



**BELLINGHAM  
WHATCOM COUNTY  
HOUSING AUTHORITIES**

## ***WHATCOM COUNTY RESOURCE GUIDE***

**Please Note:** This guide is not intended to be all inclusive and resources change frequently. Please consider reaching out to one of the information and referral programs listed below for more complete and up to date information.

### **Information and Referral**

#### **The Opportunity Council - Community Resource Center**

Ph: (360) 734-5121 ext. 370

1111 Cornwall Avenue Suite C, Bellingham WA 98225

[www.oppco.org](http://www.oppco.org)

Information and Referral to local resources regarding homeless housing and support services, eviction prevention, basic food, clothing, medical care, landlord/tenant information and more.

#### **Northwest Regional Council- Aging & Disability Resources**

Ph: (360) 728-2500

600 Lakeway Dr., Suite 100, Bellingham, WA 98225

[www.nwrcwa.org](http://www.nwrcwa.org)

Referrals to other community resources for seniors and adults with disabilities.

#### **Ferndale Community Resource Center**

Ph: (360) 380-2200

5694 2nd Ave, Ferndale, WA 98248

[www.ferndalecsc.org](http://www.ferndalecsc.org)

Resource Center has a small clothing bank, offers free phone and fax services, access to computer and online job searches, help with resume writing, bus and shower vouchers, referrals to social service agencies and general community information. email: [coordinator@ferndalecsc.org](mailto:coordinator@ferndalecsc.org)

#### **East Whatcom Regional Resource Center**

Ph: (360) 599-3944

8251 Kendall Road Maple Falls, WA 98266

[www.oppco.org/ewrrc](http://www.oppco.org/ewrrc)

A great place to build community connections and access resources.

### **CLOTHING ASSISTANCE**

#### **Hope House**

Ph: (360) 671-8702

207 Kentucky Street, Bellingham WA 98225

[www.assumption.org/hope-house](http://www.assumption.org/hope-house)

Supplies clothing, diapers, toiletries, household articles, and baby food to persons in need.

### **The Salvation Army Thrift Store**

Ph: (360) 733-1350

1515 Birchwood Avenue, Bellingham WA 98225.

### **Back-to-Work Boutique (YWCA)**

Ph: (360) 734-4820 ext. 210

1026 N Forest Street, Bellingham WA 98225. By appointment only.

Professional outfits for women, offers haircuts once a month.

### **We Care of Whatcom County**

Ph: (360) 647-5415

3550 Meridian Street Suite 2, Bellingham WA 98225.

Clothing, furniture and household items available through a discounted thrift store.

## **Food Resources**

### **Bellingham Food Bank**

Ph: (360) 676-0392

1824 Ellis Street, Bellingham WA 98225

[www.bellinghamfoodbank.org](http://www.bellinghamfoodbank.org)

Food distributed Mondays and Fridays 11:30 am – 3:00 pm and Wednesdays from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### **Free Food Hotline**

Ph: (360) 788-7-EAT (788-7328)

Call this number and get information on food banks and prepared meal served on each day of the week.

### **Basic Food Program (Food Stamps) - DSHS**

Ph: (877) 501-2233

4101 Meridian Ave, Bellingham, WA 98226

Food stamps applications available to eligible low-income households. Apply at DSHS office with required paperwork; seen by staff the same day.

## **HEALTH SERVICES**

### **Unity Care NW**

Ph: (360) 676-6177

220 Unity Street, Bellingham WA 98225

[www.unitycarenw.org](http://www.unitycarenw.org)

Primary medical care, dental care. Accepts medical coupons, provides DSHS advocacy.

### **Sea Mar Community Health Clinic**

Ph: (360) 671-3225

4455 Cordata Parkway, Bellingham WA 98226

[www.seamar.org](http://www.seamar.org)

Serves low income, migrant workers, seasonal farm workers, and homeless people. Bilingual/bicultural professionals available (Spanish).

### **Whatcom County Health Department**

Ph: (360) 778-6000

509 Girard Street, Bellingham WA 98225

[www.co.whatcom.wa.us/health](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/health)

Immunizations/shots for children. Adult health testing. Assistance for adults with active TB. Must qualify for assistance. Information about community and environmental health.

## **Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement (WAHA)**

Ph: (360) 788-6594

800 E. Chestnut St., Lower Level, Suite 2, Bellingham, WA 98225

[www.whatcomalliance.org](http://www.whatcomalliance.org)

Connects people to health care services and insurance options through the insurance marketplace

## **MENTAL HEALTH / COUNSELING SERVICES**

### **Compass Health**

Ph: (360) 676-2220

3645 E. McLeod Rd, Bellingham, WA 98226

[www.compasshealth.org](http://www.compasshealth.org)

Offers comprehensive and personalized mental health and psychiatric outpatient services.

### **Behavioral Health Access Program through WAHA**

Ph: (360) 788-6594

800 E. Chestnut, Lower Level Suite 2, Bellingham, WA 98225

[www.whatcomalliance.org](http://www.whatcomalliance.org)

WAHA can refer Whatcom County residents to the Behavioral Health Access Program (BHAP), a community program that provides mental health counseling to residents who do not have health insurance and are low income.

