Our Mission is to provide a welcoming place for potential students, current students and community members who are looking for classes, workshops and services focused on issues facing them today. We can help you overcome the hurdles you face coming to school, support you while you are here and assist you with the transition back to work.

We accomplish this through individualized educational plans, funding and emergency scholarship sources, career counseling and advising. We collaborate with and provide resource referrals to our partner agencies such as the Department of Social and Health Services and Employment Security.

UP AND COMING EVENTS:

- Expanding Your Horizons (EYH): March 23, 2012. Now accepting volunteers! You will receive time off during Spring Break, if you volunteer! Contact Robyn Richins for more information!
- Woman’s Programs 30th Celebration: May 10th (Silent Auction), May 16 (Goodwill Fashion Show).
- Health Fair March 7, 2012
- March is Women’s History Month
- Viewing of Miss Representation documentary. This film explores how mainstream media contributes to the under-representation of women. Look for this in April!

MEET OUR STAFF

Deana Rader, Woman’s Programs and WorkFirst Director
Kimberly Bills, Woman’s Programs Assistant
Jean Munro, Program Coordinator/Advisor and Retention Specialist
Laquita Fields, Program Coordinator
Robyn Richins, Life Skills: WorkFirst and WES Retention Advisor
Melinda McCutchen, Assistant
Kathy Troxel, Frontline Assistant
Marialuisa Martinez, Frontline Assistant
Lea Johnson, Frontline Assistant
Azariah Walker, Frontline Assistant
Nicole Mathews, WES T.A.
Ashley Meyers, WES T.A.
Katie Murrish, Life Skills T.A.
Afano Fai, Life Skills T.A.
Aleksey Malyugin: “My wife and I started our ESL classes at Highline Community College. Women’s Programs helped us a lot with funding and the information (advising) about classes and which program to choose for the future education.

I had chosen Respiratory Care Program and Jean Munro was just great helping me with advice where to go and what to do to start my professional education at the college. She also gave me a videotape presentation about Respiratory Care Field and I understood more about the program itself and the career as well.

I had a hard time completing the program and was ready to give up, but Jean Munro gave me a lot of useful advice on how to stay on track and finish the program. She also supplied me a student success list and I was using it every day to complete the program.

When I finally finished the program, I got a job in one of the best hospitals in South King County. I am happy with my job and enjoy doing it. I am very thankful to the Women’s Program and Jean Munro for support and help.

Women’s Program is a great source for low income students, who need help with advising and funding. It is a department where great people work.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Highline Community College is a Partner Member of the American Association of University Women? Our Partnership with AAUW gives us access to more than $4 million in graduate and post-doctorate AAUW fellowship and grants; plus access to $1 million in undergraduate scholarships each year. Founded in 1881, the American Association of University Women breaks through barriers for women and girls on issues such as education, pay equity, civil rights, and gender discrimination.

Did you know that there are 8 Food Banks in this area? They are: Church by the Side of the Road (206-243-5024); Des Moines Area Food Bank (206-878-2660); Highline Area Food Bank (206-433-9900); Kent Food Bank & Emergency Services (253-520-3550); Salvation Army Kent (253-852-4983); St. James Episcopal Church (253-852-4450); St. Thomas Catholic Church – Outreach (206-242-5501); Tukwila Pantry (206-431-8293).

Did you know that there is a Women’s Homeless Shelter in Burien? Hospitality House serves single homeless women over 18 in South King County. You must be clean and sober at least 20 days, physically able to perform light chores, and not currently fleeing domestic violence. For an over-the-phone screening call (206) 242-1860, between 1pm-7pm, Monday-Thursday.

Did you know that HealthPoint Health Centers offers Dental healthcare to low income patients? HealthPoint contracts with many insurance companies. They also accept medical coupons. Feel free to call if you have any questions regarding coverage. If you don’t have insurance, you may qualify for our reduced fee program. The phone number is (253) 796-4071.