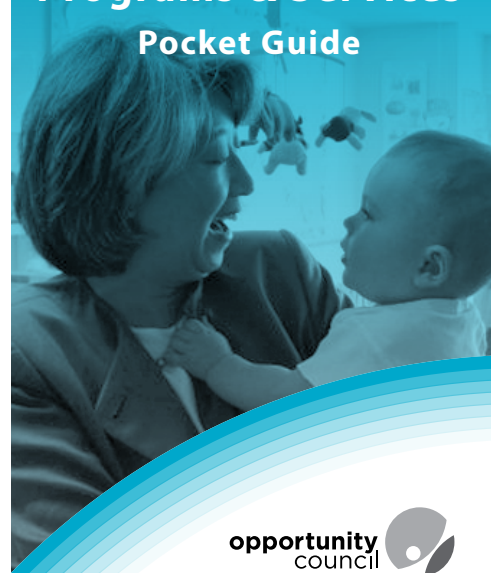


Programs & Services

Pocket Guide



What We Do

We serve low-income individuals and families through advocacy, partnerships and programs.

You Can Help

While some Opportunity Council programs receive funding through federal or state grants, many rely on support from our local community.

Please consider investing in the Opportunity Council and your community today.

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The Opportunity Council complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For information or to request accommodation, please contact our Human Resources department.

The Opportunity Council is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and your contribution is tax deductible.

About Us

The Opportunity Council is your local non-profit Community Action Agency. We are one of 30 Community Action Agencies in Washington State and over 1,000 in the nation.

Please share this pocket guide with anyone who is interested in the Opportunity Council's programs and services.



Dorothy Place in Bellingham and Marjie's House in Oak Harbor provide transitional housing and support for single women and women with children, including survivors of domestic violence.

(360) 734-5121, ext. 370 (Whatcom Co.)
(360) 679-6577 or (800) 317-5427 (Island Co.)

Financial Literacy and Renter Education (FLARE)

Class designed to teach budgeting and basic skills to become a competent renter.

(360) 734-5121 (Whatcom Co.)

Whatcom Homeless Service Center

Provides eviction prevention, rental assistance and other services.

(360) 255-2091 (Whatcom Co.)

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Community Jobs / Supported Work Program

Provides skill development and job training as an avenue to permanent employment for parents participating in WorkFirst.

(360) 734-5121, ext. 370 (Whatcom Co.)

Housing Programs

Homelessness Prevention

Helps keep individuals and families in their homes by providing rental assistance.

(360) 734-5121, ext. 370 (Whatcom Co.)
(360) 679-6577 or (800) 317-5427 (Island Co.)

Homeless Housing

Provides support services and housing for homeless individuals and families. Our housing programs include short-term, transitional, and permanent housing.

Community Services

Community Resource Center

Helps people connect with basic services and provides referrals and information about community resources.

1111 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham, WA
12-4 p.m. Call or walk-in appointments
(360) 734-5121, ext. 370

1791 NE 1st Ave., Oak Harbor, WA
9 a.m. – 12 noon, 1-4 p.m.
Call or walk-in appointments.
(360) 679-6577 or (800) 317-5427

Community Voice Mail

A voice messaging service for people who don't have a phone.

(360) 734-5121, ext. 370 (Whatcom Co.)
(360) 679-6577 or (800) 317-5427 (Island Co.)

Food & Nutrition

Child Nutrition Program

Nutritious meals and snacks are reimbursed for children in licensed child care homes.

(360) 734-8396 ext. 226
or 1-888-444-1862 ext. 226

Basic Food Education and Outreach

Information and assistance to help families and individuals obtain food stamps.

(360) 734-5121, ext. 233 (Whatcom Co.)
(360) 679-6577 or (800) 317-5427 (Island Co.)

Maple Alley Inn

Prepares and serves hot, home-style meals on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 - 1:30 p.m., Bellingham.

(360) 739-7335

Education & Child Care

Head Start and ECEAP

(Early Childhood Education Assistance Program)

Helps children enter kindergarten ready to learn by providing comprehensive school readiness programs for eligible families in Whatcom County.

(360) 734-8396 (Whatcom Co.)

Early Head Start

Provides prenatal and child development services for pregnant women and families with children ages birth to three.

(360) 734-8396 (Whatcom Co.)

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Child Care Resource & Referral

Provides information and referrals to licensed child care facilities for anyone seeking care in Island, San Juan and Whatcom counties.

(360) 734-8396 ext. 227
or 1-888-444-1862 ext. 227

School Supply Bank

Community donations of school supplies help support children in need.

(360) 734-5121 (Whatcom Co.)
(360) 679-6577 or (800) 317-5427 (Island Co.)

Collaboration for Children & Child Care Training

Training and consultation for child care providers and families.

(360) 734-8396 ext. 227
or 1-888-444-1862 ext. 227

Emergency Child Care

Vouchers for families who are homeless or in crisis.

(360) 734-8396 ext. 227 (Whatcom Co.)

Whatcom Early Support for Infants and Toddlers

Serves families with children birth to three years old who have special needs and need support to maximize each child's development.

(360) 734-8396 ext. 229 (Whatcom Co.)



Home & Energy

Energy Assistance

Helps pay home energy costs for eligible households.

(360) 255-2192 (Whatcom Co.)
(360) 679-6577 or (800) 317-5427 (Island Co.)
(888) 586-7293 (San Juan Co.)

Conservation Education

Offers in-home energy audits and customized energy savings plans.

(360) 255-2192 (Whatcom Co.)
(360) 679-6577 or (800) 317-5427 (Island Co.)
(888) 586-7293 (San Juan Co.)

Healthy Homes

Provides education, tools and home improvements to help reduce asthma triggers for children.

(360) 255-2192 (Whatcom Co.)

(360) 679-6577 or (800) 317-5427 (Island Co.)
(888) 586-7293 (San Juan Co.)

Lead Hazard Reduction Program

Identifies and reduces lead hazards in homes.

(360) 255-2192 (Whatcom Co.)
(360) 679-6577 or (800) 317-5427 (Island Co.)
(888) 586-7293 (San Juan Co.)

Weatherization

Lowers household energy bills by improving home efficiency.

(360) 255-2192 (Whatcom Co.)
(360) 679-6577 or (800) 317-5427 (Island Co.)
(888) 586-7293 (San Juan Co.)

Home Repair Program

Provides needed repairs to ensure safety and durability of the home.

(360) 255-2192 (Whatcom Co.)
(360) 679-6577 or (800) 317-5427 (Island Co.)
(888) 586-7293 (San Juan Co.)