### **Unity Care Northwest**

Ph: (360) 676-6177

1616 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225

[www.unitycarenw.org/behavioral-health](http://www.unitycarenw.org/behavioral-health)

Adult behavioral health services.

### **Lake Whatcom Residential & Treatment Center**

Ph: (360) 676-6000

609 North Shore Drive, Bellingham WA 98226

[www.lwrtc.org](http://www.lwrtc.org)

Providing an array of residential and community mental health services to adults with severe and persistent mental illness in Whatcom and surrounding counties.

### **Catholic Community Services**

Ph: (360) 676-2164

1133 Railroad Suite 100, Bellingham WA 98225

[ccsww.org](http://ccsww.org)

Provides behavioral health assessments and services for children up to age 21 with state health insurance.

### **Counseling Training Clinic, Western Washington University Psychology Department**

Ph: (360) 650-3184

Free counseling is offered to members of the community for individuals and children.

### **Care Crisis: 24 Hour Hotline**

Ph: (800) 584-3578

Provides assistance in mental health emergencies.

[www.voaww.org/behavioralhealth](http://www.voaww.org/behavioralhealth)

### **Mental Health Central Access Line**

Ph: (888) 693-7200

Provides an initial authorization for mental health assessment and referral to clinic for diagnosis and treatment for those receiving Medicaid

### **CPIT: Crisis Prevention and Intervention Teams**

Ph: (360) 752-4545

A program of Compass Health, CPIT is a 24 hour, community based outreach team with the ability to respond to and provide short term crisis intervention and prevention services in the community. CPIT serves adults, adolescents, and children who are located in Whatcom County and are experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

2030 Division St., Bellingham, WA 98226

24 hours a day, seven days a week. Whatcom Community detox, crisis intervention and respite. Mental health assessment & referral.

## **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

### **Max Higbee Center**

Ph: (360) 738-1838

315 Halleck Street, Bellingham WA 98225

[www.maxhigbee.org](http://www.maxhigbee.org)

Recreation programs for adults 14 and over with developmental disabilities.

### **Center for Independence North Sound**

Ph: (360)393-389 [www.cfisouth.org](http://www.cfisouth.org)

A resource for individuals with disabilities to fully access and participate in the community through outreach, advocacy and independent living skills development. Also serve senior citizens with senior-related disabilities as well. Youth Transitional programs also available

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **WorkSource Washington**

Ph: (360) 676-1521

101 Prospect Street, Bellingham, WA 98225

[www.worksourcewa.com](http://www.worksourcewa.com)

Job search, career exploration, computer use, training on resumes and cover letters, and interview preparation. Job training programs for youth, adults, and mature workers, worker retraining, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and information on unemployment insurance.

### **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation WA**

Ph: (360) 714-4136, TTY (360) 714-4009

4101 Meridian Street, Bellingham, WA 98226

Employment related services for persons with disabilities who need assistance to find and keep employment

### **Cascade Connections**

Ph: (360) 647-9087

1611 North State Street, Bellingham, WA 98225

[www.cascadeconnections.org](http://www.cascadeconnections.org)

Pre-vocational and vocational skills for persons with disabilities seeking employment opportunities.

### **Goodwill Job Training and Education Center**

Ph: (360) 738-0483

1115 E. Sunset Drive, Suite 105, Bellingham, WA 98226

[www.seattlegoodwill.org](http://www.seattlegoodwill.org)

Free classes in a wide range of subjects, including English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Computers, GED Preparation, and Retail and Customer Service.

### **Opportunity Council Employment and Financial Education**

Ph: (360) 734-5121 x223

1111 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

Provides skill development and job training as an avenue towards financial stability. Classes, training, and one-on-one support for achieving employment and financial goals.

## Legal/ Victim Support

### LAW Advocates

Ph: (360) 671-6079

1415 Commercial St, Bellingham, WA 98227

[www.lawadvocates.org](http://www.lawadvocates.org)

Offers free civil legal advice & referrals for low-income households. To determine eligibility and type of legal problem call the CLEAR line at 1-888-201-1014. Please see website for details on all Law Advocate programs and clinic times.

### CLEAR

Ph: (888) 201-1014 [www.nwjustice.org](http://www.nwjustice.org)

NW Justice Project's phone service for eligible low income people to obtain free legal assistance with civil legal problems. Available to all seniors at 1-888-387-7111.

### Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center

Ph: (360) 676-0122

13 Prospect Street Suite 201, Bellingham WA 98225

[www.whatcomdrc.org](http://www.whatcomdrc.org)

Mediation services and trainings in conflict resolution working with young people and adults, families, businesses and organizations. Tuesday-Friday, 10am-5pm

### Victim Support Services

Ph: (360) 756-1780 or 24 Hr. Crisis line: 1-888-288-9221

Criminal justice system advocacy, resources, referrals, educational and support services for victims of crime and their families. Services are free of charge.

### Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS)

Ph: (360) 715-1563 or (877) 715-1563 (hotlines)

1407 Commercial Street, Bellingham WA 98225

[www.dvsas.org](http://www.dvsas.org)

Support for individuals affected by domestic violence and sexual assault; community education.

### Fair Housing Center of Washington

Ph: (253) 274-9523

1517 S Fawcett Suite 250, Tacoma WA 98402

[www.fhcwashington.org](http://www.fhcwashington.org)

Fair Housing complaint investigation, advocacy, education, and information & referral.

### U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Local Office

Ph: (800) 877-0246 TDD: (206) 220-5185

909 First Avenue, Seattle WA 98104

[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

## VETERANS' SERVICES

### Whatcom County Veterans Assistance Program

Ph: (360) 778-6050

509 Girard Street, Lower Level, Bellingham, WA 98225

[www.co.whatcom.wa.us/866/Veterans-Program](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/866/Veterans-Program)

Information on available services for Veterans; VA claims, family benefits, rent, utilities, food, medical.

### Bellingham Vet Center

Ph: (360) 733-9226

3800 Byron Avenue Suite 124, Bellingham WA 98229

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

Provides veteran information, claims assistance, mental health counseling for combat Vets. Veterans Service Officer (VSO) available to help with disability claims.

**Whatcom County Veteran Navigator Program**

Ph: (360) 393-5514

Veterans helping veterans to navigate and access the VA, federal, state and local community resources for military veterans and their families

**Volunteer Transportation Network: DAV Van**

Ph: (206) 764-2564

Provides transportation to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Seattle Monday-Friday. All rides must be scheduled by 5pm; three days prior to departure.

**Veterans Crisis Line**

Ph: 1-800-273-8255, press 1 or text to 838255

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families**

Ph: (360) 734-5121 ext. 370

Opportunity Council 1111 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

The SSVF program provides housing and support services to those who have served in active military and their families.

**National Call Center for Homeless Veterans**

Ph: 1-877-424-3838

Department of Veteran Affairs toll-free 24 hour access to VA counselors and other resources. For veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Online chat also available on their website.

## **ENERGY / UTILITY ASSISTANCE**

**Opportunity Council Energy Assistance Program**

Ph: (360) 255-2192

1111 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

Energy Assistance programs to help eligible households with grants to help pay heating and energy bills. Emergency furnace repair for homeowners available through the federal Low Income Home and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Referrals made to the Weatherization and Home Repair Loan Programs. Weatherization Plus Health and Energy Conservation Education Programs.

**Salvation Army**

Ph: (360) 733-1410

2912 Northwest Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

Puget Sound Energy Assistance for shut off notices.

## **HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

**Opportunity Council Homeless Housing Programs**

Ph: (360) 734-5121

1111 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

Variety of housing options available for individuals and families with children currently experiencing homelessness, including short-term and permanent housing. Programs provide case management and supportive services. Deposit assistance and eviction prevention also available for eligible households.

### **The Lighthouse Mission**

Ph: (360) 733-5120

910 W Holly Street, Bellingham WA 98225

[www.thelighthousemission.org](http://www.thelighthousemission.org)

Emergency housing for single men and women.

### **New Way Ministries**

Ph: (360) 354-9930

205 S BC Avenue, Lynden WA 98264

[www.christianhopeassociation.org](http://www.christianhopeassociation.org)

New Way Ministries is a non-profit organization that provides six months of transitional housing to women and their children and Great Expectations maternity home that provides housing for pregnant and new moms in crisis.

### **Northwest Youth Services**

Ph: (360) 734-9862

1020 N State Street, Bellingham WA 98225

[www.nwys.org](http://www.nwys.org)

Transitional and supportive housing for homeless youth aged 18-25.

### **Sean Humphrey House**

Ph: (360) 733-0176

1630 H St., Bellingham, WA 98225

[www.seanhumphreyhouse.org](http://www.seanhumphreyhouse.org)

Six units of housing for low-income people with HIV/AIDS. Support services to optimize the quality of life for those who are unable to live independently.

## **SENIOR SERVICES**

### **Northwest Regional Council**

Ph: (360) 676-6749 or toll free 1-800-585-6749

600 Lakeway Drive, Suite 100, Bellingham, WA 98225

[www.nwrcwa.org](http://www.nwrcwa.org)

Implements state and federal programs for seniors and adults with disabilities who need long term, community based care. Transportation for those on Medicaid. Referrals to other community resources.

### **A Place For Mom**

Ph: (866) 333-6820

Nationwide eldercare referral / resource network. Advice and consultation is free.

[www.aplaceformom.com](http://www.aplaceformom.com)

### **Home and Community Services- DSHS**

Ph: (360) 756-5750, 1-800-239-8292, (360) 738-6202(TTY)

600 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham, WA 98225

Provides assistance to persons with disabilities and the elderly who need care services and need state funds to help pay for them.

*Our mission is to provide quality, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families, elderly households, and persons with disabilities through innovative resource development and responsible stewardship of our housing and fiscal resources.*



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Housing Law**

(The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988)