

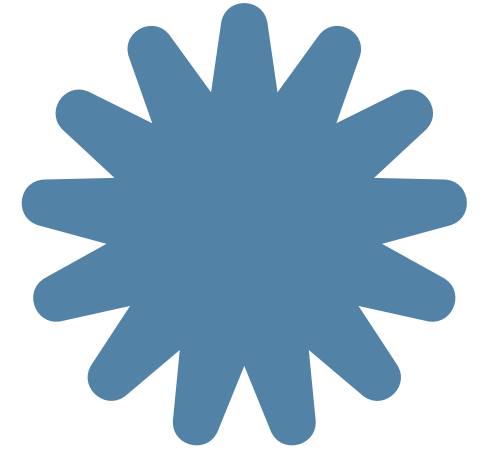


Health Equity Collaborative Newsletter



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KPHD UPDATES



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KITSAP COUNTY, WA — On Feb. 12, 2026, more than 30 professionals from local organizations gathered to kick off a new coalition that is working to build a safe and injury-free Kitsap County.

Health Officer Update: Opioid overdose trends & support

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Dr. Herbie Duber is the health officer for Kitsap Public Health District. In addition to his work in public health, Dr. Duber serves as a professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Washington and is an attending physician at UW Medical Center and Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

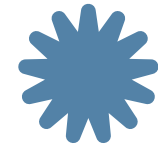
Hello and welcome to my March Health Officer Update.

This month, I want to talk about opioid trends and how organizations in Kitsap County are working to decrease opioid overdoses.

Kitsap Public Health Board meeting: April 7, 2026 from 8:30-10am



Funding Opportunities



Funding for Capacity Building: DCYF

For community-based child abuse prevention organizations in WA. LOI must be submitted by March 27, 2026 at 5:00 pm.



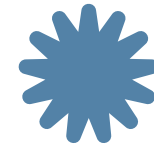
Funding for Perinatal Mental Health Programs: DCYF

DCYF will be hosting an informational webinar on March 19th from 12:30 - 1:30. Applications must be submitted by April 24, 2026



HEAL Capacity Grant Program

HEAL Capacity grants are intended to support community organizations whose capacity building efforts are aligned with, and will advance the goals of the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act.



DOH Office of Immunizations

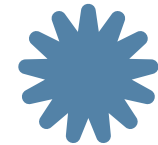
This funding will support up to 14 mobile MMR vaccination events through Care-A-Van, in coordination with impacted jurisdictions. Please contact Rebecca.Baron@doh.wa.gov or Care-A-Van@doh.wa.gov



Learning from Abroad to Reimagine Health Knowledge Systems for Equity and Wellbeing

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has a funding opportunity for organizations to learn and produce solutions to build a more inclusive and equitable health knowledge system, inspired by other countries that have faced or are currently facing similar health equity challenges. Apply by April 13 at 12:00 pm.

Feedback Opportunities



Community Engagement Opportunity (DOH): Apply by March 20

DOH is looking for 8-10 community members or organizations from across Washington with lived experience or expertise in environmental health, healthcare access, community recovery, or impacts from the 2025 Port Angeles fuel spill.



Behavioral Health Policy Planning: State Health Improvement Plan Convening

Participate in state health improvement planning & guide the development of statewide policy recommendations for mental & behavioral health.

This event is open to anyone interested in attending, but will be focused on developing policies that improve mental & behavioral health and related issues in Washington state.

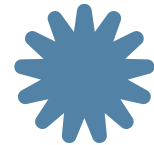


Access to Care Policy Planning: State Health Improvement Plan Convening

Participate in the state health improvement planning process & guide the development of statewide policy recommendations for access to care.

This event is open to anyone interested in attending, but will be focused on developing policies that improve access to healthcare and related issues in Washington state.

Feedback Opportunities, Cont.



Community Workgroups

DOH is convening two community workgroups from April-June to obtain input and make recommendations for future. Express interest via the forms by March 20 below:

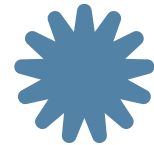
- [Mpox Equity Review Group](#) or [Análisis de Equidad de Mpox](#)
- [Port Angeles Fuel Spill Equity Review Group](#) or [Derrame de Combustible de Port Angeles](#)



Share your thoughts: take the Kitsap aging & disability community survey!

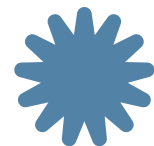
Help the [Kitsap County Division of Aging and Long-Term Care](#) (KCALTC) identify and plan local services for older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers by taking the [2026 aging & disability community survey](#). The survey deadline is Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

Webinars/Trainings



March 24 from 9:30 – 4:30: Food Access Now: Advancing Local Solutions to Food Insecurity

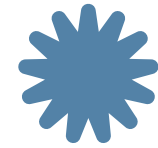
Public Health – Seattle & King County invites you to attend a full-day, in-person convening focused on practical, near-term steps we can take together to strengthen food security across our region. This event is all about sharing ideas, building connections, and making a real impact in our community. Whether you're passionate about food justice, community support, or just want to learn more, this is the spot for you!



Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network Rapid Response Training

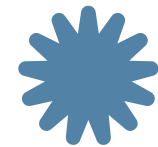
Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network has several upcoming webinars including “Know Your Rights” and “Rapid Response Training.” More information can be found on [their website](#).

In case you missed it...



Trusted Information for Washington's Immigrant and Refugee Communities

Washington Immigration Information Center have created a multilingual digital platform to provide clear, reliable, and cultural relevant information to immigrant and refugee communities across the state.



