

Coalition Meeting Minutes February 15, 2024

Presentation from Be The Change:

The mission of Be The Change is to educate, equip, and empower all people equitably to be Agents of Change for the advancement of their community. Their vision is to create sustainable communities through education and the power of cultural diversity.

Key Activities Include:

- Berks Cultural Diversity Festival: Promote heritage, platform for local artists, create a sense of community and belonging
- Agent of Change Leadership Program: Access to leadership training for BIPOC students
- Community Engagement: Arts contest, language labs, literacy program, community nights, resource sharing events

For More Information:

- Email: info@bringthechange.net
- Visit: www.bringthechange.net

Presentation for BCEH on the Security Deposit Program:

This program is designed to address the often-challenging hurdle of fulfilling security deposits. The program will offer at a dollar-to-dollar match of the resident's expected rent for their security deposit. The funds will not extend to cover other fees. BCEH is not responsible for locating or securing apartments or negotiate between landlords and tenants. Please see website and PowerPoint for more information.

To learn more about the program

- Visit: <https://bceh.org/get-help/security-deposit-assistance-program/>
- Email: sdprogram@bceh.org or
- Program Coordinators: Maria Lopez (maria@bceh.org) Kristi Byrne (kristi@bceh.org)

Other Agency Announcements:

Rent and utility assistance for Family Promise is now open

Next meeting:

March 21st at 1:30pm virtually via Zoom. The presentation will be from the ECYEH program at the BCIU. This meeting is required for CoC-funded programs.