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Reporting Reminder



[Quarterly Activities Reports](#) from all WFF grantees are due **next Friday, January 16th!** Contact [Emily Nolan](#), (206) 805-6136, if you have questions.

Housing and Homeless Advocacy Day: February 24th

Join over 500 advocates for affordable housing and support services in Olympia on February 24, 2009 to tell your legislatures why affordable housing is important to Washington's residents. For more information, [read our blog posting](#).

National Conference on Ending Family Homelessness: February 12-13, San Diego, CA

We are coordinating registration for WFF grantees to attend NAEH's [2009 National Conference on Ending Family Homelessness](#) in San Diego, CA. If you are interested in attending, contact [Erin Chambers](#) at (206) 805-6140.

Upcoming Trainings

Professional Education Systems, Inc. (PESI) is offering upcoming trainings on *Effects of Combat Stress & Trauma on Returning War Veterans* (Jan. 28) and *Motivational Interviewing* (Feb. 4, 5, 6).

Washington Families Fund Grantee Newsletter

Welcome to the new Washington Families Fund Grantee Newsletter! We will send you this newsletter quarterly, but we will also continue to update you via email about new training opportunities and anything else we want you to know. In the mean time, please visit Building Changes' new [website](#), especially the [Grantee Toolbox](#), which was designed for WFF grantees.

Finding a Lifeline



Sierra struggled with alcohol and drug addiction for many years and was 26 years old when she first became homeless. Today, a mother of two young children, she has permanent housing and access to a range of services through the support of agencies like the Opportunity Council, a Washington Families Fund grantee, and other service partners.

[Read more of Sierra's story.](#)

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Training Scholarships

Washington Families Fund offers grantees limited funds to attend trainings of their choosing. The scholarship program is designed to allow grantee staff and their project partners access to flexible funds to support professional development in order to gain stronger skills to support clients. Applications must be approved in advance of attending the training. Agencies are encouraged to coordinate with project partners

Washington Families Fund is sponsoring a *Social Security and Benefits Training* in Spokane on April 14th.

For more information about these and other upcoming trainings, see our [Training Calendar](#).

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to design a training plan for the year before applying for funds.

Download our new [WFF Training Scholarship Application](#) or contact [Erin Chambers](#), (206) 805-6140, for additional information.

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Contacting Us

Building Changes has new phone and fax numbers. Our new main phone number is (206) 805-6100, and our new fax number is (206) 805-6101. In addition, all staff members now have direct dial phone numbers. [Read more](#).

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