House of Matthew and Homeward Bound @Tacoma Public Library

Presentation to the
Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Collaboration
Tacoma
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House of Matthews Permanent & Supportive Housing
JOB TRAINING/VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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Presented by Tacoma Award Program
What is House of Matthew?

* Provides permanent and supportive housing to those who are homeless or facing homelessness
* Operates and owns several different types of shared housing units throughout Pierce County
* Enrolled individuals seek to make life changes
* Goal is to empower with knowledge, education, and resources
The House of Matthew is not just a housing provider.

Individuals enrolled into our Homeless Prevention Program must commit to working towards becoming active responsible members of today’s society.

Individuals participate in:
* Life-skills sessions
* Workshops
* Law-biding behavior, and active employment readiness through either our Rapid Employment program or a Third-Party resource.
Classes begin: 1:00 pm  Monday & Wednesday

LET THE HOUSE OF MATTHEW HELP YOU GET YOUR GED!!
A PARTNERSHIP WITH MISSION IMPROVEMENT

Mission Improvement is a non-profit human service agency providing GED and general educational development classes for men and women with low-income to become successful members of society.

Learn the basis of completing your GED... Our classes will give you knowledge on a step-by-step guide and provide you the materials to make it happen!!!
Free books, paper, pencils and funding for your GED TEST!

LEARN
1. SCIENCE
2. WRITING
3. SOCIAL STUDIES
4. MATH
ALL CLASSES ARE FREE TO AGES 16+

By learning how to become self-sufficient and a productive member of society with each class will help you become more valuable in your career.
A Great Investment!

CLASSES TAUGHT AT
THE HOUSE OF MATTHEW
Permanent and Supportive Housing
4008 South Pine Street, Tacoma, Washington 98409

CALL TO REGISTER!
253.301.0508

Classes begin: 11:00 am  Every 4th Monday

Department of Social & Health Services Division (DSHS) of Child Support in partnership with The House of Matthew Permanent and Supportive Housing

Our office is located at 4008 South Street, Tacoma, WA 98409
Get your entire list of questions answered by Child Support Enforcement!

NEED EMPLOYMENT? WE CAN ASSIST!

Ask questions from:
1. How to deal with child support while in prison
2. When you should pay
3. Know what to do when you can't pay Child Support
4. Learn the right amount you need to pay
5. Learn whatever parent should know

ALL QUESTIONS ARE WELCOME!!!!

We are here to serve; and EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Join us today!

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House of Matthew Services

- Direct housing
- Free GED training and testing
- Clothing bank
- Individualized one-on-one plans for positive change
- Case management
- Child support workshop
- Referrals to other housing services, shelters and other property managers
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Serve as advocate in mental health/substance abuse court
Homeward Bound @ Tacoma Public Library partnership
Free haircuts and trims for participants
Thanksgiving dinner every year
Homeward Bound
@ Tacoma Public Library

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ha0cq32Lng
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* A partnership between House of Matthew and Tacoma Public Library. As of now, all costs are donated or in-kind.
* 5 Week Program – Wrap Around Services
* Presenters and HomeStreet Bank all donate time
  * 3 days per week, 3 hours per day
  * Includes presentations, workshops and computer classes related to life skills
* Continental breakfast, snack, and lunch provided
* Graduation ceremony
Homeward Bound Curriculum
Life Skills Training

* Housing
* Nutrition
* Financial Management and Literacy
* Getting an ID
* Social Security
* Employment Resources
* Child Support

* Hygiene
* Computer and Digital Literacy Skills
* Mental Health
* Background barriers
* Substance Abuse
* Landlord/Tenant Relationships
Computer Classes

* Computer Classes required
* Assessment done at beginning of class with instrument developed by Tacoma Public Library professional librarians trained in digital literacy
* Depending on skill level, class may be divided in two groups
Computer Classes continued

- Classes include:
  - mouse and keyboard skills
  - how to create a resume and cover letter
  - how to fill out an online job application or services form
  - how to set up an email account
  - Microsoft Office apps
  - Tacoma Public Library’s e-resources including JobNow!

- Participants are also encouraged to take regular computer classes and if appropriate Microsoft Imagination Academy and MOS Certification Testing offered for free through Tacoma Public Library.
What Do You Know?

What do you know or want to learn about banking services?
Participants in Homeward Bound @ Tacoma Public Library attend weekly sessions in financial planning given by HomeStreet Bank

* Topics include:
  * Creating and keeping a budget
  * How banks work
  * Credit and how credit works
  * Accessing free credit reports
At the end of each 5 week session a graduation ceremony is held

Participants must attend a minimum number of sessions to graduate including a minimum number of computer classes

Complete an evaluation form
An inspirational speaker, sometimes a previous graduates, gives a brief talk
Graduates each give a brief testimonial of what the program has meant to them
Graduates are awarded two certificates
  * Completing Homeward Bound @ Tacoma Public Library
  * Home Street Bank Financial Planning Certificate
A special celebration lunch and cake are provided
Graduation

* Participants also receive a hygiene packet, flash drive, sleeping bag or back pack and a library or internet card if they don’t already have one.
* Guidance is given on how to move forward
* Graduates are encouraged to return to upcoming sessions
Success!
Most are able to make multiple positive change in their lives

Most graduates’ housing situation improves, i.e., those on the street move into either shelters or from the street or shelters into more permanent housing

Some self-enroll into mental health or substance abuse treatment (either out-patient or residential) as a result of the sessions on each topic

Many obtain jobs as a result of what is learned in the program
Many complete their GED, enroll in college or gain employment

Many become volunteers for the House of Matthew, Homeward Bound or Tacoma Public Library

All graduates state that they feel a new sense of hope and empowerment as a result of their participation in the program and encourage others to participate.
All participants are encouraged to stay in touch with us.

House of Matthew and Tacoma Public Library stand ready to continue to assist all participants and most take advantage of the continuing support.

Most participants take advantage of other library resources as a result of their participation.
A Final Word

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