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Safe Haven Community Center and Yakima Valley College to Offer Free ESL and Citizenship Classes

TOPPENISH – Lower valley residents seeking to learn English or improve their English language skills can do so at no charge through a partnership between Safe Haven Community Center and Yakima Valley College (YVC) in Toppenish. Classes will be taught by YVC staff at their Toppenish Learning Center at 720 W. 3rd Ave. Free childcare will be provided at Safe Haven, located at 101 Lincoln Ave in Toppenish.

Safe Haven will pay all YVC student fees, making the classes completely free to the community. Safe Haven will also cover any fees and provide free textbooks for immigrants enrolling in the Citizenship class that prepares them for the naturalization test.

Classes start on January 3 and run through March 13. Language and citizenship classes will meet Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.

Those interested in learning more about this free educational opportunity are encouraged to call Safe Haven at (509) 865-1804. Safe Haven Community Center is operated by Northwest Community Action Center, a division of Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic.

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is one of the Pacific Northwest's largest community health centers, providing medical, dental, behavioral health and social services to more than 191,000 people a year. With more than 60 unique service locations across Oregon (Clatsop, Marion, Multnomah, Umatilla, and Yamhill counties) and Washington (Benton, Franklin, Spokane, Whitman, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties), we deliver affordable, comprehensive primary care for underserved populations in our communities. We also extend our network of care through our mobile health units and virtual visit technology, bringing essential care to our more remote patients. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic employs over 1,600 staff in addition to our medical and dental residents, administrative fellows, students, and volunteers. All of whom are dedicated to bringing quality care to those in our communities who need it most. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization recognized by HRSA, The Joint Commission, and The National Committee for Quality Assurance for our accomplishments in community health care. For more information, please visit yvfwc.com/press.