Rapid Response Hub

Washington Commission on Hispanic Affairs Rapid Response Hub provides immigration support, health services, housing support, educational opportunities, job assistance, mental health resources, food programs.



WAISN Resource Finder

Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) developed the WAISN Resource Finder, a community-driven database of vetted resources to helps bridge gaps in access by supporting service providers in understanding cultural sensitivities, language needs, and the specific realities faced by immigrant communities.

Helpful Listservs

Bainbridge Community Foundation

Inatai Foundation

Kitsap Community Foundation News for Non-profits

Kitsap Public Health District

WA State Office of Equity newsletter

Upcoming events



GREATER KITSAP CHAMBER
+ LEADERSHIP KITSAP PRESENT
Kitsap Women's SUMMIT
March 19, 2026 | Kitsap Conference Center

PRESENTERS

"Unshaken: Staying True to Self in Unfamiliar Territory"
TRACY FLOOD-HARRIS, ANNA FLOOD, DR. JENEISE BRIGGS, SADIE HOUSTON

"From Misunderstood to Understood:
Tools for Relational Breakthrough Across Differences"
STEPHANIE MIKULASEK

"How Your WHY Can Guide Your WHAT and Anchor Your WHO"
LAURIE CAMERON

"The Freedom and Flexibility Formula:
Build Momentum Toward a Life You Love"
LISA KERWIN

"Shelf Life: The Art of Knowing When to Pivot
and How to Begin Again"
MONICA DOWNEN

"Showing Up Anyway: The Power of Authentic Presence"
WHITNEY TATUM

"The Conflict Beneath the Conflict"
CARA WILSON

THE KITSAP WOMEN'S SUMMIT IS PROUDLY SPONSORED BY Business Health Trust

Kitsap Women's Summit

Thursday, March 19 from 9:30 – 3:00

Kitsap Youth Forum 2026

March 19th | 4:30pm - 7:00pm | OC Bremerton



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KITSAP YOUTH RALLY 2026 WITH KBSU

CALLING ALL KBSU HIGH-SCHOOLERS WANT TO ATTEND, AND YOUR SCHOOL IS NOT? RSVP WITH MS. JEWEL 360 990 3372 ASAP AND RETURN FORMS BY FEB 13, 2026 TO BE APPROVED FOR THE FIELD TRIP PARTICIPATE IN THE CIVICS/HISTORY BINGO WORKSHOP DURING THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKFAST SNACKS AND LUNCH INCLUDED BRING A WATER BOTTLE

TUES MARCH 24, 2026 8 AM TO 130 PM OLYMPIC COLLEGE, BREMERTON CAMPUS

ACT NOW

Kitsap Youth Rally for Human Rights

Tue., Mar. 25, 2025, 8am-1:20pm

Upcoming events

To add an event, email
equity@kitsappublichealth.org



SURVIVING CHANGE PRESENTS
2026
WASHINGTON STATE
AFRICAN AMERICAN
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS
12TH YEAR CELEBRATORY
BLACK TIE
GALA
HONORING
SHINING EXECUTIVE SUPERSTARS
CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF GREATNESS IN
EDUCATION, PUBLIC SERVICE, HEALTHCARE, ARTS,
ENTREPRENEURSHIP, & CIVIL RIGHTS

2026 HONOREES
EDDIE RYE JR. CHRIS B. BENNETT
BARBRA LANERS LINDA THOMPSON-BLACK
DAWN MASON MICHELLE MERRIWEATHER
CARMEN BEST DR. SHELEY SEACREST
CHASITY MALATESTA REV. DR. ROBERT MANAWAY SR.
VERONICA VERY REV. DR. LESLIE D. BRAXTON
ANTHONY IVES DEREK CLARK
CORETTA SCOTT DR. ROBYN WHITE
LINDA LOWRY BETSY WILKERSON

HOST
PASTOR C. IVAN
JOHNSON

FEATURED PERFORMERS
JOSEPHINE HOWELL, BRIDGET BAZILE, TALELIA SWEET,
DOTCY ISOM III, JAMERAH EZELL-RAY,
MAUREESE ITSON, RUTH FRANCES

CATERING
BY
SMOKIN'
ROBINSON

TICKETS
SATURDAY APRIL 25TH 2026 | 4PM
OLYMPIC COLLEGE
1600 CHESTER AVENUE, BREMERTON, WA 98337
MEDIA INQUIRIES AND SPONSORSHIPS, CONTACT:
DEBORAH MOORE JACKSON (SURVIVING CHANGE) DEBRAHPASSION@GMAIL.COM (360) 698-0316
RSVP AND TICKET INFORMATION, CONTACT:
MYESHA MOSLEY (360) 602-1466 MSYMYMPRESENTS@GMAIL.COM

Washington State African American Achievement Awards

Saturday, April 25th at 4:00 pm



DOCLUVTHEKIDS PRESENTS
A FREE EVENT FOR THE FAMILY

DOCLUVTHEKIDS
**SHOE
GIVE AWAY!**

WE BUILD A POWERFUL
COMMUNITY
TOGETHER

**FREE FOOD
FREE HAIRCUTS
RESOURCE BOOTHS**

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH 2026
12pm TO 3pm
MASONIC TEMPLE
878 5TH ST. BREMERTON WA

WANT TO VOLUNTEER, SPONSOR, OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFO?
CONTACT DOC BLACKWELL AT DLTK360@YAHOO.COM

DocLuvTheKids Shoe Give Away

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THANK YOU



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