

## Longview Retail Store Closing August 16, 2021

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Tacoma, WA 98409

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged our council in many ways. We created new methods to support our members, volunteers, and staff during the past 17 months. We successfully pivoted our in-person to online and added more inclusive and culturally relevant programs. These pivotal shifts were necessary to pave the way for a more equitable and accessible organization.

When we opened our Longview retail store, we had high hopes that our members and volunteers in Cowlitz and the surrounding southwest Washington counties would have a safe and fun place to meet. Unfortunately, even with our best intentions, we could not keep our retail store and program space open. An opportunity arose to release us from our lease. The GSWW leadership realized that without staff available in the immediate area to support the additional facility and with an ongoing need to reduce expenses, we decided to close our Longview retail store and space.

Even though this is not what we wanted or anticipated, we are happy that CORE Health will be able to operate in this space. CORE Health provides comprehensive behavioral health care for children, adults, and families. Their mission is to strive to create and maintain an environment that is warm and welcoming, values diversity and difference, provides safety, and promotes holistic Health by supporting individuals and families along their journey to recovery. We are also actively looking for partnership opportunities to continue to provide space for our members, volunteers, and staff in Cowlitz County. We look forward to seeing you soon.