

COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

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Community Resource Center

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OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL'S ENERGY PROGRAMS

Regular scheduling for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) begins November 1st, 2025 from 9am to 2pm. After that, scheduling continues during Energy Line hours Monday-Thursday 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. Call (360)255-2192 or toll free 1-888-586-7293, or schedule online. Scheduling will remain open until all current LIHEAP appointments are filled. If you miss this round, don't worry-more scheduling opportunities will be available in winter/spring 2025-26.

As of October 1st, 2025 a new program year begins for Puget Sound Energy's PSE HELP program and Cascade Natural Gas CARES program. Applicants may receive direct bill assistance and ongoing monthly bill discounts. Apply online, call the Energy Line, or visit us at 1111 Cornwall for in-person application assistance for Puget Sound Energy or Cascade Natural Gas.

BELLINGHAM HOME SHARING PROGRAM

Partnership with Nesterly

The City of Bellingham is sponsoring a new home sharing platform to help community members with spare bedrooms rent those rooms to good-fit tenants. Home sharing allows homeowners to offer their extra bedrooms as rentals, providing much needed long-term housing options to the community in exchange for rent and, sometimes, chores. This program is unique in that Nesterly helps match hosts with good-fit renters and provides background screenings. You can learn more about the program, including costs, at cob.org/services/bellingham-home-sharing-program.

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

<u>English</u> | <u>Spanish</u>

SNAP Brochure <u>English</u> | <u>Spanish</u> | <u>Russian</u>

Resource Directory

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

<u>whatcomresources.org</u>

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

A PROJECT OF WHATCOM RESOURCE INFORMATION COLLABORATIVE (WRIC)

COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETINS

News, announcements, & updates

- New LWC Residential Program Open Maplewood ESF
- Contact Counseling Now Accepting IOP Individuals
- Childcare Spaces Find Drop-In or Emergency Care Now!
- TouchStone Counseling Youth Crisis Triage
- East Whatcom Free Veterinary Wellness Clinics
- WTA Proposed Fare Increase & Proposed Service Changes
- Next FLARE Session October 15 through December 10

PROVIDER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Charlie Health | <u>Brain-Based Wisdom, Ancient Roots:</u>

<u>Multidimensional Preventative Care for Clinicians</u>

2/30 10am-1lam | Information & Registration

NAMI Whatcom | <u>Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) Skills</u> Thursdays 10/2-12/4 5:30-7:30pm | <u>Information & Registratio</u>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cascade Connections: Multiple Openings

Catholic Community Services: Multiple Openings

Lake Whatcom Center: <u>Multiple Openings</u>
Lifeline Connections: <u>Multiple Openings</u>

Northwest Regional Council: On- Call Jail Health RN

Opportunity Council: <u>Multiple Openings</u>
Unity Care Northwest: <u>Multiple Openings</u>

Washington Center for Employee Ownership: Lead, Strategy

and Operations

Whatcom County Health and Community Services: Temporary

Severe Weather Shelter Program Supervisor

