



Columbia County Youth Housing Initiative

Zoom Meeting Information:

Nicholas Clark is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Date **May 2, 2025**

Attendees: Nick Clark, Caitlan Wentz, Adam Jenkins, Kellie Jo Smith, Lois Tari, Sherrie Ford, **Justin Engstrom**, Mel Keller, Miriam Parker, Stacey Mahler, Amanda Bunger, **Mark Pacheco**, Margaret Magruder, Brooke Sanders, Taylor Kingery, Todd Jacobson, Asha Omar, Amelia Kercher

Welcome and Introductions (3:00-3:15 pm)

- Name, Pronouns, Role/Organization, and why is this project important to you?

- Welcome to our new participants!
- Nick takes a moment to address the group:
 - How do we keep the energy going outside of these meetings? I get a lot of excitement running this group and facilitating. I feel that I have created a bottleneck of information coming in. What would you all think of creating a shared document for our ideas, thoughts, agenda items? I want to make this as collaborative of a space as possible.

Last Meeting Recap (3:15-3:20 pm)

- We are all here for youth that are experiencing houslessness
- To support the mental, emotional, and social development of youth and young adults by providing a safe, welcoming space where they can engage in positive activities, access support, and receive guidance on overcoming personal challenges to build resilience.

Why are we doing this? (3:20-3:25 pm)

- The youth of Columbia County are in need of short and long term respite opportunities
- We have some people in this meeting that can make some things happen!
- This collection of people is passionate about our youth
- Goals of our youth- we may need to start with a short-term solution and build on it for longer term prevention and support. Examples of tangible needs:
 - Families living in RVs without a place to park.
 - Immediate: Where do we go?
 - Fun and safe place to engage in community, share thoughts, concerns, ideas
 - Peer support
 - Wait lists for services can be extremely detrimental

- While funds are available, the humans (willing, able) to provide the respite don't match the demand
- Data can be deposited here:
 - [Columbia County Youth Housing Initiative Agenda \(05/2025\)](#)

Action Items: Review and revise (3:25-3:35 pm)

- DHS Physical location in Clatskanie
 - **Do we have any follow up here?**
 - Response:
 - **Is there anything we can do to start something small in Clatskanie?**
 - Response:

Task tracker **Starting small, getting solid feedback and data

Assignee	Title	Date	Status
Nicholas Clark	Invite host homes to present to our next meeting	Mar 24, 2025 8:00 ...	Completed ▾
Everyone?	Grant funding for operations and capital Check-in, what's available? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding opportunities listed here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Columbia County Y... 	Mar 24, 2025	In progress ▾
kj.smith@columbia...	Invite McKinney-Vento Coordinators <i>Data reveals dozens of students needing access from</i>	Mar 18, 2025	In progress ▾

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👤 Assignee	T T Title	📅 Date	📄 Status
	<i>Rainier and Scappoose</i>		
bsanders@youthera.org	Add Youth Advisory Engagement- committee create some questions/themes we are curious about	May 2, 2025	In progress ▾
kj.smith@columbia...	Invite Renovations Program from SHHS <i>Eager to help/assist as plans evolve</i>	Mar 18, 2025	Completed ▾
kj.smith@columbia... Taylor Kingery	Invite Parks & Rec <i>Willing to help with events and activities as things are established (parking lot item)</i>	Mar 18, 2025	Completed ▾
Taylor Kingery tim.w.cork@odhs.o...	Connections for Clatskanie location	📅 Date	In progress ▾
👤 Person	From Chat: Mark Pacheco, Columbia County PIO 3:37 PM You can email the South Columbia County Chamber of commerce is mgr@scchamber.org . Or email me and I can get you on the schedule.	📅 Date	Not started ▾

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👤 Assignee	📄 Title	📅 Date	📌 Status
Bill Amos	Invite some faith based organizations/individuals	May 2, 2025	In progress ▾
Justin Engstrom	Invite Claire Catt to future meetings	May 2, 2025	Completed ▾
👤 Person		📅 Date	Not started ▾

Host Homes Presentation 3:35-3:50 pm (10-15 minutes)

- Provide some space for our friends at host homes to talk about their initiative. Allow space for questions.
- Presentation Notes and Discussion
 - 📄 Columbia County Youth Housing Initiative Agenda (05/2025)
- Q&A 📄 Columbia County Youth Housing Initiative Agenda (05/2025)

Resource table check in- has anything moved?

