







COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

Week of January 24 - 30

Newsletter Guide

Icon Key:

-  Asset Building Opportunity
-  New Resource
-  Updated Resource
-  3-in-30 Survey

About Us

Community Resource Center

Available by phone
M-Th 9am-4pm, F 9am-12pm
360-734-5121 option 3

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

To subscribe or submit content to the newsletter, email communityresources@opcco.org.

MID-CERTIFICATION REVIEWS WAIVED

DSHS has [temporarily waived Mid-Certification Reviews](#) for food and cash programs. Cash and/or food benefit recipients with a six-month review due in January, February or March 2022 will not have to complete their Mid-Certification Review at this time. Annual Eligibility Reviews are still required, so it is important to pay attention to letters and forms sent by DSHS, or visit washingtonconnection.org to check for any upcoming due dates. As DSHS has been experiencing longer than usual phone wait times, this temporary waiver will help to reduce hold times and improve customer experience.

OTHER TIPS TO AVOID LONG WAIT TIMES:

Try online: visit washingtonconnection.org for many services.
Know when to call: avoid calling on Mondays, and the first & last weeks of the month, and call before 11am when possible.
Use the automated phone system: service available 24/7.
Apply through Opportunity Council: to apply for food benefits, call 360-734-5121 option 3.



DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER

Now open in Whatcom County

FEMA, in partnership with the Washington State Military Department's Emergency Management Division, has opened a [Disaster Recovery Center in Whatcom County](#) to help survivors of the November flooding and mudslides. Recovery specialists are available to help residents of Clallam, Skagit and Whatcom counties, including the Lummi Nation, Nooksack Indian Tribe, the Quileute Nation and other tribes in the three counties, apply for federal assistance and receive information about help available for homeowners, renters and business owners. The center is located at 1208 East Main St. in Everson, and is open 9am - 8pm Mon. - Sat., and 12 - 6pm Sun.

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](#)

Whatcom County COVID-19 Resources

Resources During COVID-19
whatcomabc.org/covid-19

Health Department Info
[COVID-19 Information](#)

Eviction Prevention Info
[English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Russian](#) |
[Punjabi](#) | [Vietnamese](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETINS

News, announcements, & community updates

- [Bellingham Community Meal: to-go meals will be served 1/29, 12:30 - 3:30pm at Assumption Gym](#)
- [Register now for Whatcom Dream's upcoming free financial literacy courses for adults and teens](#)

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- [Legislative Update on Asset Building Policies 2/4, 10 - 11am | Webinar Information](#)
- [2022 Washington State Nonprofit Conference 5/18 - 5/20 | Registration now open](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cascade Connections: [Multiple Openings](#)

Lydia Place: [Multiple Openings](#)

Northwest Regional Council: [Multiple Openings](#)

Northwest Youth Services: [Multiple Openings](#)

Opportunity Council: [Community Services, Early Learning, Facilities, and Housing Programs](#)

Sea Mar: [GRACE Intensive Case Manager \(Crisis MH Therapist\)](#)

Unity Care Northwest: [Multiple Openings](#)

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