# **What's New January 2015**



#### January: Feature Story

Shortage of Affordable Housing Questions and Answers by Benj Thomas



"There is general agreement that the people living in Mendocino County below the poverty line, including the homeless population, are severely burdened with a drastic shortage of housing available to them, given their requirements and resources. This brief article looks at the issues involved and presents some perceptions about the root causes of the shortage of affordable housing. . ."

View the full article here.

### Featured Indicator Rental Affordability



About 60 percent of renter's spend more than 30 percent of their income on rent. High rental costs can create financial hardships and place strain on households. Learn more at HealthyMendocino.org.

# New Healthy Mendocino Coordinator

Healthy Mendocino has a new coordinator! Beginning Jan. 16, Patrice Mascolo will be your contact for all things Healthy Mendocino. She moved to Ukiah in 2013 and also works at Plowshares as the office manager and executive assistant.

Please update your contacts as the February newsletter will be coming from <a href="mascolo@ncoinc.org">pmascolo@ncoinc.org</a>. She can also be reached at North Coast Opportunities 707-462-3200.

# Happy Birthday to Us



This month is the second anniversary of the Healthy Mendocino website! Since the site launched in 2013, we have had over 12,000 site users who have viewed over 46,000 pages on the Healthy Mendocino website.

The site starts the new year with a fresh contemporary look and tools to make it easier for you to access data on the site.

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