



Homeless Housing Guide



Where can I find shelter for tonight?

Immediate or Emergency Shelter Options

A step-by-step guide to services for Whatcom County residents experiencing homelessness
For more information, contact the Community Resource Center (CRC): 360-734-5121 ext. 3

LIGHTHOUSE MISSION

Base Camp | 360-733-5120 x0
Overnight shelter/day center for adults (pets welcome): open 24/7 @ 1312 F St.
Agape Home | 360-733-5120
Faith-based addiction recovery program for women. Application available online.
Immediate shelter not typically available.

NORTHWEST YOUTH SERVICES (NWYS)

The PAD | 360-393-0116
Emergency shelter for youth ages 13-17.
Contact NWYS for info about non-emergency shelter options for ages 18-24.

OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

CRC Information & Referral | 360-734-5121 x3
Seasonal shelter may be available for eligible households.

DVSAS

Safe House Shelter | 1-877-715-1563
Shelter for households experiencing immediate danger from domestic violence.

LUMMI NATION

Lummi Victims of Crime | 360-312-2015
Shelter for Native American women with or without children who have experienced domestic violence.
Stepping Stones Home | 360-303-6084
Shelter for Lummi Tribal members/families experiencing homelessness.

LAKE WHATCOM CENTER

Shelter Beds | 360-676-6000
Short-term shelter for LWC clients. Contact your LWC Case Manager for information.



Help for other urgent needs:

FOOD

- Food & Meal Guide available at whatcomabc.org/library
- Call the CRC to apply for SNAP food benefits: 360-734-5121 x.3
- Meals served daily for guests at Base Camp: 7:15am, 12pm, & 4:30pm @ 1312 F St.

CLOTHING & HYGIENE

- Hope House: clothes, household & hygiene items. M,T,Th 9-11:30 am, Tu 6:30-8pm, F 12-2pm: 207 Kentucky St.
- Way Station: free showers, laundry, and restrooms. M-F 7am-3pm: 1500 N State St.
- Laundry Vouchers: 1111 Cornwall Ave. Fridays at 8am

HEALTHCARE

Insurance Navigators: visit wahealthplanfinder.org or call
• Unity Care NW: (360) 788-2669
• SeaMar: 1-855-289-4503

CRISIS LINE

Call or text 988. Open 24/7/365



How do I access stable housing?

Contact the CRC to discuss housing options: 360-734-5121 option 3

HOUSING PROGRAMS

Opportunity Council manages referrals to multiple housing programs, including short-term, transitional, and permanent housing programs.

Eligibility Criteria: to qualify, households must reside in Whatcom County, and be experiencing unsheltered homelessness, i.e.: living at an emergency shelter, outside, in a vehicle, or other place not meant for habitation; OR fleeing domestic violence.

*Additional programs may be available for Veterans, and seniors age 60+. Call CRC for criteria.

Income Guidelines: households must also meet income guidelines based on the Area Median Income to be eligible for the Housing Pool. Call or visit the CRC for more information.

Intake: eligible households can contact the CRC for intake, which allows households to apply for multiple programs through a single application. The Housing Pool is NOT a waitlist, and staff are unable to predict wait times as openings are filled according to household need.

DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE

Households who are eligible for the Housing Pool may receive assistance paying a security deposit (subject to funding availability). For more information, contact the CRC.

OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS

For help finding housing, visit whatcomabc.org/housing-search, or contact a Housing Navigator: housingnavigator@whatcomhsc.org, 360-684-4420



How can I find other supports?

Outreach & Support Services

HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM | 360-312-3717

Support and intervention services for those experiencing homelessness

NWYS GROUND FLOOR | 2500 E. Street

Services for youth ages 13-24 including food, showers, laundry, basic needs, resting rooms, housing case management, and vocational & mental health support. M - F 9am - 4pm

SCHOOL DISTRICT HOMELESS LIAISONS

Services and resources for homeless families

Bellingham: 360-393-8738 or 360-306-2462

Blaine: 360-332-0740 or 360-559-5837

Ferndale: 360-383-9432 or 360-961-7419

Lummi Nation: 360-927-5273

Lynden: 360-815-4028 or 360-318-4966

Meridian: 360-318-2486 or 360-988-1949

Mt. Baker: 360-617-4511 or 360-617-4406

Nooksack: 360-201-8286 or 360-966-2030

COMPASS HEALTH SERVICES | 425-349-6800

Community Outreach and Recovery Support (CORS): The CORS Team aims to help clients access housing resources and other necessary services. CORS serves clients 18 and older who are currently unhoused or experiencing housing instability, and are either not engaged, or are poorly engaged with treatment services. This service is for individuals who need additional support to access and maintain benefits, food, vocational support, healthcare, and housing.