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PSCCN Team Update



Welcome La Shonda Lipscomb to the PSCCN Team!

La Shonda joins the team as Director of Postsecondary Programs. She is a versatile and charismatic individual who has worked for over 13 years in the ABE and ELL fields. La Shonda has had the pleasure of holding positions as an Instructor, a Teacher Trainer, a Manager, a College Navigator, a Student Success Specialist, and a Director. Over four years, She has done some volunteer work for non-profit organizations that encourage development, Education, equity, and inclusion. La Shonda holds a Master's degree in Education. She also has experience teaching adult education and intensive English programs at the post-secondary and university levels in the U.S. and abroad. Previously, La Shonda served as the Director of Basic & Transitional Studies at Seattle Central College and was the Event Operations Director for the first annual Na Wahine O ka Mana: The Power of Women Summit. La Shonda is originally from Los Angeles, and when she is not busy working, you can find her traveling, dancing, and bringing folks together. Join us in welcoming her to our team.

King County Promise Engagement Opportunity

King County Promise: CBO Engagement Session for small and BIPOC-led CBOs.

Equity in Education Coalition and Puget Sound College and Career Network

Friday, October 29th, 11am-12:30pm, virtual

Please join us for a special engagement session for leaders of small and BIPOC-led Community Based Organizations that serve King County high school students, CTC students, and Opportunity Youth.

- Learn about King County Promise Partnership opportunities
- Information tailored for small and BIPOC-led organizations
- Q&A

Sign up here:

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Small & BIPOC-led CBO Engagement Sessions **Co-hosted by The Equity in Education Coalition**

PSCCN and [The Equity in Education Coalition](#) will conduct a special engagement session with leaders of small and BIPOC-led Community Based Organizations that serve King County high school students, CTC students, and Opportunity Youth. These sessions will be focused on providing information tailored for small and BIPOC-led organizations on the different aspects of Phase 1 of King County Promise. Please share this opportunity with interested folks in your network. For more information, refer to the flyer above. Please register for the next session via the link below:

Friday, October 29, 2021 from 11:00am - 12:30pm: [Register here](#)

King County - DCHS is leading the release of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for King County Promise-Phase 1 online this fall for partnerships interested in implementing the King County Promise model in the fall of 2022.

Get acquainted with the DCHS RFP process:

- **Virtual Info Session:**
 - Once the RFP is released, DCHS will host virtual info sessions for interested applicants to learn about the opportunity and how to apply. These info sessions will also be recorded and made available for viewing.
- **Technical Assistance (TA):**
 - TA support for interested applicants will be available at no cost. Trained TA consultants will be available to assist applicants in engaging in the RFP materials, building proposals, and working with partners.
- **RFP Duration:**
 - We plan to have the RFP open for 6-8 weeks to give partnerships ample time to build their proposals for this RFP.
- **Contracting with DCHS:**

- New to the DCHS RFP Process? You can view the [Contracting with DCHS](#) page to learn about how contracting works and to see any open RFPs. Proposals responding to DCHS RFPs are generally submitted through [Zoom Grants](#).

Financial Aid Application is Open



Securing funds for college is an essential step for students planning to go to college; check out PSCCN's [Financial Aid Toolkit](#). This toolkit is a great resource that can help **remove barriers** for students to access funds for college. It equips educators, youth program workers, and others assisting students with navigating the financial aid application process, including completing financial aid forms.

Renew your FAFSA Portal Access

The WSAC and FAFSA Portal access is a critical tool for individualized student support in financial aid completion, allowing educators to track individual FAFSA completions. School districts and individual educators must renew their data-sharing agreement with the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) to access the FAFSA Portal. Contact fafsa@wsac.wa.gov for details.

Community Conversations



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

PANDEMIC LEARNING & RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN SOUTH KING COUNTY



In 2020, Puget Sound Educational Services District's Road Map Improvement Collaborative team invited local leaders to join a Wisdom Council to elevate voices, expertise, and partnership opportunities for our Communities of Color across school districts in South King County ('the Road Map region'). Whether our region's Youth of Color are returning to Kindergarten, High School, or College amid this pandemic, their voices are important as ever for ensuring we return to school in new ways that truly honor their spirits and humanity. 'Community Conversations: Pandemic Learning & Returning to School in South King County,' shared here, centers those voices. In addition, the report models an approach to partnering with youth on reports to our schools, universities, and communities that centers on those most impacted by the practices, policies, and climates in which they learn.

Forty-four High School Youth, Parents, Community Leaders, and Educators of Color across our 7 Road Map school districts engaged in over 35 hours of conversations with trusted peers. Conversation participants engaged in all aspects of the project, including meaning-making, generating recommendations, and shaping reporting and communication strategies. This report elevates the voices of our regional high school students, families, communities, and educators of color. We encourage everyone to ask questions of students, families, and communities impacted by the pandemic AND systemic racial inequities and adapt your responsive decisions in partnership. [Click here](#) to read the report.

News from the Region



Most Washington state community colleges will require students to get COVID vaccines this fall. [Click here to read the article.](#)

Why Washington's high school seniors aren't applying for college financial aid. [Click here to read the article.](#)

Meet the UW Law student who may be the first to wear a hijab at graduation and hopes not to be the last. [Click here to read the article.](#)

Why Washington's public universities will no longer require SAT or ACT scores. [Click here for more information.](#)

Why Washington state won't consider requiring COVID vaccines for school children — yet. [Click here to read the article.](#)

The UW turned 2020 into a course. You're invited to check it out. [Click here to Watch the video.](#)

Student Voices:

Why Black faculty matter on university campuses. [Click here to read the article.](#)

The future is hybrid in higher education. [Click here to read the article.](#)

My STEM education won't matter if it's not inclusive. [Click here to read the article.](#)

The Perks of Being Biliterate: How To Support Dual Language Classrooms. [Click here to read the article.](#)

Upcoming Events and Trainings



Small & BIPOC-led CBO Engagement Sessions ([Co-hosted by The Equity in Education Coalition](#))

October 29, 2021

11:00am - 12:30pm

[Register here.](#)

Virtual 2021 FSA Training Conference

Nov. 30 - Dec. 3, 2021 - Nov. 30 - Dec. 3, 2021

[Register here.](#)

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