

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION

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Hillsboro Office

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648-6646 – Administration
FAX – 648-4175

- Executive Director
- Finance
- Head Start
- Child Care
- Parenting Education
- Resource Development
- Client Services
- Self Sufficiency
- Weatherization
- Fair Housing
- Housing Advocacy

648-0829 – Client Services

- Information & Referral
- Intake & Assessment for all WCCAO Services
- 640-8951 (part year) Heating Assistance

Emergency Shelter Home

210 S.E. 12th
Hillsboro, OR 97123
648-0829

- Temporary Family Shelter

Tualatin Valley Food Center

925 S.W. Baseline
Hillsboro, OR 97123
640-6005
FAX – 681-4932

- Christmas Clearing Bureau
- Brown Bag

Neighborshare

12750 S.W. Pacific Hwy.
Suites 110 & 111
Tigard, OR 97223
639-0495

- Information & Referral
- Intake & Assessment for all WCCAO Services & Tigard Shelter

Play It Again (Thrift Store)

4955 S.W. Hall Blvd.
Beaverton, OR 97005
644-8956

PRESS RELEASE

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WCCAO ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS THAT, DESPITE SHELTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, WASHINGTON COUNTY HOMELESSNESS IS ON THE RISE

Washington County Community Action Organization (WCCAO) reports a disturbing rise in homelessness in Washington County in recent years. However, the agency's 1991-1992 annual report shows that WCCAO continues to provide a wide range of services to low income people, despite tightening budgets and rising need.

Services provided over the past year range from one-time emergency assistance to longer-term self-reliance services. Emergency and basic needs services included shelter, food, and utility and rent assistance. In order to ensure that clients are aware of their options, information and referral to a spectrum of social services was available through the county-wide information and referral database. Housing development and advocacy was provided to increase the amount of affordable housing and to ensure that families' rights to their housing is not endangered. Homes were weatherized and families were provided energy conservation education, so that heating bills would be lower and homes would be warmer. Preschool children and their families participated in the Head Start program and child care services. Families participated in self-reliance services so that they could be active, productive members of our community. (See attached fact sheet for further details.)

Homelessness has been steadily increasing over the past five years. One measure of homelessness is the number of requests WCCAO receives for emergency shelter. In 1988-89, 1,710 individuals requested shelter. In 1990-91, that number had risen to 6,328, an increase of 270% over a three year

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