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## Georgetown Masquerade Gala

We are a little less than two weeks away from the Georgetown Masquerade Gala, Kent Youth and Family Services' Annual Event. This year, we are doing something different at a unique venue. For the first time in the history of our agency, we are leaving Kent and headed for Seattle. The Georgetown Ballroom will offer us an opportunity to provide an auction experience unlike anything you have ever attended before. With a heart pounding silent/live auction, New Orleans inspired food and surprises that will leave you speechless, we are positive this is an event you will never forget and will be talking about for some time to come.

Registering is easy. Just visit the website below. Once there, select from three meal options and let us know if you are going to be using a provided charter bus departing from Kent prior to the start of the event. If you are driving yourself, we have even provided parking maps for your convenience. We have literally thought of everything.

So, please join us for our largest fundraising event of the year and on behalf of the board members, staff and the nearly 10,000 youth and families we serve every year, thank you. See you there.

[www.kyfs.org/masquerade](http://www.kyfs.org/masquerade)



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## Veterans and Human Services Levy

On Wednesday, August 31st, the election results of the August 16, 2011 King County Veterans and Human Services Levy renewal election were certified as complete by King County Elections. The levy is expected to be certified with 69% of the voting citizens of King County endorsing ("yes") on the renewal of this six year levy. This overwhelming support indicated the citizens of King County strongly support services that support our veterans their families and critical human services with their tax dollars. The levy generates roughly \$14 million in revenue annually via a .05% per thousand of assessed property valuation, split evenly between enhanced veterans services and other human services, with roughly 1/3 of those dollars supporting these efforts in South King County.



Read the rest of the story at:

<http://kentyouthandfamily.blogspot.com/2011/08/veterans-and-human-services-levy.html>

## Co-Occurring

Typically, the young people that are clients in the Co-Occurring Disorders Program are those youth who often rub people the wrong way, commit crimes and have an appearance that screams, "stay away." Once you get beyond the hard exterior, you learn their misbehavior is often a result of an underlying emotional storm they are trying hard to keep contained. Often times, they cannot always keep the storm at bay, even with the use of illegal substance, and this when people see the misbehavior, the anger or the acting out. The following is the story of a young woman who was the most oppositional, angry, out of control 14 year old I have ever met during the 12 years of working with youth in substance abuse and mental health counseling.



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