



Whatcom County Community Resources and Referrals

Please visit the Opportunity Council's Community Resource Directory for the most up-to-date and comprehensive community resources: <http://fms1.opcco.org/resources/guide.php>

Children and Family Services

Brigid Collins Family Support Center: 360-734-4616

- Brigid Collins houses the Children's Advocacy Center as well as many other family support programs. The CAC is a child-friendly, safe environment that promotes healing for children who have been abused. Services include investigational interviews, medical evaluations, therapy for parents and children and advocacy.

Child Protective Services: 866-829-2153

- WA state hotline for reporting child abuse and neglect.

Northwest Youth Services

- Resource referral, case management and housing for youth.
 - **Business line: 360-734-9862**
 - **Emergency Housing (Minors, 13-17): 360-393-0116**

Churches Financial Assistance

*Emergency financial assistance for gas vouchers, food, IDs, limited utility assistance and other emergency needs. They are **unable** to provide rental assistance.*

Assumption Catholic Church Hope House: 207 Kentucky Street, 360- 671-8702

- Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00-11:30am , Fridays 12:00-3:30pm

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship Humanitas Ministry: 1708 I Street

- Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00am

Hillcrest Chapel: 1400 Larabee Avenue, 360-733-8400

- Weekdays, 9:00am-4:00pm

Love INC: 360-671-6201

- Network of churches and volunteers offering financial and material resources for people in need

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Alms Ministry: 2117 Walnut Street

- Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am

St. Vincent de Paul / Sacred Heart Catholic Church: 360-734-2722

- Call and leave a message

The Salvation Army: 2912 Northwest Avenue

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9:30am-11:30am and 12:00pm-3:00pm

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Resources

Consultation and Sexual Assault Support Services: 360-650-3700

- Support and advocacy for Western Washington University students.

Lummi Victims of Crime: 360-312-2015

- 24-hour helpline and confidential shelter for Native survivors.

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY)

- 24 hour hotline. Habla español. Provides crisis intervention and referrals.

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE

- 24 hour hotline for survivors and secondary survivors of sexual assault, child sexual abuse and incest.

National Teen Dating Violence Hotline: 1-866-331-9474

- 24 hour hotline for teens and young adults providing education, support and advocacy to those involved in dating abuse relationships as well as concerned friends, family or service providers.

Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse: (206) 568-7777

- Seattle-based advocacy and support services for LGBTQ survivors of abuse.

Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

- 24-hour helpline and emergency, confidential shelter in Mt. Vernon.
 - **Business line: 360-336-9591**
 - **24 hour Helpline: 888-336-9591**

Domestic Violence Perpetrator Treatment

Lummi Behavior Accountability Program (Bellingham): 360-384-2373

Relationship Resources (Bellingham): 360-393-9063

- Anger management, victim-defendant intervention and perpetrator treatment for women only.

SEAMAR Domestic Violence Treatment Program

- Mount Vernon: 360-542-8920
- Bellingham: 360-734-5458

Violence Intervention Professionals (Bellingham): 360-756-9929

Waterfront Counseling (Blaine): 360-332-1000

Healthcare Resources

Interfaith Community Health Center: 360-676-6177

- Sliding-scale medical, dental and behavioral health services.

Planned Parenthood: 360-734-9095

- Birth control, reproductive health and pregnancy termination.

Saint Joseph Hospital: 360-734-5400

- Sexual assault exams and DVSA advocacy available 24-hours a day.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Hotline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

- SAMHSA's National Helpline (also known as the Treatment Referral Routing Service) is a confidential, free, 24-hour information and referral service, in English and Spanish, for individuals and family members facing mental health and/or substance use disorders.

SeaMar Community Health Center: 360-671-3225

- Medical, dental and preventative healthcare in Whatcom and Skagit.

Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access: 360-788-6594

- Healthcare access counseling and resources.

Legal Resources

CLEAR Line: 1-888-201-1014

- Monday-Thursday 9:15am-12:15am. Open to low income people for non-criminal legal problems. Attorneys and paralegals provide general legal answers and referrals. <http://nwjustice.org>

Law Advocates: 360-671-6079

- LAW Advocates provides free legal help - including advice, representation and other assistance - for low-income individuals and families facing urgent non-criminal legal problems.

Legal Voice: 206-621-7691

- Volunteer attorneys, paralegals and law students can answer basic legal questions and direct make legal referrals. There are also many self-help resources available on the website. www.legalvoice.org

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project: 206-587-4009

- Promotes justice for low-income immigrants by pursuing and defending their legal status. www.nwirp.org

Washington State Bar Association: 1-800-945-WSBA (9722)

- Provides attorney referrals. Ask for attorneys registered with the Moderate Means Program for attorneys who can work on a sliding scale. www.wsba.org

Mental and Behavioral Health Resources

Behavioral Health Inpatient Center at St. Joseph Hospital: 360-734-5400

- Open 24 hours. Comprehensive range of mental health services.

