



You are cordially invited to a Homeless and Housing Event for Legislators on the State Budget

## Fund Programs that Work: Our Hope for the Budget

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**Sponsors** Statewide Poverty Action Network and the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

**Where** J.A. Cherberg Office Building, Conference Rooms B and C

**Date** Tuesday, April 2, 2013

**Time** 12:30-1:00pm – Presentation with Speakers  
1:00-1:15pm – Questions

**Details** With the Washington Senate set to release their proposed budget any day now, legislators have warned the affordable housing and homelessness community to expect the worst. The state already has a number of innovative programs that are effectively keeping our most vulnerable residents off the streets and successfully helping those already on the streets into stable housing. But without the necessary funding, these productive programs could end, which would be disastrous for Washington's most vulnerable.

This is an opportunity for you to learn about the state's safety net programs that work to create more affordable homes and to transition *families, schoolchildren, veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities* into housing. We'll also discuss just how much money will be needed in the budget to ensure these programs can continue their positive outcomes.

**Other Details** Schedule of the event may change depending on when the Senate releases their budget. The event will take place no earlier than the listed time. However, we may push back the start time. Call 206.427.2999 for details day-of.

A light lunch will be provided for guests. Please RSVP to [joaquin@wliha.org](mailto:joaquin@wliha.org) so we can determine appropriate food order.

**Programs Discussed**

- Disability Lifeline (DL) - Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) and Aged, Blind & Disabled (ABD)
- Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Washington Families Fund (WFF)
- Rapid Re-housing (RRH)

**Speakers**

**Senator Jeannie Darnelle** (D-Tacoma) – A champion for the state's safety net programs.

**Josh Chatterton** – A veteran living in Longview, Josh will be talking about how the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) can help meet the housing needs of veterans, families with young children, seniors, the disabled, and more.

**Timothy Corbin** – A Seattle resident, Timothy will speak about how the Disability Lifeline (DL) program is successfully keeping him off the streets.

**Dionne Foster** – An Auburn resident with a permanent disability that prevents her from working. She will show how Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) is a lifeline that is meeting her family's basic needs.

**Debby Gaffney** – A teacher who became a social worker for North Thurston Public Schools because of her experience with homeless young people in the public school system. She will explain why choosing between funding for education and the safety net is a false choice.

**Mindy Woods** – An Edmonds resident discussing how the private/public partnership of Washington Families Fund (WFF) helped her successfully transition into housing.

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