

Housing Authority of Yamhill County

Community Profile

Population 93,085

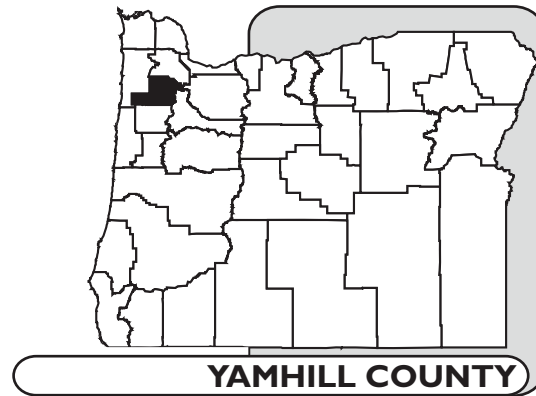
Location McMinnville

Position Description

Sponsor Housing Authority of Yamhill County

Supervisor Elise Hui,
Executive Director

Assignment The RARE participant working with the Housing Authority of Yamhill County in McMinnville will work on five projects.



The first project is the Homeless Connect Event. Homeless Connect is a one-day community-wide event to provide a one-stop introduction to housing, support, and quality of life resources for the homeless population. The RARE participant will be responsible for facilitating, fundraising and coordinating volunteers for the event. The participant will work with government, business leaders, faith-based and non-profit agencies to provide resources to the homeless population. The goal is to raise awareness and promote collaboration within the whole community.

The second project is the Homeless Plan. Yamhill County currently has a countywide work group tackling the problem of homeless in the county. The work group will be drafting a 10-year plan to end homelessness, and is planning a Town Hall kick-off event for September 2008. The 10-year plan will then be presented to the individual cities within Yamhill County to gain public input. Once resolutions are passed in support of the plan, first year activities in the plan will begin. The participant will be responsible for outreach and marketing of plan after kick-off event and will work closely with the County Commissioner.

The third project will be to coordinate volunteers with Linfield College in performing a comprehensive homeless count. One-night shelter counts have been done in the county, but current efforts lack an effective means of extensive outreach to all homeless populations, as well as a count of all those that meet the Federal definition.

The fourth project will be strengthening education and outreach to diverse community groups. The homeless population has already been identified as an underserved population. However, even within the homeless population, there are diverse groups that are especially underserved. For example, immigration issues require a unique understanding of that specific population so that we can proactively assist without hindering their progress. The RARE participant will perform a research of issues, education and training to groups participating in homeless projects, working with Hispanic Advisory Board among other groups to reach non-traditional partners.

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The last project will be Sleep Out 2008, held in conjunction with Yamhill County Prevention Programs.

The Sleep Out is an overnight campout aimed at raising awareness of the problems of homeless youth in the community. The RARE participants will serve as co-organizer for awareness projects tied to youth homelessness issues.

RARE Participant



Bonnie Ingalls

Bonnie received a Bachelor's degree from Washington State University in 2003 in Social Science. Bonnie served as an AmeriCorp VISTA volunteer and then leader for the Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs, focusing on homeless services for adults and children. Upon completing her AmeriCorps service, Bonnie worked for the Army Corps of Engineers Portland District.

Bonnie works with the Housing Authority of Yamhill County in McMinnville on various community and social service projects. The first project is the Homeless Connect Event. Homeless Connect is a one-day community-wide event to provide a one-stop introduction to housing, support, and quality of life resources for the homeless population. Bonnie is responsible for facilitating, fundraising and coordinating volunteers for the event. Bonnie works with government, business leaders, faith-based and non-profit agencies to provide resources to the homeless population and to raise awareness and promote collaboration within the whole community.

The second project is working with the County Commissioner to market the recently enacted Homeless Plan to community members.

Bonnie's third project is to coordinate volunteers at Linfield College in performing a comprehensive homeless count. One-night shelter counts have been done in the county, but current efforts lack an effective means of extensive outreach to all homeless populations, as well as a count of all those that meet the Federal definition.

Bonnie is researching issues, education and training offered to groups participating in homeless projects, working with Hispanic Advisory Board among other groups to reach non-traditional partners.

Bonnie's final project is Sleep Out 2008, held in conjunction with Yamhill County Prevention Programs. The Sleep Out is an overnight campout aimed at raising awareness of the problems of homeless youth in the community. Bonnie will serve as co-organizer for awareness projects tied to youth homelessness issues.