



Washington State Commission On

African American Affairs



The Commission serves as the official state representative of the African American community - advising the Governor, Legislature and state agencies regarding policy development and implementation. The Commission also works to establish relationships with local governments and private sector organizations that promote equal opportunity for African Americans.

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July 3, 2017

Next Public Commission Meeting: To Be Announced

NOW YOU KNOW

Dr. Charles Drew—Inventor of the Blood Bank

Born July 3, 1904, Charles Richard Drew was an American physician, surgeon and medical researcher. A graduate of Amherst College in Massachusetts, Drew attended medical school at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in 1933 - ranking 2nd in his class of 127 students. He completed his graduate work at Columbia University becoming the first African American to earn a Doctor of Medical Science degree from the school.

In his dissertation entitled *Banked Blood*, he details that by separating blood plasma from whole blood, and refrigerating them separately, they could be combined up to a week later for a blood transfusion. Prior to this, blood could only be stored a maximum of two days because of the rapid breakdown of red blood cells. Drew also discovered that regardless of blood type, plasma could be administered to anyone.

Drew's work gained attention. As WWII swept through Europe, British forces were in desperate need of medical aid, particularly blood transfusions. The Blood for Britain project required Drew to collect, test and ready for transport large quantities of blood plasma for distribution in the United Kingdom. He started bloodmobiles—trucks containing refrigerators of stored blood increasing the mobility of blood and donations of blood. Drew also created a central location for donors to give blood. He ensured only skilled personnel handled plasma to avoid contamination and after five months, 15,000 people had donated blood.

Drew was later named project director for the American Red Cross, but soon resigned when the Armed Forces ordered that blood be segregated by race or refused the blood of Black donors all together. "On the battlefields, nobody is very interested in where the plasma comes from when they are hurt," said Drew. He repeatedly objected the segregation of blood plasma. Unable to change the policy, Drew resigned his position.

In 1939 during the wee hours of the morning, Drew died when he lost control of the car he was driving. Today, 15.7 million blood donations per year are collected in the United States. In his honor, the U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp as part of its Great Americans series. The United States Navy named a vessel after him, the American Red Cross' Charles Drew Institute in Biomedical Services also bears his name as well as a host of elementary and middle schools across the country.

Sources: *American Red Cross.org; Blackfacts.com; Black-inventor.com; Wikipedia.org*

Government Shutdown Averted; Governor Signs Operating Budget

Governor Inslee signed the 2017-19 state operating budget late Friday night - averting a state government shutdown. For weeks, the Washington State Legislature failed to agree on critical items, one being how to fully fund K-12 education to comply with the 2014 McCleary decision.

Negotiations on the 2017-19 capital budget are still ongoing. The Legislature is currently in its 3rd 30 day special session.

IMPROVING LIVES: YOUTH MENTORSHIP

According to the 2004 Mentoring Report for Washington State, there are 240,000 youth in Washington who are 'at-risk' and in need of mentoring from a caring adult. Only 8% currently have mentors.

The Washington State Institute for Public Policy studied the mentoring program in Washington's juvenile justice system finding it reduced recidivism/re-offending and for every dollar spent returns \$3.58 of benefit to society.

Mentorship offers hope to young people. A mentor is a trusted guide, supporter and friend who assists and encourages youth to fulfill educational and vocational goals. Research shows mentoring programs:

- Reduced first-time drug use by almost half
- Cut first-time alcohol use by one-third
- Cut school absenteeism by half
- Improved family and peer relationships
- Increased student's confidence in school

An old African proverb says 'it takes a village to raise a child' - why not consider becoming a mentor to help a young person? There are programs and organizations throughout the state in need of mentors. Click on the links below for more information.

- [Washington Youth Academy](#)
- [MentoringWorks Washington](#)
- [DSHS Juvenile Rehabilitation Program](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PLACEMAKING WORKSHOP

JULY 22, 2017 | 1:00-3:00 PM

TUKWILA COMMUNITY CENTER
12424 42ND AVE S
TUKWILA, WA 98168

PRESENTERS
City of Seattle
Washington State
Communities of Concern Commission

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP
Community gathering places, along with programs and services, are vital for supporting seniors, youth, and families. Learn about funding opportunities and resources to build stronger communities.

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Cierra Sisters, Inc. Proudly presents,

Community Wellness Festival Health Fair
@ Holy Temple Evangelistic Center
12600 Renton Avenue South
Seattle WA 98178
Saturday July, 22, 2017
10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
"In Skyway"
Volunteers Will Be Delivering Life Saving Information Door to Door.
Come and be a part of This Extraordinary Event

MAMMOGRAMS-WITH OR WITHOUT INSURANCE
To Schedule your appointment
Please call: **800-756-5437**
Free gift with your appointment

Free Blood Pressure Screening and More!
This will benefit our entire SKYWAY community

Walk Registration: *bring the morning of or email brichardson_whfc@hotmail.com*
Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
I will participate _____
I am not able to participate, but I would like to give a donation
Amount: _____

*Waiver: Cierra Sisters, Inc. is not responsible for any accident or injuries of any volunteer participation in the walk. Cierra Sisters, Inc. cannot be held liable or sued as a result of any incident.

