



Basic Principles for Interacting with Individuals that are Homeless

1. When you come in contact with a person who is homeless, look at them and say "Hello."
2. If they request money, refer them to the list of resources provided in this handout
3. Be aware that there are many people who are NEWLY homeless. They can be frightened, confused and disoriented and their desperation can be anxiety producing
4. It is a good idea to give to your favorite charity or one who provides services to the homeless instead of giving money to panhandlers
5. There are also many items you can donate that will benefit this population. They include; food, warm socks, gloves, blankets, shoes (especially large sizes), backpacks, umbrellas and all kinds of toiletries.

All people have the desire to be treated with dignity and respect. This population is no exception.

Resource Numbers:

Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness
(253) 591-5070

Encampment Repopulation Hotline
(253) 830-6500

United Way Helpline Information & Referral Service
Call 211

Community Based Services Information Line
(253) 591-5044

Hot Meals

Nativity House 2304 S Jefferson
Breakfast: Mon, Thu, Fri 11:30 a.m.; Sat 10 a.m.; Sun 9:30 a.m.
Lunch: Mon, Thu, Fri 2:30 p.m.; Sat & Sun 1:30 p.m.

Hospitality Kitchen 1323 S Yakima
Breakfast: Mon-Fri 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.;
Lunch: Mon-Fri 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tacoma Rescue Mission 425 S Tacoma Way
Breakfast: 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.; Dinner: daily at 5 p.m.

Shelters

Tacoma Avenue Shelter 1143 Tacoma Ave
Men & Women daily 5 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Tacoma Rescue Mission 425 S Tacoma Way
Men only, open daily 3 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Salvation Army Family Lodge 1521 6th Ave
Call 24 hours/7 days (253) 627-3962

Tacoma Rescue Mission – Family Shelter 609 S 15th St
Call 24 hours/7 days (253) 272-1974

Showers

New Start 2342 Tacoma Ave
Mon & Wed 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Fri 8 - 11 a.m.

Guadalupe House 1417 S G Street
Mon - Fri 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Free Clinics

Neighborhood Clinic at St. Leo's 1323 S Yakima
Mon & Thu 5 p.m., medical only

Homeless Clinic - New Start 2342 Tacoma Ave
Mon, Tue, Thu general clinic (sign in 8 a.m. or 11 p.m.)
Tue & Thu mental health clinic

Trinity Health Clinic 1615 6th Ave.
Tue 5 - 7 p.m. medical 1st come, 1st served

Healthcare for the Homeless 2342 Tacoma Ave
Thu 1 - 4 p.m. Tue 8 - 12 noon, Thu mental health