

Why You Are
Are Needed!



Health Issues

CANCER

Leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma – commonly referred to as Blood Cancers

- 894,543 Americans are living with these forms of blood cancers
- Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer with children and adults under 20.
- As of 2004 –Myeloma survival rate is 35%. In 2008 – 19,920 cases will be diagnosed with Myeloma in the U.S.
- In 2007, 3,800 new cases of Myeloma arose in African Americans and accounted for 1,800 deaths.

SOURCE: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society based upon Cancer Statistics Review, SEER {Surveillance, epidemiology, and End Results}, and National Cancer Institute 2008



Cancer Death Rate: Pierce County

- 198 per 100,000 residents (185.1 for WA state as whole).

Source: United Way Community Indicators based on Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics Death

AIDS



- Estimated number of cases of AIDS as of 2006 – 39.4 million worldwide - In U.S. 982,498.—**Washington:** 11,763.
- Pierce County- 2nd highest rate of incidence of AIDS in the state with 9% of all cases.
 - 35% of the cases of HIV/AIDS in Pierce County are among people of color.
 - 24% of the cases of AIDS in Pierce County are among young people 20-29 years of age
 - 20% of the cases in Pierce County are women.
- 545,805 people with AIDS in the US have died. In Washington 5,180 or 44% of cases have resulted in death. An average of 408 per year from 2002 to 2006.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, WA State Dept of Health, Tacoma Pierce County Health Department, and Pierce County AIDS Foundation.



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Community Focus



Child Birth & Pre-Natal Care



In Pierce County, the number of mothers receiving no or late prenatal care has **nearly doubled** from 3 births per 100 in 2003 to **5.5** births per 100 in 2006. When mothers do not

receive prenatal care their babies are – 3x as likely to have low birth weight and **5x as likely to die!**

SOURCE: United Way Pierce County Community Indicators based upon US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration) Birth Certificate Data: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics



Getting Medical Care

17% of Adults in Pierce County do not have health insurance. This makes quite an impact when there are 740,957 people in Pierce County according to US Census Data. This translates



to well over 100,000 individuals being without insurance.

- 57% of those without health insurance **ARE** employed.

Public Health Care Benefits for low-income does not guarantee care either.

- Currently in Pierce County there are only 6.4 Medicaid physicians for every 1,000

Medicaid clients.

“About 1 in 7 adults in Pierce County do not have health insurance”

Source: United Way Pierce County Community Indicators citing Tacoma Pierce County Health Department PHIP 2006 Report, Community Health Care FAQ website -2008

Dental Care: 300,000 people in Pierce County do not have dental insurance.

SOURCE: Community Health Care FAQs-2008



Raining Cats & Dogs

We love our pets, but in 2007, man’s best friend had a tough year. The Tacoma Humane Society handled 15,842 lost/stray dogs and cats. Now consider if you were to examine all of Pierce County, let alone adding, Lewis, and Thurston Counties.



Of the 15,842 cats and dogs 6,654 were euthanized:

- 1,611 because of serious medical issues
- 1,590 for severe behavior or aggression issues



c) 673 Pit Bulls who could not be placed in rescue groups

d) 683 under-aged kittens for whom no foster homes were available.

SOURCE: Tacoma Humane Society 2008 website



GOING HUNGRY

In Pierce County
More than 130,000
people seek Emergency Food Assistance... **EACH MONTH.**

- 39% are children (under 19) and another 14% are elderly (over 55)
- 43% are families WITH at least one adult who is working

During 2007, a total of 694,986 clients (duplicated count) received 7,310,089 meals at Pierce County

food banks. An additional 888,648 sit-down meals were provided by local hot meal sites.

"I started to cry as it hit me that total strangers who had never witnessed the bright smile of my son, donated food so that WE COULD EAT."

- Jennifer a recipient of a CFC Charity

SOURCE: Emergency Food Network website (2008)



A 2006 study "Hunger in America" found that in Western WA – of those seeking food only 4.5% use welfare as their main source of income.