Free Continental breakfast & lunch, African Drumming, Music Face Painting, Great Food Bouncy House
Free Raffle
For more information go to www.cierrasisters.org or call **206-579-4521**

Saturday July 22, 2017
Doors open at 8:00 a.m.
Registration to begin at 9:00 a.m.
Opening Ceremony @ 10:00 a.m.
Door to Door Walk starts @ 10:30-12:00
Mammograms with or without insurance
Free diabetes, (Dental 10-2), HIV, and other health Screenings!
Brought to you by:

Dr. Nora Disis
Tumor Vaccine Group

Dr. Kimi Doll
SCCA
Black Fire Fighters And More!

Join Cierra Sisters, Inc and other community organizations at a Community Wellness Festival Health Fair! Doors open at 8 AM. Registration at 9 AM and opening ceremony at 10 AM! Volunteers will be delivering life saving information door to door. Be apart of a great event! Free continental breakfast and lunch, African Drumming, music, face painting and bouncy house! FREE mammograms (with or without insurance)! blood pressure, diabetes, HIV screenings and more. See cierrasisters.org or call 206-579-4521 for more information!

2017 UMOJA FEST and African American Day Parade!

Umoja means Unity

Unity is always our greatest source of strength. The soul of Seafair celebrates the best of the African American community and African Diaspora culture in northwest featuring Music, Food, Culture and family fun! Attractions include the Africatown Heritage

Parade featuring dance troops and drill teams, Children's

Day &

Family Fun Village, Soul N The

Park, Afrobeat & Roots Stage,

Heal The Hood Basketball

Tournament & Hip Hop 4

Peace stage and

delicious flavors of the African

diaspora from restaurants and food trucks, vendor marketplace and Community

Resource Fair and more!

Drill Teams & Dance Teams, Sports Teams, Youth Groups, Fraternities & Sororities, Community Organizations, Businesses - Sign up now for the parade! Click link to register.
<https://goo.gl/forms/FVWWtXx3LKciD9WD3>

UMOJA FEST 2017
AFRICATOWN HERITAGE FESTIVAL & PARADE
AUGUST 4TH-6TH
877.505.8506
WWW.UMOJAFESTNW.COM

EMPLOYMENT & CAREER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Listed are a few of the newest employment announcements. A more comprehensive list of jobs is available on webpage—www.caa.wa.gov. Resources and job fair information for job seekers available at worksourcewa.com. Click on 'career tools' and 'workshops and hiring events' for timely, state-wide information.

Washington State Military Department [Public Assistance Program Delivery Coordinator](#) (project) open continuous;

Washington State Department of Corrections www.jobs.doc.wa.gov.

OFFICERS: Washington State Department of Corrections is well-renown and globally recognized for its evidenced-based programs and innovative approach to the field of corrections. We are currently accepting applications for **multiple CORRECTIONAL OFFICER** positions throughout the state! In addition to maintaining safety and security for the institution, we are looking for motivated and talented leaders to serve as pro-social role models to the incarcerated individuals and demonstrate upstanding behavior that will prepare them for successful reentry into the community. For more information or to APPLY, visit jobs.doc.wa.gov | keyword: CO1

NURSES: With more than 8,000 employees throughout the state, we recognizes that staff are our greatest asset and provide a wide range of rewarding opportunities for career advancement! Washington State Department of Corrections are currently seeking qualified Nurses throughout the state to provide healthcare to incarcerated individuals serving time at a Washington State correctional facility. Correctional Nursing duties include:

- Screening, and evaluating patients to ensure optimal health and well-being
 - Assisting patients to improve their ability to care for themselves and their families
 - Counseling, consulting, teaching, advising, and providing health information that improves quality of health services, and ultimately enhances safety and security.
- For more information or to APPLY, visit jobs.doc.wa.gov | keyword: NURSE

Washington State Department of Health [Deputy Secretary for Public Health Operation/Chief Health Equity Officer](#)

Office of the Insurance Commissioner [Functional Program Analyst 3 Consumer Protection Division](#) closing 7/10/2017

Washington State Department of Ecology [Communications Specialist, Water Quality program](#), Lacey, WA. Open until filled, but initial screening of applications begins 7/5/2017

Washington State Department of Transportation [Maintenance Technicians](#) multiple non-perm positions in Vancouver and Kelso, WA. Open until filled.

South Puget Sound Community College [openings](#)