

CITY OF LAKEWOOD
COMMUNITY COLLABORATION
“Networking for better services for all people of Lakewood”

January 13, 2010
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Lakewood City Hall
6000 Main Street SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Claudia Thomas

2. Guest Presenters:

1. **Kevin Glackin-Coley** has worked in human services for more than twenty five years and has been the Director of the St. Leo Food Connection since March 2005. In that time he has helped expand their emergency food programs throughout Pierce County, including the Springbrook Mobile Food Bank and the Summer Meals program. He will be providing an overview of how the Food Connection and others are responding to the increased need for emergency food assistance in the Lakewood community.

2. **Sonja Dahl, RN Lactation Coordinator** with Franciscan Health System Breastfeeding Services. Washington State has one of the highest rates of breastfeeding in the nation. Sonja will present information on how breastfeeding helps improve the lifelong health of women and infants, including readiness to learn. She will describe recent legislation supporting breastfeeding and list ways you as a community member, health care provider, employer, spouse, parent, and/or grandparent can support breastfeeding success with those you care about. Lactation Services at St. Joseph Medical Center has a retail store for purchasing products to support breastfeeding and has Board Certified Lactation Consultants who evaluate and assist new mothers with some challenges that may occur during breastfeeding.

3. **David A. Green, Program Specialist and Donald Lachman** – Special Projects Coordinator with the Washington Department of Veteran Affairs. **David Green** is a Montana native transplanted to Southern California for over 30 years before returning to Montana to earn a master's Degree in Public Administration. After a decade in the non profit world of domestic violence and sexual assault program support at the state coalition level, David moved to Tacoma in 2006 and was a contractor with the Violence Against Women office in Olympia. At the end of 2007 he became a Veteran Benefits Specialist dealing with incarcerated and homeless veterans in King County and South King County. In 2008 he took over the Pierce County Incarcerated Veteran's program providing reintegration services and case management.

Donald Lachman is Special Projects Coordinator for the WA State Dept of Veteran Affairs His portfolio for the Department includes developing Veterans services and partnerships in Pierce County, as well as service improvements for our Veterans with traumatic brain injuries which is often referred to as the signature wound of the current war. Donald is a Veteran, serving in the army medical corp for almost 8 yrs during the Viet Nam war and a graduate of the U of W.

David and Donald will be talking about the needs of Veterans and opportunities for services. They will go over accomplishments of 2009 and discuss the "road ahead" for 2010-2011 for Veterans in Pierce County.

4. **Sherry Cotton** –Housing Specialist has been with WWEE since 1990. She initially began performing intakes for the REACH program, then worked with the Community Jobs Internships and now is a specialist with the housing programs. Sherry has the gift of compassion coupled with her sincere desire to help WWEE participants establish and achieve their goal of self-sufficiency. This combination has proved extremely successful over the past twenty years. Sherry will be offering a synopsis of all the services available through WWEE.

3. Kurt Sample, Coordinator, Lakewood's Promise. LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE UPDATE

11:30 am Adjourn for Networking!