



PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMS 2017 - 2018

United Way
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Arc of Whatcom County

Individual & Family Services: *Services provided to individuals with a developmental disability and their families/caregivers. A wide variety of services are funded to assist families to continue to care for their child or adult with developmental disabilities and assure inclusion in the community. The Arc provides a central access point for advice, information, and access to services and support.*

Bellingham Childcare and Learning Center (BCLC)

Affordable Childcare: *Provides affordable, high quality childcare for families who are in transition or working toward economic self-sufficiency. Children are provided with healthy meals and early learning opportunities.*

Bellingham Food Bank

Free Grocery Program: *Distribution of perishable and non-perishable food to Bellingham residents five times a week. Bellingham families and individuals can visit once per week. Added mobile food bank operating at Alderwood and Cordata Elementary Schools once each week.*

Bellingham Public Schools Foundation

GRADS: *Instruction and support for pregnant & parenting teens, and certified childcare for their infants and toddlers. The program is designed to help pregnant teens/young parents stay in high school & work toward graduation. Services help students to work toward a healthy pregnancy, learn & apply positive parenting skills, explore career & work options, set goals toward balancing work & family, and avoid repeat pregnancies*

Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County

Academic Success: *Extends learning beyond the school day with a variety of small group, one-to-one, and independent enrichment opportunities. The program (composed of iStride Academy, Power Hour, Summer Brain Gain, and other STEM programming) aligns with K-12 common core standards, helps students learn effective study skills, time management and organization habits, and reinforces skills learned in school.*

Healthy Lifestyles: *This dynamic, interactive program consists of multiple components (Healthy Habits, Passport to Manhood, S.M.A.R.T. Girls, S.M.A.R.T. Moves, and Triple Play) which, when integrated, allow for more powerful, lifelong benefits.*

Brigid Collins Family Support Center

Child Abuse Prevention: *Helps keep children safe and healthy by strengthening families. Services are outcome based, research-proven models and include case management, parenting education, home visitor services, therapy, and coordinated child abuse investigations.*

Compass Health

Community Outreach and Recovery Support:

This program provides homeless & those at risk of losing housing, support to access and maintain benefits, food, vocational support, health care, and housing. The team of two clinicians and two peer counselors provides a continuum of services to community members needing additional support. They connect with clients via the health department, shelters, jail, supported housing, homeless coalition, and other programs and locations that serve the mentally ill.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS)

Safe Housing: *Interim safe housing for domestic violence victims and their children, who are homeless or at risk for becoming homeless due to Domestic Violence. These individuals are a specifically targeted vulnerable population in the city's strategy to end homelessness.*

Core Services: provides social service, medical advocacy, and crisis intervention for victims of domestic violence & sexual assault, and for their families. Crisis services attempt to meet immediate needs of a survivor through a 24-Hour Helpline, safety planning, emergency room counseling, and walk-in advocacy counseling. Ongoing support aims to help survivors recover from abuse through advocacy counseling, protection order support, appearance preparation, support groups, and children's play groups.

Home Port Learning Center

Home Port Learning Program: Alternative school for at risk youth. Develops an education for each student following initial academic skill level assessment. Students have the opportunity to learn vocational woodworking skills while completing hands-on service projects including work on a 26' longboat built by the students that also serves as a floating classroom.

Lydia Place

Parent Support Program: Focuses on strengthening the parent-child relationship, providing parent coaching and hands-on tools, providing developmental screenings, and tailoring resources such as referring families to a licensed child therapist for assessment/intervention when needed. The objective is to increase positive childhood outcomes & ultimately a reduction in the cycle of poverty.

Transitional Housing – Homeless Mothers & Children: Transitional housing, case management and support groups for homeless women and their children. Children participate in a weekly art/play therapy group. Mothers have the option of enrolling in Parent Support Program that provides evidence-based, one-on-one parent coaching & child therapy as needed. Services continue once families move into permanent housing for as long as is necessary.

Max Higbee Center

Recreational Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities: Community-based programs for youth (14+ years of age) & adults with developmental disabilities. Opportunities for personal enrichment & social interaction are available through a diverse range of recreational, educational, and community-building activities. The activities advance social, physical, cognitive, and emotional development and promote greater independence, reduced isolation, and increased involvement in the community.

Mercy Housing Northwest

Service Enriched Farm Worker Housing: Provides a wide range of supportive services designed to promote individual and family stability and self-sufficiency. Provides farm worker families an affordable home gives their children the stability they need to succeed in school.

Northwest Youth Services

Positive Adolescent Development (PAD): Provides safe temporary housing for runaway, homeless, or at-risk youth age 13-17. 24-hour support service is provided. Youth work with Case Managers to create a Master Service Plan for goal setting and to plan for obtaining stable housing.

Transitional Living Program (TLP): Independent living program offering housing, case management, life skills classes and vocational opportunities to homeless single/parenting individuals ages 18-21 and emancipated youth ages 16-17.

