



Willapa Community Network Newsletter

Your Connection to Our Community

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Our Vision

Our vision is a thriving, connected, community achieved through enhanced leveraging of resources and services in north Pacific County.

Our Mission

Our mission is to support an inclusive community network that encourages communication and collaboration among service providers, business, and volunteers, to enhance quality of life in north Pacific County.

Next Meeting:

WCN meets on the first Wednesday of each month—all are invited to attend.

11:00 am—1:00 pm
Willapa Harbor Hospital
Cedar Conference Room

Pacific County Resiliency Corps Team

Pacific County Resiliency Corps is very excited about this collaborative project where several youth serving agencies will be hosting AmeriCorps members who will be providing programming that promotes resilience among Pacific County Youth. There are 12

positions in total at the following locations:

- Boys & Girls Club- After School Program
- Big Brothers Big Sisters- Mentoring Program
- Peninsula Poverty Response- Homeless Programs
- Crisis Support Network- Safe Dating Programs
- Teen Advocacy Coalition/WCN- Youth Programs Coordinator
- Grays Harbor College- Economic Development and Career Exploration Programs
- Ilwaco High School- Resource Coordinator
- Ilwaco Middle School- School/Job Training Programs

In addition to gaining experience in their chosen field, AmeriCorps members also receive a monthly living stipend, health insurance, and an education award upon completion of term. The positions are open to individuals of all ages who are looking to serve their community while gaining valuable experience in the human services and/or education fields. Positions begin September 1, 2015 and last 10.5 months with an option for up to 2 additional years.

For more information about Pacific County Resiliency Corps or these positions, please visit: <http://www.pacificcountyouth.org/team-ameri-corps.html>

Applicants can apply by sending their resume & cover letter to Becky Fischer at fischerb@willapabh.org or can apply directly at www.my.americorps.gov (Search Pacific County, WA)

Journey to Jobs A Great Employer Opportunity with Hiring Benefits

Just another reminder that WorkSource through the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council has funding that will assist employers with their hiring and training needs. Journey 2 Jobs (J2J) can reimburse an employer 50% of a new hire's wages for a period up to 6 months depending upon the length of training needed for the positions. The program is called On the Job Training (OJT). These are federal dollars to assist Long Term Unemployed active job seekers attach themselves to new careers. This is a win/win for employers and job seekers alike. Give Ron Schmidt a call at 360-538-2340 or email rschmidt@esd.wa.gov for more information about this great opportunity.

Next year, wouldn't you rather be...

...traveling America. ...earning \$ for college. ...changing the world.

We thought so, and we've got just the program for you.

www.pacificcountyouth.org

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Willapa Festival July 31st— August 2nd, 2015 Fun activities for the family, vendors, sidewalk sales, parade, artisans, softball, quilt show, kayaking, car show, music and much much more.**

ONE MAN'S TRASH/COMMUNITY TREASURE

These are busy times for sure and we are all overextended in time and money. As long as we feel like wishbones, pulled in different directions, it may be a time to observe and conserve.

Alliance for a Better community has been working to try and offer some things to the public at little or no cost. Anything to conserve time and effort is a bonus to most of us. ABC has partnered with others to form a small internet café available to all at no cost. Wi-Fi is available in the lobby entry to Liang's Restaurant. This new ownership is open to helping to serve the public as well. Close proximity to a free service to the community is bound to draw business their way as well with mouthwatering aroma tempting our nostrils. Raymond Theater has partnered with furniture and a bulletin board.

ABC has been adding in small steps to this PC lounge and would like to express a need for help that may be a blessing for others to give and lighten their closets, storage sheds, etc. Our ability as a nonprofit to apply for and receive county surplus has given us treasure to share with all. PC workstations are available for public use, but there are no monitors. If in your home, business, or organization you have working monitors compatible with Windows XP computers please let us know by calling Jewel at 360-942-3672. It would be a powerful contribution of something you may not be using and it may be one of those items that works, is too good to just toss, but a great asset to our little PC lounge and our community. It is a goal of ABC to provide an office copier, a flat screen TV, multiple computers, printers, and coffee for purchase. We already have two computers, a brochure rack, and a bulletin board. If you have any working office machines that you are ready to part with, please give Jewel a call.

Just to advise, it is the long term goal of ABC to build an activity center/maker space/sports practice facility. To achieve this lofty goal we can use some donated property and more people. Nothing is more valuable than the treasure we have in people of North Pacific County working together. Let's make this happen!

All are welcome to the monthly meetings of ABC at Liang's on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be June 10 at 5:30pm. Please bring your ideas and join us. We eat and meet at the same time!

Jewel Hardy, Chair

Senior Community Service Employment Program

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is looking for participants that are 55 and older that want to get back in the work force and that have been out of work for one year or more. We have some host agencies that are willing to train them. The qualifications are low income, unemployed, reside in Pacific County. They can contact us at 1103 E. Wishkah St., Aberdeen, WA and the phone number is 360-532-0041.

Goodwill is our sponsor and the program is funded thru Dept. of Labor.

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