



COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

Week of Aug. 30 - Sept. 5

Newsletter Guide

Icon Key:

-  Asset Building Opportunity
-  New/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

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WORKFIRST REQUIREMENTS TO RESUME

In March 2020, DSHS temporarily suspended WorkFirst mandatory participation requirements for families on TANF. With the recovering economy, resumption of in-person school and reduction in COVID-19 related shutdowns, state policymakers made the decision to resume normal participation requirements beginning September 1, 2021.

All adults on TANF were notified about the upcoming restart of mandatory participation requirements, what to expect with the process, and how to contact DSHS to start earlier. Beginning in September, participants will receive an appointment notice to set up a reengagement meeting.

As families reengage, WorkFirst staff will be using a new and long-awaited assessment tool and integrated interview process. These are designed to put the family's goals and values first, reduce the number of times they are asked to tell their story, and connect the family more quickly with the opportunities and supports that WorkFirst offers. [Read more here.](#)

If families have questions or would like to start activities sooner, they can contact the Customer Service Contact Center at 877-501-2233.

Additional opportunities to apply for **RENTAL ASSISTANCE**

Due to the high demand for this program, the rental assistance waitlist has been filled for 9/1 - 13. However, there will be additional opportunities to apply for rental assistance this month. The waitlist will re-open Monday, 9/13 at 8am. Starting 9/13, Opportunity Council will begin scheduling rental assistance appointments on a weekly basis. The waitlist for each week will open every Monday at 8am. Please [visit our website](#) for the most up to date information.

Resource Guides

Community Resource Library
whatcomabc.org/library

Food and Meal Guide
whatcomabc.org/food-guide

Homeless Housing Guide
whatcomabc.org/homeless-housing-guide

Clothing Resource Guide
whatcomabc.org/clothing-guide

Whatcom County COVID-19 Resources

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

Basic Food Updates
whatcomabc.org/bf-updates

Health Department Info
[COVID-19 Information](http://whatcomabc.org/covid-19-information)

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

COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETINS

News, announcements, & community updates

- [Pop-up vaccine clinics 9/6 - 12](#). Additional vaccine info [here](#)
- [FCC warns public of Emergency Broadband Program Scam](#)
- [National eviction moratorium has ended, but many WA renters still protected from eviction](#)

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

On Their Own Two Feet: Helping Foster Youth Transition to Adulthood
9/13, 9 - 10:30am | [Webinar Registration](#)

Improving Food Security During COVID-19 and Economic Recovery
9/13, 10 - 11:15am | [Webinar Registration](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cascade Connections
[Multiple Openings](#)

Lydia Place
[Multiple Openings](#)

Northwest Regional Council
[Medical Transportation Customer Service Representative](#)
[On-Call Care Coordinator](#)

Northwest Youth Services
[Multiple Openings](#)

Unity Care Northwest
[Multiple Openings](#)

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