Opportunity Council

Emergency and Homeless Child Care Program: *Provides short-term funding for child care, educational opportunities, and comprehensive child/family support services for Whatcom County families, with children ages 0 - 13, in emergency, homeless, or transitional living situation.*

Financial Stability Program: *Encompasses 2 goal areas, employment readiness & financial capability. Services include employment readiness and life skills classes, use of vocational job search labs, financial literacy & employment case management, FLARE (Financial Literacy And Renter Education) and On the Money classes.*

Maple Alley Inn: *Provides weekly hot breakfast & lunch twice a week at local churches for people in need of prepared meals. Locations serve as contact points for other resources such as basic food applications, homeless outreach, financial stability, legal and health care access services, as well as health and nutrition education classes.*

Rebound of Whatcom County

Roots Program: *Support for preschool through middle school children who have experienced trauma and are dealing with behavioral/emotional issues. Children learn positive coping skills, anger management, self-awareness techniques, and communication skills. The Parenting Enrichment curriculum helps parents/caregivers develop family building skills.*

Sun Community Services

Transition to Community: *Offers the Sun House as an emergency shelter providing meals, medication monitoring, 24-hour supervision, and a safe place to live for people who are mentally ill and homeless in Whatcom County.*

Sustainable Connections

Food to Bank On: *Provides resources and mentorship to support the success of new farmers while delivering fresh, local food to area food banks and shelters. Participating farms receive 3 years of training and mentorship while local nonprofits receive fresh, healthy and foods.*

Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement

Community Health Worker Pilot Program: *A community-based outreach program to rural and Latino households that takes place where individuals live in ways that are both culturally and linguistically appropriate. The aim of the program is to decrease disparities in insurance enrollment, health care, and preventative-based referrals to those who currently experience multiple barriers to health equity.*

Whatcom Center for Early Learning

Birth to Three Program: *Addresses the needs of children assessed with at least a 25% delay in at least one area of development, and their families, utilizing Primary Coaching Method. Specialists work in the child's home or community setting with caregivers present, attending to individual needs of the child & specific goals the family has set for their child. Family Resources Coordinators guide families through eligibility, develop a service plan, set goals, connect families with community services and help support transition to services.*

Whatcom Council on Aging

Meals on Wheels and More - Senior Nutrition Program: *Community meals for seniors throughout Whatcom county, weekly home-delivered Meals on Wheels, and nutritional information & assessment. Volunteer drivers offer meaningful social contact to senior participants who may have little social contact and are the first to recognize & report changes in behavior or appearance that could indicate a health risk.*

Whatcom Early Learning Alliance (WELA)

Kaleidoscope Play and Learn: A group class model for kindergarten readiness where parents and caregivers learn alongside children. The intention is to offer children a high-quality early learning experience, similar to preschool, while caregivers learn and practice parenting skills. Classes are free to participants and offered on a drop-in basis.

Whatcom Literacy Council

Literacy Tutoring for Adults: Offers free classes, one-on-one tutoring, and learning resources for adults who want to improve their basic reading, writing, math and computer skills, learn English, study for a high school diploma or GED, or prepare to become citizens. Learning plans are developed to meet the individual abilities and goals of each learner.

Work Opportunities

Individualized Employment: Supported employment services for individuals with disabilities in Whatcom County, 21 and older, through vocational evaluation/skills assessment, job preparation & training, job placement & retention services. Program services are designed to decrease the unemployment rate for individuals with disabilities by helping them learn marketable skills, find and keep good jobs in the community, and earn wages and benefits that help them escape poverty.

WWU Foundation/Woodring College/Bellingham Public Schools

Closing the Opportunity Gap through Free Extended Day Programming: Provides free, high-quality afterschool enrichment activities three afternoons a week at two BPS Title I elementary schools: Alderwood and Cordata. The goal is to create opportunities for children & families in our community who have the most limited access to enrichment programs, giving them the chance to expand their learning, become more connected to school, and to explore their interests, skills, and talents.

YMCA

Early Learning: Operates two state-licensed early learning centers for 200 children age 1 month to 5 years old, offering progressive support development on a cognitive, social, and emotional level throughout the first 5 years of life. Kindergarten readiness is achieved through hands on learning, peer interaction, literacy readiness activities, with healthy snacks & meals.

Girls on the Run: A 10-week after school program for girls in grades 3 through 6th grade that encourages positive social, emotional, mental & physical development. Program curriculum is designed to address both emotional and physical well-being challenges by empowering participants to make thoughtful and healthy decisions.

Community Showers Program: Provides county-wide access to showers, free for those in our community who need basic hygiene assistance due to homelessness or other issues preventing access to shower facilities. Also may use time to charge electrical devices, such as cell phones.

YWCA

Homeless Housing for Women: Provides 9 free emergency and 27 low-cost transitional beds in fully-furnished rooms in addition to laundry and cooking facilities, hygiene supplies, bedding, food assistance, voice-mail, and outgoing phone. Case management support and action plan development help with success including transitioning to permanent stable housing. Access to the YWCA Back to Work Boutique provides free clothing to assist in preparing for employment/education opportunities.