



Workforce Development Council
of Seattle-King County

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MEDIA ADVISORY

The Working Poor in King County: Event Tomorrow Will Stream Live Online

Townhall Meeting on Seattle.247Townhall.org

SEATTLE – One in 5 Washington households do not have enough income to meet their basic costs of living. On Friday, October 26, the Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County hosts a panel discussion featuring Marcia K. Meyers, PhD, director of the UW West Coast Poverty Center, and leaders in the housing, employment and social services systems.

The event will be webcast live by One Economy Corporation to launch Seattle.247Townhall.org, a new website devoted to engaging residents of the Seattle region in a long-term discussion about local issues and priorities.

WHAT: **A Conversation about the Working Poor in King County**
Online Q&A to follow (questions taken online)

WHEN: **Friday, October 26**
9:30 a.m. to noon

WHERE: NewHolly Gathering Hall, 7054 32nd Ave South / Seattle, WA 98118-3599
Live webcast available at **Seattle.247townhall.org**

DETAILS: Keynote Speaker: Marcia Meyer, Director, [West Coast Poverty Center](#)
MC and Facilitator: Tom Tierney, Executive Director, [Seattle Housing Authority](#)
Panel: Dr. Diana Pearce, Director, [Center for Women's Welfare](#); Leah McCullough, [Hopelink](#);
Steve Norman, [King County Housing Authority](#); Dave Sieminski, [United Way of King County](#)

The event will also launch the [statewide Self-Sufficiency Calculator](#), an online tool newly updated and expanded to cover all areas in Washington state.

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The Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County (www.seakingwdc.org) is a private, nonprofit organization that oversees employment-related programs for youth, the adult workforce and employers in King County, with the goal of a strong economy and opening doors to prosperity for every resident.

One Economy Corporation is a global nonprofit organization that uses innovative approaches to deliver the power of technology and information to low-income people, giving them valuable tools for building better lives and entering the economic mainstream. We help bring [broadband into the homes](#) of low-income people, [employ youth](#) to train their community members to use technology effectively, and provide [socially responsible media properties](#) that offer a wealth of information on education, jobs, health care and other vital issues.

247townhall.org is a unique civic engagement website. It uses technology to make it easy for people to share ideas, discuss topics and learn about issues. The site uses innovative media tools to help people learn about social, political, and economic issues, and advocate for positive change in their communities.