Can we add anything? (3:50- 4:00 pm)

Need	Have access to	Secured
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School District involvement in the planning (at least) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McKinney-Vento coordinators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heart! • Key partners at the

Need	Have access to	Secured
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs assessment (formal or otherwise)- what do youth want/need? Designated physical spaces Parks & Rec partnership/involvement Tribal involvement Understanding: https://www.paisleyschoolistrict.com/paisley_charter_school/dormitory Camp Cedar Ridge-Vernonia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Advisory Council DHS Physical location in Clatskanie 2018/19 survey of students (HS in 18/19 are now 21-25 yo) Knowledge to Host Homes- presentation coming soon! Funding: "Children's home for care of unfortunate children... juvenile "delinquent" youth training and care." 	<p>table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taylor's help for school surveys! Energy, Openness, Eagerness

Meeting objectives- what do we need to do to get more resources in the "secured" column?

Goal Review: Breakout Session 4:00 PM (20 minutes total)

- Link: [Youth Housing Breakout Questions](#)
- **Room 2 Youth Housing Breakout Questions**
- What is the lowest-hanging fruit we can act on in the next 30-60 days?

- hygiene kits, youth voice, school district involvement and collaboration, have everyone in own communities for partnerships and locations to implement - land- buildings- space sharing
- Where can we test a small pilot (e.g., host homes or drop-in services) with minimal resources?
 - add on to additional resources that are already existing??? family resource center, have a list of "menu" of how they can help to expand partnerships. add resources at bowling alley?
- What steps would it take to start something *small but visible* in Clatskanie?
 - dhs but have not hear back, there may be another option , kids cave bussiness in a shared space, after school option, old bank is vacant but out of chs and ye budget. rainier sd may be open to a moduale as a youth drop in space- one single coordinated entry for underhoused youth for all of county or city? is it easily accessible on line? more than just a resource guide.

brooke sanders (she/her) Youth Era 4:19 PM

- Who else needs to be at this table to make this initiative successful?
 - locl from each area- schools- admin counslors- summer camps youth programs- mayors- casa
- What partnerships or people do we already have access to that we haven't fully leveraged?
 - school district , law enforcements . letters to legislature asking at a higher level, youth to participate within legislative feedback

Key takeaways:

- **Community education about the need is important, also about the momentum**

- SHHS R&R program's sheds could partner with existing informal host homes.
- Request Youth Development funds to build program infrastructure to formalize a program
- Lowest hanging fruit: hygiene kits, start building relationship with anyone already doing some of the work
- We still need to engage more with local school districts, CASA, City Mayors, Law Enforcement

Milestones (4:20-4:25 pm)

Date	Milestone	Description	Expected outcome
Feb 12, ...	Milestone 1	Initial Youth Housing Meeting	Group decided that this was a worthy initiative. Planned another meeting to be scheduled in March.
Mar 14, ...	Milestone 2	Follow up Youth Housing Meeting	Identify an initiative, begin planning process
May 2, 2...	Milestone 3	Host Home presentation, First in person meeting, momentum picking up	Learn about Host Homes services and identify if they can be a part of the solution
📅 Date			

Next Steps (4:25-4:30 pm)

- Do you feel like we made progress today?
- Did we leave anything out?
 - So much more to come!
 - Need to figure out from big idea to potential spaces and the physical location progression (ADD TO ACTION ITEMS, or action table for each town/district so no one gets left out)
- Future meetings (Should we meet in person again?)
 - Feelings for both- virtual and in person. Next meeting virtual, future hybrid?
 - Timing, consistency
 - Keep momentum with monthly meetings, eventually transition to check-ins
 - Fridays don't consistently work for everyone
 - **Doodle poll coming your way for a June meeting**
- Deadlines
 - Are there any hard deadlines for funding or other opportunities?