



Where can I find shelter?

A 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 | 360-733-5120

Base Camp

Overnight shelter/day center for adults (pets welcome): open 24/7 @ 1312 F St.

Agape Home

Faith-based addiction recovery program for women. Application available online.

Ascent Program

Faith-based addiction recovery program for men. Application available online.

NORTHWEST YOUTH SERVICES (NWYS)

The PAD | 360-393-0116

Emergency shelter for youth ages 13-17.

HUSLY | 360-296-3813

Temporary housing for youth ages 18-24 who are experiencing homelessness.

OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

CRC Information & Referral | 360-734-5121 x3

Seasonal shelter may be available for eligible households.

DVSAS | 1-877-715-1563

Potential shelter for households experiencing immediate danger from domestic violence.

HomesNOW! Villages | 360-224-3727

Intended to provide safe and stable place to live while seeking permanent housing. Application available at homesnow.org

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

HEART | 360-676-6000

Short-term shelter for LWC clients. Contact your LWC Case Manager for information.

NEW WAY MINISTRIES | 360-354-9930

Transitional living for homeless women and children who may be struggling with addiction, domestic violence, or a crisis pregnancy

⌚ Immediate shelter not typically available



Homeless Housing Guide



Help for other urgent needs:

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.

FOOD

- 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.

CRISIS LINE

Call or text 988. Open 24/7/365

To see the full Food & Meal, Clothing, and Hygiene Guides, scan the code or visit whatcomabc.org/library/





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@oppco.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.