

OCT. 16
TPC MEETING

COMMUNITY TRAININGS

Updates:

- **Developing a Homeless Housing Guide and online housing resources**
 - seeking input & feedback, both from people familiar with the housing sector, and those outside of housing services



HOMELESS HOUSING GUIDE

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. 0



STEP 1: SHELTER

Immediate or Emergency Shelter Options

LIGHTHOUSE MISSION

Base Camp | 360-733-5120 ext. 0

Overnight shelter and day center for adults (pets welcome): 1530 Cornwall Ave. Open 24/7, check-in by 8 PM

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 Ext. 137

Emergency shelter for youth ages 13-17. Staffed 24/7

HUSLY Shelter | 360-734-9862

Short-term emergency shelter for young adults ages 18-24

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

LAKE WHATCOM CENTER

Shelter Beds | 360-676-6000

Short-term shelter for LWC clients. Contact your LWC case manager for referral

HELP FOR OTHER URGENT NEEDS:



FOOD

- Food and Meal Guide available at whatcomabc.org/food-access
- Call the CRC to apply for Basic Food benefits (food stamps/ EBT: 360-734-5121 ext. 0
- Free Food Hotline: 788-7EAT
- Meals served daily at Base Camp: 7 AM, 12 PM, & 4:30 PM @ 1530 Cornwall Ave.

CLOTHING & HYGIENE

- Hope House: clothing, household goods, & hygiene items: Mon, Tue, Thu, 9-11 AM @ 207 Kentucky St
- Free Showers: Mon-Fri 6 AM-5 PM, Sat & Sun 1 PM-6 PM @ 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: 1888-678-9454
ASL: 711-1-800-584-3578



STEP 2: HOUSING

Contact the CRC to discuss housing options: 360-734-5121 ext. 0

COORDINATED ENTRY / HOUSING POOL

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

Eligibility Criteria:

- Residing in Whatcom County
- Unsheltered, i.e.:
 - living at an emergency shelter
 - living outside, in a vehicle, or place not meant for habitation
 - OR fleeing domestic violence

*eligibility criteria does not apply to households with a member who is a Veteran or senior age 60+

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

NOT Eligible:

- Not residing in Whatcom County
- Couch-surfing, doubled-up, or paying for a hotel/motel
- Currently renting/own a home
- Living in transitional or clean & sober housing

Intake: eligible households can contact the CRC for a Housing Pool intake, which allows households to apply for multiple waitlists through a single application. Wait times vary depending on a variety of factors including household makeup, vulnerability index, and length of homelessness.

DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE

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

LOW-INCOME HOUSING OPTIONS

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



STEP 3: SERVICES

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 9 AM - 4 PM

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 360-383-9432

Lynden: 360-354-1549 or 360-354-1549

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

Mt. Baker: Harmony/ERC: 360-617-4303; Acme, JH/HS: 617-4511; Kendall: 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 supportive counseling, case management, psychiatric assessments, housing services, medication management, and assistance obtaining medical coverage and financial benefits

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Updates:

- **Contacts with Coalitions/Networks/Alliances to Share Resource Roundtable**
 - Presented to Whatcom Coalition to End Homelessness, upcoming presentations to DSHS and Whatcom Asset Building Coalition
- **Seeking other opportunities to present / outreach to other community groups**

CIE & RESOURCE DATABASE

Updates:

Connections since last meeting

Lisa:

- 211
- Whatcom County Library System
- North Sound Accountable Communities of Health

Kristi:

- Youth Behavioral Health Coalition
- Bellingham Public School District
- Peace Health

COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Follow-Up on "Homework":

What about the CIE webinar was compelling for Whatcom County's Future?

- [Webinar](#)
- [Toolkit](#)

NEXT STEPS

Putting a structure in place:

Building governance, sharing power, and creating a shared language

Whatcom Community

**Outcome: Greater
ease of accessing
resources**

Partnerships

Statement of support
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Resource Roundtable

CRN

Community Groups & Coalitions

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Thinkers

Outreach Group

Community Training Group

Resource Database Group

CIE Group

TPC

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POLL

Thinking vs. Planning

Thinker: someone who is committed to adding their voice to the conversation by participating in TPC meetings and actively providing feedback to the work we're doing

Planner: someone who can assist with one (or more) of our four goals, and is committed to doing active work in moving the goals forward

POLL: Which role do you see yourself taking on?

- a. Thinker
- b. Planner
- c. Neither

POLL

How can you help this effort?

- a. I have community connections and can help get the word out
- b. I have in-depth knowledge in my field that I want to share with others
- c. I want to help build a resource database
- d. I'm interested in higher-level care-coordination efforts
- e. Other (type into chat)