Criminal Records and Barriers to Housing
A Learning Session
Seattle Office of Housing

Friday, November 22, 2013
9:00 a.m – 11:30 a.m.
NewHolly Gathering Hall
7054 32nd Ave South, Seattle

9:00  1. Welcome
Maureen Kostyack, Seattle Office of Housing
Linda Hall, YWCA

9:15  2. Mass Incarceration and Disparity in the Criminal Justice System
Dr. Katherine Beckett, UW Department of Sociology

9:45  3. Hidden Barriers--Background Checks and Access to Housing
Merf Ehman, Columbia Legal Services
Vanessa Hernandez, ACLU

10:30  Break

10:40  4. Next Steps for Housing Organizations
Small group discussion:
  o Take-aways from the presentations
  o Questions related to reviewing tenant screening in your organization
  o Suggestions for tools or information that would be helpful

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