

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

# Housing, Health, and Human Services (H3) Program and Public Safety

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# H3 Program Manager

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## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

- Master of Social Work || Rutgers University
  - *Specialization in Violence Against Women and Children*

## **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:**

- Practicing social work for fifteen years.
- Possess an associate clinical social work license.
- Areas of practice:
  - mental health
  - domestic violence
  - child abuse
  - sexual assault/abuse
  - substance use
  - foster care
  - human trafficking (CSEC)
  - homelessness



# H3 Program Priorities

- Resource Navigation
- Update and develop codes, ordinances, and policies
- H3 program growth, needs, and development.
- Community resource page
- Affordable Housing
- Councils & Committees:
  - Develop City of Gig Harbor Youth Council
  - Community Diversity and Engagement Mayoral ad hoc Committee (CDE) staff liaison.



# H3's Public Safety Upstream Approach

Primary focus:

**Community  
Impact**

**Upstream**

**Policy, program, and code development to address the prevention of public safety concern:**

- Affordable housing
- Senior utility discount program
- Development of a co-response program
- Program partnerships
- Community education (destigmatize)

Secondary focus:

**Individual  
Impact**

**Midstream**

**Social services to address individual needs:**

- Housing, Food, Direct client support: (*case management, counseling, substance use treatment, etc*), Childcare, Health care, ETC.
- H3 does so through resource navigation/connection & relationship building with community partners

As needed:

**Emergent  
Response**

**Downstream**

**Emergency Response:**

- Law Enforcement
  - H3 can assist if requested
- Medical providers
- Behavioral health providers
- Judicial

# H3'S PUBLIC SAFETY

## Upstream Approach

Upstream Approach	Projected Outcomes
Relationship and rapport building.	Build trust with community members and organizations, so they feel comfortable reaching out for help before escalating to a crisis.
Connect individuals and community partners with resources.	Promote sustainable solutions to reduce dependence on emergency services.
Assess and identify gaps within existing systems and structures.	Work collaboratively to develop effective solutions.
Identify opportunities for the development and enhancement of programs	<p><i>Program update example: income guideline update for the Senior Utility Discount Program.</i></p> <p>This update has the potential to alleviate financial burdens, decrease the risk of senior homelessness, and support the retention of long-standing community members by mitigating displacement.</p>
Identify opportunities for the development and preservation of affordable housing;	Prevention of homelessness and displacement of long time residents.
Youth program development	Engage youth in issues related to substance use, mental health, and suicide prevention.

# Upstream Approach Goals:

- Minimize the strain on emergency services.
- Address the root cause to prevent future public safety issues.



# Upstream Approach Community Events

## On-going Monthly Event:

## Upcoming Events:

### Past Events:

**Gig Harbor Police Department** presents

# JUNTOS TOGETHER UNIDOS UNITED

**Community Outreach & Family Friendly Event**

**MAY 6, 2024**

**CIVIC CENTER**  
3510 Grandview St  
Gig Harbor, WA

🕒 5:00PM-8:00PM

**Community Partners**

- Tacomaprobano Community Lawyers
- Northwest Immigration Rights Project
- DSHS Mobile Services Bus
- Food Backpacks 4 Kids
- FISH Foodbank
- Mi Centro
- Hope Sparks
- Superior Court
- Municipal Court
- Washington Law Library
- Mortgage & Real Estate Department of Licensing
- Tacoma Community College
- Tacoma Pierce County Public Health Department
- Kids Activities
- City of Gig Harbor
- Gig Harbor Police Dept.

**\*\*Translators will be available\*\***

**Keep Washington Working Act (KWW) prohibits local law enforcement from asking for or collecting information about a person's immigration or citizenship status, or place of birth**



Pierce County **SSHAP**

Learn how to save money on property taxes at a **Property Tax Exemption Seminar** for low-income seniors and people with disabilities

**Tuesday, May 21 | 10 a.m.**  
Gig Harbor Civic Center  
3510 Grandview St. in Gig Harbor

**Event Information**  
Join us for a property tax exemption seminar at 10 a.m. on May 21 at the Gig Harbor Civic Center. The Pierce County Assessor's Office will be here to answer your questions and provide valuable information at this free event. Topics include income categories, appeal of denials and effects of death or retirement.

