

**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:
 - **Take-aways** from the presentations
 - **Questions** related to reviewing tenant screening in your organization
 - **Suggestions** for tools or information that would be helpful

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