



# COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

Week of August 16 - 22

## Newsletter Guide

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### Icon Key:

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

## About Us

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### Community Resource Center

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

Visit [whatcomabc.org/crn](http://whatcomabc.org/crn) to learn more about the CRN and to view past newsletters

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## SNAP BENEFITS TO INCREASE

This week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a reevaluation of the Thrifty Food Plan, which is used to calculate SNAP benefits, based on changes to nutritional guidance, food prices and what Americans eat. This reevaluation will lead to the largest single increase in benefits to date.

- Based on the new calculations, the average SNAP benefit will increase by \$36.24 per person, per month, beginning Oct. 1. The impact will be felt by many, as the USDA says the program helps feed more than 42 million Americans (or 1 in 8) each month.
- The exact amount will vary by state — though we don't yet know what each individual recipient's exact amount will be, Washington's SNAP allotment is projected to increase by \$410 million. [Read more.](#)



Learn more about Basic Food (Washington's SNAP program) at [whatcomabc.org/food-access](http://whatcomabc.org/food-access).

Need to apply for Basic Food benefits? Contact the Community Resource Center, or visit [washingtonconnection.org](http://washingtonconnection.org) to apply.



## WA Dept. of Commerce seeking input on GRANTS FOR DIAPER BANKS



Thousands of Washington families are struggling to afford diapers, wipes and other essential baby products. In light of this need, Commerce is administering a new [grant program](#) to support local organizations in purchasing and distributing diapers, wipes and other essential baby products to families in need with children under age three. To make this program successful, Commerce needs your input: please submit comments on the WA State Diaper Program via [mail](#) or [e-mail](#) by 11:59pm 8/25/2021.

## Resource Guides

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Community Resource Library  
[whatcomabc.org/library](http://whatcomabc.org/library)

Food and Meal Guide  
[whatcomabc.org/food-guide](http://whatcomabc.org/food-guide)

Homeless Housing Guide  
[whatcomabc.org/homeless-housing-guide](http://whatcomabc.org/homeless-housing-guide)

Clothing Resource Guide  
[whatcomabc.org/clothing-guide](http://whatcomabc.org/clothing-guide)

## Whatcom County COVID-19 Resources

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Resources During COVID-19  
[whatcomabc.org/covid-19](http://whatcomabc.org/covid-19)

Basic Food Updates  
[whatcomabc.org/bf-updates](http://whatcomabc.org/bf-updates)

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

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETINS

News, announcements, & community updates

- [Pop-up vaccine clinics 8/24- 28](#). Additional vaccine info [here](#)
- [Bellingham Community Meal: 8/28, 12:30-2:30pm @ Assumption](#)
- [Free financial lit. class in Blaine: Tues. 6:30-7:30pm 9/28 - 11/2](#)
- [School Supply drive at OppCo. 8/24, 11am - 6pm](#)

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- [Increasing Access to Homeownership 8/24, 12 - 1pm](#) | [Webinar Registration](#)  
Paid Leave Conv. w/ Philanthropic, Business, & Advocacy Leaders  
8/25, 11:30am - 12pm | [Webinar Registration](#)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

AHA! Childcare Center | [Childcare Workers](#)  
Cascade Connections | [Multiple Openings](#)  
Lydia Place | [Facilities Maintenance Assistant](#)  
Northwest Youth Services | [Whatcom Eviction Prevention Coord.](#)  
Northwest Regional Council | [Administrative Support / Case Aide](#)  
Opportunity Council | [Information and Referral Specialist](#)  
Unity Care Northwest | [Multiple Openings](#)

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