



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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2019-2020 Women & Homelessness Speaker Series:

Beginning in October 2019, the Santa Cruz County Women's Commission will host a series of speakers from our community partners that serve Santa Cruz County women and children experiencing homelessness. Our goal in hosting these presentations is to understand homelessness as viewed through a gender lens. Over the next 7 months we hope to learn about services and efforts available to Santa Cruz women experiencing homelessness, as well as identifying gaps and barriers that women experience when trying to access services.

- Regular Commission meetings will begin at 6:00 PM and adjourn at 7:00 PM.
- Presentations will begin at 7:00 PM and will be followed by a moderated Q&A session with the speakers.
- Unless otherwise specified, all meetings will be held in the Fifth Floor Board Chambers at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Schedule of Speakers

October 10, 2019

Topic: **Women Experiencing Homelessness: Overview**

- ✓ **Santa Cruz County Homeless Action Project**
Rayne Perez, *County Homeless Services Coordinator*
- ✓ **Housing Matters**
Eryn Simpson, *Assistant Director of Operations*

November 21, 2019

Location: **Watsonville County Building**, Room 104, 18 W. Beach Street, Watsonville, CA 95076

Topic: **Latinx Women and Children Experiencing Homelessness**

- ✓ **Pajaro Valley Shelter Women's Shelter**
Annette Melendrez, *Program Manager/Case Manager*
- ✓ **Community Action Board**
 - **South County Housing Collaborative**
Angie Moreno, *South County Housing Collaborative Coordinator*
 - **Youth Homeless Response Team (YHRT)**
Erika Cortes, *YHRT Coordinator*

January 16, 2020

Topic: **Health and Safety for Women Experiencing Homelessness**

- ✓ **County Homeless Persons Health Project**
Dr. Gail Newel, *County Health Officer*
- ✓ **Safety and Women Experiencing Homelessness**
 - **County Victim Services Program**
Sylvia Nieto, *Program Manager*
 - **County Sexual Assault Response Team**
Kim Walker, *Santa Clara County SART Program Manager*

February 20, 2020

Topic: **Mental Health and Women Experiencing Homelessness**

- ✓ **County Behavioral Health**
James Russell, *Mental Health Client Supervising Specialist*
- ✓ **Mental Health Client Action Network (MHCAN)**
Sarah Leonard, *Executive Director*

March 19, 2020

Topic: **Pregnancy and Women Experiencing Homelessness**

- ✓ **Janus Perinatal Program**
Speaker TBD
- ✓ **Siena House Maternity Home**
Speaker TBD

April 16, 2020

Topic: **Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence and Women Experiencing Homelessness**

- ✓ **Coalition Against Human Trafficking**
Deborah Pembroke, *Coalition Chair*
- ✓ **Monarch Services**
Laura Segura, *Executive Director*

May 21, 2020

Topic: **Transgender Women Experiencing Homelessness**

- ✓ **Diversity Center**
Sharon Papo, *Executive Director*
- ✓ **Queer Youth Task Force**
Speaker TBD

June 18, 2020

Topic: **Re-Entry and Women Experiencing Homelessness**

- ✓ **Women Veterans and Homelessness**
Jesse Woolf, *Site Director, Veterans Resource Center Santa Cruz*
- ✓ **Women Experiencing Homelessness after Incarceration**
Speaker TBD