



COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

Week of January 18 - 24

Have an update for the next newsletter?

Email communityresources@oppco.org
by 1/28 at 12 PM

Helpful Resources

Community Resource
Center

Available by phone
M-Th 9am-4pm, F 9am-12pm
360-734-5121 ext. 0

Community Resources
During COVID-19

whatcomabc.org/covid-19

Food and Meal Guide
whatcomabc.org/food-access

\$ 2021 TAX SEASON

The IRS has announced the 2021 tax filing season will begin February 12th. This year, local organizations are preparing to provide no-contact and virtual tax preparation services at no cost to Whatcom County residents who make up to \$66,000 per year. IRS certified preparers will be available to assist at [Northwest Indian College](#), [Western Washington University](#), and online through [United Way](#). Additionally, anyone whose AGI was \$72,000 or less in 2020 can file their own taxes for free online through the [IRS Free File Program](#). Help your clients avoid [costly fees and predatory commercial preparers](#) by encouraging them to utilize a free IRS certified program this year.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

There are still many unknown details about the 2021 tax season. For the latest information for Whatcom County residents, visit [WABC's tax site](#). Information will be added to the site as it becomes available.

2021 POINT IN TIME COUNT

Will rely on help from providers like you



The annual Point in Time Count is a vital census of people experiencing homelessness in our community. While this count typically relies on the help of volunteers, this year, due to the pandemic our county is instead enlisting the help of service providers to complete surveys with their clients who are experiencing homelessness. If you work with this population, please consider attending the [virtual training on 1/25, 5-6pm](#), or contact Summer Starr to make other training arrangements: summer_starr@oppco.org. See additional information [here](#), and please [share this flyer](#) with your clients.

COVID-19 Resources

Unified Command
whatcomcovid.com

Whatcom County Health Department
whatcomcounty.us

COVID-19 Vital Information in 36 Languages
informingfamilies.org

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Icon Key:


 Asset Building

 Updated/New resource

 3-in-30 Survey

COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETINS

News, announcements, & community updates

-  [Crisis Stabilization Center now open](#)
- [New round of PPP loans available for small businesses](#)
- [Comments needed: Statewide Early Learning Coord. Plan](#)
- [OppCo. Energy Assistance online scheduling closed, will re-open in February. Scheduling still available by phone](#)
- [Next Bellingham Community Meal will take place 1/30](#)

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Community Training: Helping Our Homeless Neighbors
1/23, 10am-12:30pm | [Details and Registration](#)

-  Tax Time 2021: How Orgs. Can Support Low-Income Families
1/28, 12pm | [Webinar Registration](#)

Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Days 2021
2/8 - 2/12 | [Details and Registration](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Northwest Workforce Council
[Multiple Openings](#)

Northwest Youth Services
[PAD Youth Advocate](#)

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