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Ryan Dowd Provides Training on Homeless Interventions at Have a Heart for Community

Community Action of Skagit County will feature Ryan Dowd at their March 25, 2020 Have a Heart for Community event at the Swinomish Casino and Lodge.

Mr. Dowd is the author of “The Librarians Guide to Homelessness” and runs one of the largest homeless shelters outside of Chicago in the United States. Attendees will learn how to compassionately, confidently and effectively address problematic behavior from patrons experiencing homelessness, mental illness, addiction or trauma. This training is designed for law enforcement, librarians, business owners, baristas, case workers, elected officials, and anyone who is impacted by homelessness. The training costs \$70 per person and includes lunch, training materials, and parking. **9 am to 4:30 pm** Register online at <http://bit.ly/HAHCE> or communityactionskagit.org Event location: 12885 Casino Drive, Anacortes, WA 98221

Skagit County has over a 3,000 unit housing shortage.

Homelessness impacts our neighbors, families and workplaces everyday due to the lack of shelters and housing in our county. This training is structured to bring you helpful information on how to engage with people without housing in a respectful, informed, and structured way. To learn more about the training go to www.homelesstraining.org

Community Action of Skagit County has been serving our county for over 40 years in 2020.

The mission of Community Action is to foster and advocate for self-sufficiency among low-income people in Skagit County. Community Action of Skagit County is an independent, community-based private nonprofit organization. With 18 interrelated programs, Community Action is a lead provider of services to low-income, elderly, and disabled individuals in Skagit County. Each year, Community Action touches the lives of more than 16,000 people with a variety of services. To find out how to volunteer or give: info@communityactionskagit.org.



Ryan Dowd, Homelessness Training Institute