- 51% choose between food or paying for heat
- 40% choose between food and medicine or medical care or choose between food and rent

SOURCE: FishFoodBanks of Pierce County

Losing One's Home

FORECLOSURE: It is a scary word that has become a lot more familiar in people's conversations of late. You can't help but turn on the TV and hear about it.

Here in Pierce County an average of 459 foreclosures (notice

of trustee sale) PER MONTH occurred between January and August 2008. More than



530 were registered in September 2008. This is up nearly 300 a month from the 188 avg in 2005.

SOURCE: United Way Pierce County Community Indicators & Pierce Co Auditor

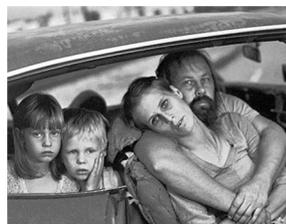
Living Without a Home

Many Pierce County households with children are finding themselves living without a home - between July 2005 and June 2006 9,588 households with children were turned away from shelters and another 11,007 households with children were turned away from homeless prevention services in Pierce County.

School districts in Pierce County are witnessing increases in the number of homeless children

served. This includes 2,405 children in the 2006-2007 school year. An increase of 25% from the previous school year.

- ✦ Clover Park School District reported a 93% increase (from 177 to 342) in homeless children.
- ✦ Tacoma School District reported a 33% increase (from 769 to 1,019) in homeless children.
- ✦ Bethel School District reported a 32% increase (from 215 to 284 in



2006-07) in homeless children.

✦ Franklin Pierce School District reported a 38% increase (from 95 in to 131) homeless children served.

Source: UW Community Indicators including data from Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) McKinney-Vento Homeless Data Collection Report; Emergency Shelter Assistance Program (ESAP) Client Data collected by the State of Washington Department of Community Trade and Economic Development.



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Where We Live—The Puget Sound

The Puget Sound consists of over 2,500 miles of shoreline and covers more than 16,000 square miles of land and water from San Juan Islands to the South Sound in Tacoma.



However, Copper, Zinc and other toxics washing down our storm drains from our streets and developed land account for close to 70% of Puget Sound's pollution. These heavy metals are a threat to the longevity and health of our salmon. A Washington state appeals board recently ruled that the current requirements governing our cities' and counties' storm water runoff fail to protect sockeye, king and coho salmon, all protected under the Endangered Species Act. *Source: Puget SoundKeepers Alliance website Oct 08*

Our Own Backyard



RECYCLING WASTE

Washington's recycling rate, which was 15% in 1986, has risen to 44% in 2005. Earthshare of WA points out there is still much to do since individual waste generation is continuing to rise (from 6.7 pounds per person per day in 1993 to 7.9 pounds in 2005)



“Twenty North American common birds have more than halved in number in the last four decades.” To help combat it -- Audubon Chapters and state offices have created “Important Bird Areas” to conserve areas, which includes 73 Important Bird Areas covering approximately 1 million acres in Washington state.

SOURCE: EarthPage on Earthshare of WA website Oct 2008

COHO SALMON

NOAA Fisheries scientists arrived on the scene at Longfellow Creek near Western Seattle in 2002 and began the long and complicated task of

tracking down the killer of coho salmon. In fact, some years, up to 90% of the “spawners, as the fish are called when they head upstream to lay eggs, were dying prematurely.” Nat Scholz, a research zoologist and head of the Ecotoxicology Program for NOAA Fisheries, says they still don't know the precise cause. But through the



process of elimination, researchers are reaching the conclusion that toxic stormwater run-off is the most likely culprit.

SOURCE: KIRO 7 News Reporter Penny LeGate, also a Board member of ESW organization Puget Soundkeeper Alliance, story on Earthshare WA website-Earthpage Oct 2008.

BIRDS IN US

Citing a 2007 Audubon report entitled BirdLife's State of the World's Birds report, Earthshare of WA states that populations of