

Redmond Citizen's Academy  
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# **INTRODUCTION TO REDMOND HUMAN SERVICES (NOT HUMAN RESOURCES)**

# Who we are

- Division of the Planning Department
- Colleen Kelly, Manager
- Brooke Buckingham, part time Sr. Planner
- Human Services Commission

# Why Human Services?

- Some residents of Redmond are unable to meet their basic needs for housing, food, clothing and heat without outside assistance
- There are women, children and families in Redmond who require support due to domestic violence, mental illness and/or substance abuse
- Increasing diversity creates a need for additional support services

# Redmond's Role

- Not a direct service provider
- Per Capita funding formula
- Connection with community and awareness of needs
- Contracts with community based organizations
- Regional partner

# Recent History

- Adoption of the city's first Human Services Strategic Plan, March 2009

See <http://www.redmond.gov/Residents/HumanServices/>

- First Human Services Commission appointed November, 2009

# Role of Human Services Commission

- Seven-member volunteer board
- Advise the Mayor and Council on general issues related to human services
- Make specific funding recommendations as part of the City's budget process every two years
- Helps carry out recommendations outlined in the City's Human Services Strategic Plan.

# Contracted Services

- Hopelink
- Friends of Youth
- Eastside Domestic Violence Program
- HealthPoint
- Neighborhood Schoolhouse
- Eastside Winter Shelter
- Complete list available:

<http://redmond.gov/Residents/HumanServices/DirectoryHumanServices/>

# Regional Partnerships

- Eastside Human Services Forum
- United Way of King County
- King County Committee to End Homelessness
  - Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee
- King County Community Development Block Grant Consortium

# Opportunities for Involvement

- Attend Commission meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays of the month, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Annual Month of Concern for the Hungry
- Annual One Night Count of the Homeless
- Volunteer for a community based organization

**WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO KNOW?**