**Application Support**  
Learn how to accurately complete and return your application. Find out what defines your 'residence' and other occupancy requirements.

**Taxable Income and Veterans**  
Learn the differences between taxable and non-taxable income. SS5256 will be explained for veterans. If you're receiving certain military benefits, find out if they will be deducted from your disposable income.

**Allowable Deductions**  
Learn what you, your spouse, co-tenant, or domestic partner can and cannot deduct.

You may qualify for this exemption if you:

- Are over 61 years old or fully disabled (80% VA) and
- Have gross household income at or below \$64,000

LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN. RSVP BY CONTACTING:  
[Mary.Connolly@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:Mary.Connolly@piercecounitywa.gov) | 253-625-4153

Additional information about programs like Energy Assistance, Home Repair, Aging and Disability Resources, and Veterans services will be available at this event.

City of Gig Harbor + Tacomaprobano Community Lawyers present

# FREE LEGAL AID POPUP

**TWICE A MONTH**

Second Tuesday of every month  
4:00pm-6:00pm

Third Monday of every month  
10:00am -12:00pm

*No registration needed, first come first serve basis.*

**HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT:**

- Eviction
- Landlord-Tenant Issues
- Family Law
- Consumer Issues
- Civil Law Concerns

**EVENT LOCATION:**  
Civic Center  
Community Room  
3510 Grandview Street  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Questions:  
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# FACING FENTANYL

JOIN US FOR A CANDID CONVERSATION ABOUT FENTANYL IN OUR COMMUNITY!

**ONE PILL CAN KILL!**

**FREE Naloxone (Narcan) Kits**  
\*for first 100 attendees\*

**GIG HARBOR**  
CIVIC CENTER || 10-7-24  
5:30-7:00PM  
3510 GRANDVIEW ST, GIG HARBOR

**KEY PENINSULA**  
CIVIC CENTER || 10-21-24  
5:30-7:00PM  
17010 S VAUGHN RD NW, KEY CENTER

**TOWNHALL CHAT WITH...**  
PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT · OPIOID TASK FORCE · KP FIRE · DR. SCHLICHER  
GH FIRE & MEDIC · GH POLICE DEPARTMENT · PC SHERIFF DEPT.  
CROSSROADS TREATMENT

**FOLLOWED BY BREAKOUT SESSIONS...**  
TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT FENTANYL · KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE · TREATMENT & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

**EVENT SPONSORS:**

Rotary Club of Gig Harbor MIDDAY

**FREE Life Saving Training**  
\*for all attendees\*

# Community Partners

- Tacoma Rescue Mission
- Gig Harbor Police Dept
- Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One
- Associated Ministries
- Gig Harbor Faith Leaders Gathering Attendees
- FISH Foodbank
- Backpack 4 Kids
- YWCA
- Mi Centro
- Peninsula School District
- Communities in Schools
- Kiwanis Club
- Altrusa
- GHKP Housing and Homeless Coalition
- Crystal Judson Family Justice Center
- MDC
- Saint Anthony's Hospital
- Greater Lakes Mental Health
- Family Promise
- Northwest Justice Project
- SSHA3P
- Pierce County Human Services
- Pierce County Dept. Emergency Management
- Tacoma Housing Authority
- Habitat for Humanity
- Pierce County Housing Authority
- Harbor Hope
- Comprehensive Life Resources
- Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness
- Pierce County Sheriffs Dept.
- Opioid Task Force
- Multicare - Pierce County Co-Response Programs
- Pierce County Public Library
- Chamber of Commerce
- GH Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Homestead Community
- Pierce County Council
- Pierce Transit
- Valeo
- Tacomaprobono Community Lawyers





**Have resource navigation needs?**

**Please reach out.**

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