

RESOURCE LIST

After June 30, 2019, the Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement (WAHA) is closed for services to the public. The following is a list of resources which may help you in addressing the needs that WAHA has helped people access until now:

Refugee and Immigrant Services Northwest

Population: Refugees and immigrants in Whatcom, Skagit, and Snohomish counties.

Issues: Assistance with employment, education, and health care navigation.

(425) 388-9156

4101 Meridian St.

Bellingham, WA 98226

PeaceHealth Advanced Care Planning

Population: Patients of PeaceHealth medical groups and PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center.

Issues: Help developing Advance Directives and dealing with end-of-life and chronic disease challenges.

Hilary Walker, ACP Program Coordinator

360-752-5267

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(**Note:** for persons who are not PeaceHealth patients, planning is in process to maintain Advanced Care Planning services at another organization. Information will be provided to the community once that planning work is done.)

Community Resource Center

Opportunity Council

Population: All.

Issues: food, housing, including referrals for housing and rental assistance

Phone: (360) 734-5121 ext.370 or dial "0"

1111 Cornwall Ave.

Bellingham, WA 98225

Open to the public, Monday-Friday 10am-4pm

Aging & Disability Resources

Northwest Regional Council

Population: Older adults and people with disabilities.

Issues: Information and assistance regarding community resources, determining eligibility for specific programs, and help with accessing services.

600 Lakeway Drive

Bellingham, WA 98225

(360) 738-2500

Sea Mar Community Health Center (Bellingham, Everson)

Population: All.

Issues: Health Insurance Enrollment into Expanded Medicaid and Qualified Health Plans on www.wahealthplanfinder.org, community resources, help with forms with financial assistance, sliding fee scale, Rx assistance. Help with basic food application assistance and classic Medicaid DSHS programs. Limited assistance with Medicare counseling.

Customer Service Representatives/Health Benefit Exchange Navigators
(ask for Claudia Martinez and Jessica Mata in the clinic)
(360) 788-7106

Unity Care NW (Bellingham, Ferndale)

Population: All.

Issues: Health Insurance Enrollment into Expanded Medicaid and Qualified Health Plans on www.wahealthplanfinder.org, community resources, help with forms with financial assistance, sliding fee scale, Rx assistance. Have one staff member who can help with Medicare counseling.

Outreach and Enrollment department, Bellingham: (360) 788-2669
Ferndale: (360) 752-7410

Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC)**Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) program**

Population: 65+ and/or disabled.

Issues: Provide Medicare counseling on the phone or redirect caller to a local volunteer in their area, information on Medicare, classic Medicaid, insurance options, Medicare /Medicaid fraud + abuse, appeal/grievance support, and prescription access

1 (800) 562-6900 (Monday-Friday 8am-5pm)

NW Medical Society

Population: All.

Issues: Help finding a primary care or specialty medical provider who will accept Medicaid or Medicare
April Metz de Montiel

(360) 676-7630 (Monday-Friday 10 am-2 pm)

aprilm@northwestmedical.org

www.northwestmedical.org

Northwest Youth Services

Population: Homeless or at-risk youth, including LGBTQ+, ages 13-24.

Issues: Housing, emergency drop-in center, help with basic resources, counseling on vocation services, substance abuse.

(360) 734-9862

www.nwys.org

Whatcom DREAM

Population: All.

Issues: Financial literacy, financial advocacy, applying for health care financial assistance / charity care assistance.

Trudy Shuravaloff

(360) 319-3759

<https://thewhatcomdream.org/>