Brigid Collins Family Support Center: 360-734-4616

- Provides support services, advocacy and counseling for children affected by abuse and resources and support groups for non-offending caregivers.

Care Crisis Helpline: 800-584-3578

- 24 hour mental health hotline.

Compass Health: 360-676-2220 or 888-693-7200 (for intakes)

- Counseling services and chemical dependency treatment. Accepts most insurance including DSHS (Washington State Apple Health). Call the North Sound Mental Health Line for intakes.

Interfaith Community Health Center Behavior Health: 360-788-2646

- Counseling and case management for individuals and families. Accepts most insurance including DSHS insurance (Washington State Apple Health).

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Whatcom County (NAMI): 360-671-4950

- Support groups, advocacy and education for people experiencing mental health disorders, family members and suicide survivors.

National Suicide Hopeline Network: 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433) or 1-800-442-HOPE (4673)

- National hotline for anyone thinking about suicide and/or their family and friends.

North Sound Mental Health Administration Access: 888-693-7200

- Information and referrals for accessing therapy, counseling and chemical dependency treatment programs for individuals and families with DSHS insurance (Washington State Apple Health).

SeaMar Community Health Center Behavior Health: 360-734-5458

- Counseling and case management for individuals and families. Accepts most insurance including DSHS insurance (Washington State Apple Health). Provides services in English and Spanish.

Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access: 360-788-6594

- Provides information, referrals and advocacy to help individuals access healthcare, including behavioral healthcare, and health insurance.

Social Services

Catholic Community Services: 360-676-2164

- Transitional and permanent low-income housing, child and family services, mental health counseling, substance dependency treatment. Initial appointment: 888-693-7200

Crime Victim Service Center: 800-346-7555

- Support services for victims of non-domestic violence and sexual assault crimes.

Department of Social and Health Services: 800-865-7801

- WA state assistance for food, healthcare, childcare, social services.
 - **Family Support Specialist Norma Esperance: 360-714-4060**
 - **Division of Children & Family Services: 360-647-6100**
 - **Adult Protective Services: 800-487-0416**

Opportunity Council: 360-734-5121

- Local community action network serving low-income people through housing, food, childcare, home and energy assistance and information and referral services. Information and referral line available Monday through Friday, 12pm-4pm. Walk-in services available at 1111 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham.

Salvation Army: 360-733-1410

- Child and family services, mental health counseling, substance dependency treatment.

WA Information Network: 211

- Statewide health and human services information and referral line.

Whatcom County Legal Contacts

Protection Order Office: 360-676-6803 x50001

- 3rd Floor of Courthouse, 311 Grand Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

Whatcom County Courthouse Facilitator: 360-738-2459

- 5th Floor of Courthouse, 311 Grand Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

Superior Court Clerk's Office: 360-676-6777

- 3rd Floor of Courthouse, 311 Grand Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

District Court Clerk's Office: 360-676-6770

- 4th Floor of Courthouse, 311 Grand Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

Whatcom County Prosecutor's Office: 360-676-6784

- Melody Eastman, DV Victim Advocate for Superior Court Cases
(Main line: 360-778-5710 Desk: 778-5733)

Bellingham City Attorney's Office: 360-778-8285

- Sheryl Cartwright, DV Victim Advocate for Municipal Court Cases.

Caryl Dunavan: 360-815-2928

- DV Victim Advocate for Ferndale, Blaine, Sumas, Everson, Nooksack and Lynden court cases.

Bellingham Police Department: 360-778-8800

- 505 Grand Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office: 360-676-6650

- 311 Grand Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

Whatcom County Jail: 360-676-6848

- Jail Roster: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/sheriff/jail/roster.jsp

Other Resources

Backline: 888-493-0092

- Portland-based pregnancy, parenting, abortion and adoption hotline.

Bellingham Food Bank: 360-676-0392

- 1824 Ellis Street, Bellingham, WA 98225. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12:30pm-3pm and Wednesday 5pm-7pm.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) National Hotline: 1-888-843-4564

- Provides telephone peer-support, as well as factual information and local resources for cities and towns across the US. Monday-Friday 1pm to 9pm, Saturday 9am to 2pm, pacific time.

Yellow Cab: 360-733-8294

YWCA Back to Work Boutique: 360-734-4820

- Free consultations and professional clothing for job interviews, work.