



COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

Week of November 20 - 26

Newsletter Guide

Icon Key:

 Asset Building Opportunity

 New Resource

 Updated Resource

About Us

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NOVEMBER CRN MEETING NOTES

At this month's CRN Meeting we heard from the Bellingham Food Bank. They shared a bit about who they are, the trends they see, people they work with, and ways to connect and collaborate with the food bank. Whatcom County has seen a 127% increase in food bank visits since 2021, and the Bellingham Food Bank is adapting to these changes to help keep our community fed.

We also had the opportunity to hear important updates and announcements from those who attended, including Northwest Justice Project, World Relief, Opportunity Council, Fountain Community Church, Northwest Regional Council, Health Ministries Network, and Lifelong.

[November 16, 2023 presentation here](#)

Reminder: There will not be a December CRN Meeting. We look forward to reconvening on January 18, 2024.

STATE OPENS HEALTHCARE MARKETPLACE TO UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS

Washington is the first state in the nation to do so

This month, Washington became the first state to open its insurance marketplace to all residents, including all undocumented immigrants. State health insurance exchanges explicitly exclude undocumented immigrants. To change that, states have to get a special waiver from the federal government, and Washington is the first state to get that waiver

To get started, visit the [WA Health Plan Finder](#). Enrollment specialists at [Unity Care NW](#) are available for free to answer questions regardless of patient status. They can be reached at **(360) 788-2669**.



COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETINS

News, announcements, & updates

- [Thanksgiving/Holiday Meal Guide Available](#)
- [Homeless Persons Annual Memorial December 21, 5:30-6:30](#)
- [Street Law Clinics at Whatcom Community College](#)
- [Whatcom County Cold Weather Shelters Seeking Volunteers](#)

PROVIDER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Charting a Course Toward a More Inclusive Financial System
12/5, 12-1pm | [Webinar Registration](#)

Financial Empowerment Network: Paying for College
12/6, 2-3:30pm | [Webinar Registration](#)

Elevating the Needs of the Homeless Services Workforce:
Findings from Recent Nationwide Surveys
12/6, 10-11am | [Webinar 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](#)
Northwest Workforce Council: [Multiple Openings](#)
Northwest Youth Services: [Multiple Openings](#)
Opportunity Council: [Multiple Openings](#)
Unity Care Northwest: [Multiple Openings](#)
Whatcom County: [Winter Shelter Assistant](#)

Resource Guides

Community Resource Library
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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](#)

NEW 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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