

COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

March, 2026



WA CARES FUND

The WA Cares Fund is Washington state's long-term care plan that working Washingtonians started contributing a small percentage of their income to in July 2023. July 2026 is the first time people will be able to access their benefits once they meet the qualifications. Washington is the first state in the country to create an affordable way for the broad middle class to access long-term care without having to spend down their life savings. When a worker has contributed the required number of years and meets the care need requirements, then they can apply to use the lifetime benefit amount \$36,500 toward their long-term care needs and help them age safely in their homes. Please reach out to Mariah Davis if you have more questions or would like to schedule a presentation: mariah.davis1@dshs.wa.gov

About Us

Community Resource Center
1111 Cornwall Ave.
M-F 9am-4pm
360-734-5121 option 3

Visit whatcomabc.org/crn to subscribe, learn more about the CRN, and view past newsletters

To submit content to the newsletter, email communityresources@ppco.org

CASCADE STEAM

Community Tech Support available via the [HelpDesk Program](#)

Assistance is offered to the public from volunteer technology professionals and students by donation.

Services are provided on Saturdays from 1pm-4pm at the [Bellingham Makerspace](#) in the [Bellis Fair Mall](#). Stay tuned for additional program dates.

Address: [1 Bellis Fair Parkway #618, Bellingham, WA 98225](#)

Services include:

- Computer hardware and software troubleshooting
- Computer privacy and security assessment, recommendations, and configuration
- Computer operating system updates and installation

[Click here for more information about the HelpDesk Program](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETINS

News, announcements, & updates

- [WABC Resource Guides - Updated & Translated!](#)
- [Cascade STEAM Digital Navigators - Seeking Collaboration](#)
- [SPIN Dance is back at the Bellingham Senior Activity Center](#)
- [Department of Revenue - Community Members Needed for Impact Team](#)
- [DSHS - Age and Dementia Friendly Community Forums](#)
- [Opportunity Council - Energy Scheduling April 6th](#)

PROVIDER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

WSCAP | [Community Action Training Summit](#)

04/08 9:00am-04/10 12:00pm | [Information & Registration](#)

DSHS | [Complex Caregiving: When Brain Injury Meets Domestic Violence and Justice System Involvement](#)

05/15 9:00am-12:00pm | [Information & Registration](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cascade Connections: [Multiple Openings](#)

Catholic Community Services: [Multiple Openings](#)

Lake Whatcom Center: [Multiple Openings](#)

Lifeline Connections: [Multiple Openings](#)

Northwest Regional Council: [Multiple Openings](#)

Opportunity Council: [Multiple Openings](#)

San Juan Community Home Trust: [Executive Director](#)

Sunrise Services: [Multiple Openings](#)

Unity Care Northwest: [Multiple Openings](#)

Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center: [Development and Outreach AmeriCorps VISTA](#)

Resource Guides

Community Resource Library

whatcomabc.org/library

Food and Meal Guide

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Homeless Housing Guide

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Clothing Resource Guide

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Hygiene Guide

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

SNAP Brochure

[English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Russian](#)

Resource Directory

A community designed website for human services & resources in Whatcom County:

whatcomresources.org

Find the resources and information you need. Get connected to social, health and human services in Whatcom County.

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