlake Church, but also community volunteer interested in helping with donations, and other community needs

### **Faith Church, Jan Bennett**

- TC4 still at High Point, and likely will be there til November. In need of meal donations
- Faith Church continuing to work with Congregations for the Homeless and Issaquah Community Services
- New pastor arriving in July, keen interest in community engagement and mission work

### **Friends of Youth, Laura Kissler**

- Many summer programs for youth in the Issaquah and North Bend offices (see flyers)
- There will be a cost for non-client families

### **City of Issaquah, Hannah Roberts**

- Juneteenth in-person event was a success
- Online Pride event scheduled for evening of Thurs, June 23. Please help spread the word
- City Council meeting this week will include discussion on emergency housing vouchers, services grants, landlord/tenant supports
- Hannah Roberts, Human Services Coordinator, City of Issaquah, [hannahr@issaquahwa.gov](mailto:hannahr@issaquahwa.gov)

### **The Garage, Christine Knight, Case Manager**

- Garage is now open with summer hours, 12pm – 6pm
- All incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders and high school students welcome
- Community Pride Event on Thurs June 23, 2pm -5pm
- Currently seeing 15-30 students per day, will vary over summer. School year numbers are 60-100 students per day
- Christine Knight, Case Manager at the Garage. [christine@issaquahteencafe.org](mailto:christine@issaquahteencafe.org)

### **Essentials First, Tasnim Rehamani**

- Distribution event on June 25, drive through 1pm – 3pm,
- Tables open for organizations that would like to attend, and share information with participants

- Distribution will include hygiene kits (dish soap, body soap, toothbrush and paste, deodorant). Also limited nonperishable items (sugar, oil, flour, rice)
- Opportunity for participants to learn more about EF and how to connect for ongoing support
- Seeing an increase in families served through the weekday office hours. Visitors can pick up gas/grocery gift cards and hygiene kits
- Diapers and wipes always needed!

#### **Lifelong Navigation Hub, Ashley Nguyen and Crystal Koch**

- Crystal Koch, Project Manager for the System Navigation Hub at Lifelong. We are referral network for low-income seniors, adults with disabilities and their caregivers, living in East King County. 425-375-2990 or [SysNavHub@lifelong.org](mailto:SysNavHub@lifelong.org)
- Ashley Nguyen, Program Coordinator for the System Navigation Hub at Lifelong. 425-375-2990 [synavhub@lifelong.org](mailto:synavhub@lifelong.org)
- No updates at this time, continuing to serve Eastside

#### **YWCA Passage Point, Jaliyah Lunde Student Advocate**

- Summer programming starting for residents, adding in person activities as appropriate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> community dinner was held on Juneteenth
- Steadily growing number of residents over the summer
- Summer BBQ on Aug 26, details TBD
- Jaliyah Lunde, Youth & Children's Advocate- YWCA Passage Point, [jlunde@ywcaworks.org](mailto:jlunde@ywcaworks.org), (425)477-0943

#### **Housing Justice Project, Tram Tran-Larson**

- Legal assistance with evictions. Not involved with rent assistance, or 14-day evictions
- Tram Tran-Larson, she/her, Community Engagement Manager at the Housing Justice Project, [tramt@kcba.org](mailto:tramt@kcba.org)

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists Church, Angelique Cadwall**

- Community volunteer and advocates in Issaquah area

#### **Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, Lisa Haynes**

- 1<sup>st</sup> summer distribution was held, about 300 children participated
- Provided deli items, meats, and both perishables and nonperishables
- Families can still register for Summer Lunch, any family with K-12 students
- Regular food shopping hours over summer, every other week
- Seeing a rise in number of people accessing assistance
- Home deliveries are also increasing
- To volunteer, can be 16+ some situations require accompanied by adult

**Next INN Meeting: July 19, 2022 Guest Speaker: Communities in Schools, Keysha-Rae Cooper**