

KPHD Updates:

- **Shellfish Harvesting Advisories:** The Kitsap Public Health District staff collect shellfish for testing at 12 locations during the summer and fall, and at nine locations year-round. Samples, usually mussels, are collected and sent to the Washington State Department of Health lab, where they are tested for three marine biotoxins: [Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning](#) (PSP), [Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning](#) (DSP) and [Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning](#) (ASP). If you plan to harvest or eat local, recreationally-harvested shellfish, you must first check for shellfish advisories in the area where you plan to harvest: Visit the [state shellfish safety map](#) or read the [current list of marine biotoxin shellfish closures](#) by county. *Check the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife shellfish harvest seasons and licensing requirements [online](#) or by phone at 1-866-880-5431.*
- **Postpartum Walking Groups** are happening this summer! Join our nurse-led postpartum support group that encourages parents and their babies to enjoy healthy movement and social time with other families. Every Friday through the summer, walks take place from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. **Questions?** Call us at [360-728-2229](tel:360-728-2229) or visit KitsapPublicHealth.org/mmk to learn more.
- **Nurture in Color:** Join KPHD's Black Infant Thrive program for an interactive art exhibit and community panel that honors the resilience, strength, and stories of Black birthing families. Aug. 28th from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at Quincy Square. Space is limited — RSVP today! Questions? Email BIT@KitsapPublicHealth.org or visit KitsapPublicHealth.org/BIT

Funding Opportunities:

- ArtsFund: [Community Accelerator Grant Program](#) provides unrestricted grants to cultural nonprofit organizations across Washington state in amounts of \$2,500 to \$25,000. **[Apply by Aug 21, 2026.](#)**
- Department of Commerce is accepting applications for the 2026 Housing Trust Fund Homeownership funding cycle. Eligible organizations can apply for funding to expand affordable homeownership opportunities for low-income households. **[Applications are due by September 3 at 3:00 p.m.](#)**
- Front & Centered is offering HEAL Capacity Grants to support community-based organizations working with overburdened and vulnerable communities across Washington. Grants are intended to strengthen community capacity, advance environmental justice, and support engagement in HEAL Act implementation. **[Open until November 13.](#)**
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting applications for the [FY 2026 Nonprofit Security Grant Program](#). Eligible nonprofit organizations may apply for funding to support security enhancements such as cameras, access

control systems, lighting, alert systems, and staff training. Applications are submitted through each state's [State Administrative Agency](#).

Feedback Opportunities:

- **Community Needs Assessment 2026–2027:** Every three years, Kitsap Community Resources (KCR) conducts a [comprehensive Community Needs Assessment \(CNA\)](#) to better understand the strengths, challenges, and priorities of people living in Kitsap County. The assessment helps identify gaps in services, programs, and policies, and guides KCR's strategic planning and future investments. [Take the Survey](#) and share the link!

- The Washington Statewide Reentry Council is accepting applications to fill six open seats. Council members help strengthen reentry outcomes across Washington by advancing policies and practices that support successful reentry, public safety, and restorative systems. [Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until all positions are filled.](#)

- Washington State Community Connectors is inviting parents and caregivers to complete a survey about their experiences accessing children's behavioral health services in Washington. Feedback will help identify barriers, highlight what is working well, and inform improvements to better support families. [The survey is open through July 31.](#)

- **Community Forums - Washington Housing Alliance:** This summer and fall, the Housing Alliance is traveling around the state to hear from local communities about your needs and priorities. We'll share what we're thinking about for upcoming policy priorities and gather feedback on what you think is most important to focus on for the next several years. This is an opportunity for you to share what policy changes you think are most important to solve the affordable housing and homelessness crisis in your community, and to share specific challenges, opportunities, or trends in your region.
 - In-Person: Bremerton, August 12, 5:30-7pm - [REGISTER](#)
 - Virtual forums:
 - Statewide, Aug. 13, 5:30-7pm - [REGISTER](#)
 - Statewide Rural Focus, Aug. 18, 5:30-7pm - [REGISTER](#)
 - En Español, Aug. 20, 5:30-7pm - [REGISTER](#)

Webinars/Trainings:

- **July 29 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.** Switchboard is providing a webinar free webinar exploring compassionate, trauma-informed approaches to supporting refugees, immigrants, and other newcomer communities experiencing complex grief and loss. [Register here.](#)

Other/Community Resources

- **Request for Applications: Olympic Connect Care Coordination Partners:** OCH invites organizations with an established foundation in community-based care coordination to partner with OCH through the Olympic Connect program. This unique opportunity is designed for health-serving partners throughout Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap counties who are already working to identify and address social needs. By connecting current community-based care coordination efforts into the Olympic Connect infrastructure, partners can collectively strengthen regional support networks, contribute to and capture regional data for future sustainability, and ensure no community member slips through the cracks. **Submit applications no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, August 24 to Connect@OlympicCH.org.**
- [Read the findings from a Pierce County community plática](#) conducted by Latino Center for Health. Healthcare providers, educators, and community leaders identified key health priorities, barriers, and solutions for Latinx communities.
- The Washington Belonging Table, which is a network of community leaders, nonprofits, government officials, health organizations, and civic groups across Washington State working together to foster a stronger sense of belonging and civic connection. Read this piece, titled, "[A Belonging Table takes shape in Washington for communities hungry for connection.](#)"
- **H.R. 1 Communications Toolkit:** The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) communications team has developed an H.R. 1 Impacts to Apple Health communications toolkit to help communicate about the upcoming changes to Apple Health. It has guidance on branding and messaging, links to fact sheets, webpages, a social media toolkit, contact information, and more. The HCA communications team plans to update it often as they continue to develop H.R. 1 materials, so please share the [link](#) rather than the PDF. Please contact Lyndsay Fluharty at lyndsay.fluharty@hca.wa.gov if you have any questions.

Helpful List Servs:

HEC members may find it useful to subscribe to the following newsletters for regular updates and resources from other Washington organizations.

- [Bainbridge Community Foundation](#)
- [Inatai Foundation](#)
- [Kitsap Community Foundation News for Non-profits](#)
- [Kitsap Public Health District](#)
- [WA State Office of Equity newsletter](#)

Upcoming Events:

- To see an updated list of community events related to equity, please visit our [Equity Events Calendar](#). To add events to the calendar, please email equity@kitsappublichealth.org.