

WE RISE

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT RETREAT



Networking Reception

June 10th, 2024, 5:00pm - 9:00pm

We are stronger together!

Event Overview

Thurston County has one of the most diverse economies in the state. This means more opportunities for achieving economic stability. Join us in the old growth forest at [Millersylvania State Park Retreat Center](#) for the first ever We Rise Economic Empowerment Retreat! The first night of this event is a networking dinner reception for social services providers and partners in the South Sound region. Our theme this year is “We are stronger together!” Our goal is to strengthen the connections across sectors of the support system in our communities to enhance our collective impact. We hope you’ll join us for this unique experience! This event is brought to you by the [Thurston Asset Building Coalition](#) (TABC).

What is Financial “Empowerment?”

We define financial empowerment as wrap-around support that enables people and communities to make their own choices and determine their own futures financially. These wrap-around supports go beyond just financial education, and include sharing of knowledge, resources, and emotional support around housing, healthy food access, and healthcare.

Who Can Attend?

This event is for social services providers and partners serving Thurston County residents in these areas: housing, food access, economic development, and health.



Activities

Participants will:

- Enjoy a free dinner,
- Learn about the work happening across economic advancement, housing, healthcare, and the food system to support Thurston County residents,
- Celebrate the great work of those serving our communities in these areas, and
- Network across our service areas.

Time	Agenda Item	Location	Description
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Guest Check-in	Info Booth	Overnight guests check in to their cabins.
5:00pm - 8:00pm	Evening Reception	Event Hall	Welcome from Thurston Asset Building Coalition Coordinator; Hub presentations (20 minutes each); Networking activities.
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Dinner	Event Hall	Dinner provided by ASSHO.
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Evening Entertainment	Event Hall/Amphitheater	TBD

Food

Dinner will be provided from ASSHO Cultural Community Center. The menu includes:

Butter Chicken

Chickpea and Sweet Potato Coconut Curry (Vegan & Gluten Free)

Rice, Garlic Naan, and Mixed Salad

Non-alcoholic beverages

Health and Safety

Masking is strongly encouraged while indoors during the event. This helps ensure the safety of our most vulnerable participants. People staying in cabins the night of June 11th are required to test negative for COVID-19 within 24 hours prior to attending the

event (they will be required to certify a negative test result upon arrival at the event). Please do not come to the event if you are feeling sick.

Overnight Accommodations

Enjoy the full retreat experience! If you want to extend your stay and enjoy the night beyond just the networking reception, we invite you to reserve one of the heated bunk-style cabins for yourself or a group. Each cabin has 8 bunks. Participants staying overnight in cabins must bring their own bed linens and pillows.

ADA Accessible Cabin: One of the cabins is ADA accessible with an attached ADA accessible bathroom and is available first come first serve for folks with accessibility needs. The cabin is next to the event hall and parking lot and has 6 bunks.



Restrooms

There are two single stall ADA accessible all genders restrooms in the event hall. Each of these restrooms has a changing table. These restrooms will be accessible during the event between the hours of 8am and 8pm. There are also two communal restrooms and shower buildings near the cabins. One of these is for men and the other is for all genders. Participants must bring their own towels and toiletries for showering.

What's an all genders restroom? All genders restrooms are restrooms where people of all gender identities and expressions can use the bathroom safely and comfortably. Having all genders bathrooms available at events allows more people, especially trans, nonbinary, and gender-nonconforming people, to feel safe using the bathroom.

Lactation Room

There is a private lactation room onsite. Please let us know in your registration form if you need access to this space and we can coordinate with you directly.

Accessibility

Parking: There are two ADA accessible parking spaces on-site.

Event Hall: The event hall, where the majority of activities will take place for this retreat, is ADA accessible. The event hall has two ADA accessible restrooms. All meals will be served out the event hall.

Covered Picnic Area: The covered picnic area at the retreat center is directly off the parking lot on hard pavement. The nearest ADA restroom is about 100 feet away in the event hall.

Barn: The pathway to the barn is a compact dirt and gravel path that transitions onto a grassy path for about 400 feet. The barn is semi-compact woodchip mulch. The pathway to the barn is about 1/3 mile long from the event hall. Upon request, attendees may drive a vehicle up to the barn entrance to attend activities in that area. The nearest ADA restroom is at the all genders communal bathroom facility, about 600 feet away.

Kitchen Shelter #3 (Resource Fair): The kitchen shelter where the resource fair will take place has concrete floors in the shelter and is surrounded by compact dirt that is mostly flat, but uneven in some places. This area can be accessed by the 8-foot-wide semi-compacted mulch pathway from either the kitchen shelter #2 parking lot (600 feet away) or the boat launch parking lot (400 feet away). There is a restroom facility about 200 feet away with men's and women's marked restrooms. There are no ADA accessible stalls in these restrooms.

Event Registration

Register by June 4th. Space is limited. [Register now.](#)

Questions? Contact us at tabc@enterpriseequity.org