

# Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



**Priorities in Action**



Latest News & Upcoming Events

Friday, April 20, 2007

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## Agreement preserves affordable housing for seniors



**Executive Reardon was joined by representatives from HASCO, SOS and members of County staff to sign the agreement**

On Friday, April 20, Executive Aaron Reardon welcomed representatives from the Housing Authority of Snohomish County (HASCO) and Save Our Seniors (SOS) as he signed a Contingent Loan Agreement to preserve affordable housing in the Squire and Kingsbury East Mobile Home Parks in Lynnwood. Many of those living in the two parks are seniors and low-income residents who would have otherwise faced the potential of losing their homes.

“This is an important step to ensure that people don’t lose their homes,” said Executive Reardon as he shared the personal impact decreasing availability of affordable housing has had on his grandfather who resides in a mobile home park in Snohomish County. “It is important that we are responsive to the needs of our citizens who have spent their lives contributing to Snohomish County,”

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The SnoStat system tracks how well the County is delivering services, the costs of those services, and the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery.

Simply visit our [SnoStat website](http://www.snoco.org/SnoStat).

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Kylin Parks, President of Save Our Seniors, thanked Executive Reardon for being “sensitive to the needs of seniors in our community.”

The acquisition of the two parks cost \$10.2 million. As part of the approved housing finance plan, the County will also provide \$2.6 million of housing trust funds.

The loan guarantee saved approximately \$500,000 on the total cost of the project enabling lower rents for Squire and Kingsbury East Mobile Parks residents.

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## **Snohomish County eliminates barriers to County services**

Where can vulnerable families turn when they need help the most? Are there any affordable or free resources in our community that can help a wounded family to begin healing? What do local families really know about the juvenile justice process, the Department of Child and Family Services, or the long term effects of adverse childhood experiences?

The Office of Children’s Affairs has partnered with Juvenile Courts to provide parents and professionals with a day designed to answer these very questions. The Office of Children’s Affairs and Juvenile Court will provide a *Cross-Systems 101 Training Day* on May 3 to teach participants how to better access Snohomish County services, primarily Juvenile Courts, Mental Health and the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS). The day-long training will be held at New Life Four Square Church, located at 6830 Highland Dr., Everett

“We are committed to eliminate barriers to youth services in our region by partnering with parents and professionals,” Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. “Helping families to connect faces with names enables the County to make our systems more transparent and user-friendly.”

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

Training will begin with a forum of the newest research of the brain and health studies that show a clear link between adverse childhood experiences and long-term physical, mental, and behavioral health. Training will include a presentation of Juvenile Court and DCFS services and various workshops hosted by such community agencies as Cocoon House, Compass Health, and Tulalip Health and Family Services. Professionals will be able to attend an Individualized and Tailored Care treatment planning workshop that capitalizes on the unique strengths of individual families.

Advanced registration is required to attend the *Cross-Systems 101 Training Day*. Contact Joe Neigel at 425-388-7227

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## **Executive Reardon recognizes Earth Day**

On Sunday, Earth Day will be observed by 500 million people and by 175 national governments. On Thursday, Executive Reardon signed a proclamation declaring April 22 as “Earth Day in Snohomish County.”

“I urge the citizens of Snohomish County to make an effort to positively impact our environment to ensure that we keep our community a beautiful and clean place to live, work and play for generations to come,” says Reardon.

All around Snohomish County events are planned to recognize Earth Day by picking up litter, planting native trees, cleaning up beaches, removing invasive weeds, bird watching and participating in many important activities to enhance our local environment.

Snohomish County government encourages sustainable living practices, promotes energy efficiency and collaborates with citizens committed to ensuring that our County can become part of the solution in the battle against global warming.

For Earth Day volunteering opportunities please visit the [United Way of Snohomish County](#)

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