



Homeless Housing Guide



Where can I find shelter for tonight?

Immediate or Emergency Shelter Options

A step-by-step guide to services for Whatcom County residents experiencing homelessness
For more information, contact the Community Resource Center (CRC): 360-734-5121 ext. 3

LIGHTHOUSE MISSION

Base Camp | 360-733-5120 x0
Overnight shelter/day center for adults (pets welcome): open 24/7 @ 1530 Cornwall Ave.
Agape Home | 360-733-5120
Shelter for women with or without children.
Application available online or at Base Camp

NORTHWEST YOUTH SERVICES (NWYS)

The PAD | 360-734-9862 x137
Emergency shelter for youth ages 13-17
HUSLY Shelter | 360-734-9862
Emergency shelter for ages 18-24

OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

CRC Information & Referral | 360-734-5121 x3
Seasonal shelter for eligible households

DVSAS

Safe House Shelter | 1-877-715-1563
Shelter for households experiencing immediate danger from domestic violence

LUMMI NATION

Lummi Victims of Crime | 360-312-2015
Shelter for Native American women with or without children who have experienced domestic violence
Stepping Stones Home | 360-303-6084
Shelter for Lummi Tribal members/families experiencing homelessness

LAKE WHATCOM CENTER

Shelter Beds | 360-676-6000
Short-term shelter for LWC clients



Help for other urgent needs:

FOOD

- Food & Meal Guide available at whatcomabc.org/food-access
- Call the CRC to apply for Basic Food benefits (food stamps/EBT): 360-734-5 121 x.0
- Free Food Hotline: 788-7EAT
- Meals served daily at Base Camp: 7am, 12pm, & 4:30pm @ 1530 Cornwall Ave.

CLOTHING & HYGIENE

- Hope House: clothes, household & hygiene items. M,T,Th 9-11:30, Tu 6:30-8pm, F 12-2pm: 207 Kentucky St.
- Free Showers: Arne Hanna Aquatic Center: 1114 Potter Street, Bellingham
- Call the CRC to inquire about laundry vouchers

HEALTHCARE

Insurance Navigators: visit wahealthplanfinder.org or call

- Unity Care NW: (360) 788-2669
- SeaMar: (360) 788-7106

CRISIS LINE
1-800-584-3578, or imhurting.org for help with a behavioral health crisis. Spanish: 1-888-678-9454
ASL: 711-1-800-584-3578



How do I access stable housing?

Contact the CRC to discuss housing options: 360-734-5121 option 3

HOUSING PROGRAMS

Opportunity Council manages referrals to multiple housing programs, including short-term, transitional, and permanent housing programs.

Eligibility Criteria: to qualify, households must reside in Whatcom County, and be experiencing unsheltered homelessness, i.e.: living at an emergency shelter, outside, in a vehicle, or other place not meant for habitation; OR fleeing domestic violence.

*Additional programs available for Veterans, and seniors age 60+. Call CRC for eligibility criteria

Income Guidelines: households must also meet income guidelines based on the Area Median Income to be eligible for the Housing Pool. Visit whatcomabc.org/homeless-housing, or call the CRC for more information.

Intake: eligible households can contact the CRC for intake, which allows households to apply for multiple programs through a single application. The Housing Pool is **NOT** a waitlist, and staff are unable to predict wait times as openings are filled according to household need.

DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE

Households who are eligible for the Housing Pool may receive assistance paying a security deposit (subject to funding availability). For more information, contact the CRC, or visit whatcomabc.org/stable-housing.

OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS

Visit whatcomabc.org/housing-search, or contact the CRC for resources and support for your housing search.



How can I find other supports?

Outreach & Support Services

HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM | 360-312-3717

Support and intervention services for those experiencing homelessness

NWYS GROUND FLOOR | 2500 E. Street

Services for youth ages 13-24 including food, showers, laundry, basic needs, resting rooms, housing case management, and vocational & mental health support. M - F 9am - 4pm

SCHOOL DISTRICT HOMELESS LIAISONS

Services and resources for homeless families

Bellingham: 360-393-8738 or 360-303-1588

Blaine: 360-332-0740

Ferndale: 360-383-9432 or 360-383-9299

Lynden: 360-354-1549

Meridian: 360-318-2486 or 360-988-1949

Mt. Baker: 360-617-4511, 360-617-4104, or 360-617-4406

Nooksack: 360-988-4754x3213 or 360-201-8286

COMPASS HEALTH SERVICES | 425-349-6800

Community Outreach and Recovery Support (CORS): program for adults who need extra assistance to engage with treatment services and stabilize their housing situation

Project for Assistance in the Transition from Homelessness (PATH): outreach to homeless adults including case management, psychiatric assessments, housing services, medication management, and assistance obtaining medical coverage and financial benefits