

WHATCOM COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER NETWORK

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March 2021 newsletter

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Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center is looking for

Case manager
Eviction resolution specialist
Lead visit supervisor

<https://www.whatcomdrc.org/volunteer-and-job-opportunities>

Submit cover letter, resume, and three professional references to Jaina Gemin, Search Coordinator, at jaina@whatcomdrc.org. Use the subject line: "Job Title" Application (YOUR NAME)

Lifeline Connections is looking for

Peer Support Specialist (#20-078)
Peer Support Services Supervisor (#20-071)

Email employment
@lifelineconnections.org
lifelineconnections.org/career

Next Meeting

We'll be back on our monthly meetings on April 23 9-11 a.m. ! Our guest is from Labor & Industries to talk about how L&I can help vulnerable workers and victims of certain qualifying crimes and certain visa cases.

Email us your questions ahead of time at whatcomchwnetwork@outlook.com

COVID-19 Vaccines

This information is updated through April 5

Getting the vaccine just got simpler, but not necessarily faster! As of April 16, all people in Washington age 16 or older are eligible for the vaccine!

The state Dept. of Health is no longer using FindYourPhaseWA.org and you no longer need to show any sort of proof of phase eligibility when getting your vaccine.

The Vaccine Locator is still live and recommended to help find where you can get a vaccine — vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov

Supply is still a little slow, so we must continue to have patience.

Do you know of efforts for a mobile vaccine distribution, or need help signing up your community members or clients? Email us at whatcomchwnetwork@outlook.com

Like COVID-19 testing, the vaccine is also free to those seeking it. If you know someone uninsured, not established at a provider's office, or both, they can seek an appointment at Walgreens, Haggen, or Sea-Mar for a vaccine covered by federal funds.

TRAININGS

Promoting Vaccine Confidence in Older Adult Approaches to build trust through tailored interventions that incorporate community norms and address barriers to vaccine uptake in this patient population.

April 8, 10-11a.m.

Register: www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSWTXYK

Building Covid-19 Vaccine Confidence in Agricultural Communities In Spanish with English interpreters. Gain insight regarding vaccine development, side effects and effectiveness of vaccines available; address common myths and misconceptions around Covid -19 vaccines.

April 8, 11-12:30 p.m.

Register: ncfh-org.zoom.us/joining/register/tZ0rd-Ghrj8vEte2GB7FNxHfYgk8HtOabC0p

ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences) This training explores the long term effects that adverse childhood experiences have on physical and mental health. Preventative measures and resiliency are discussed.

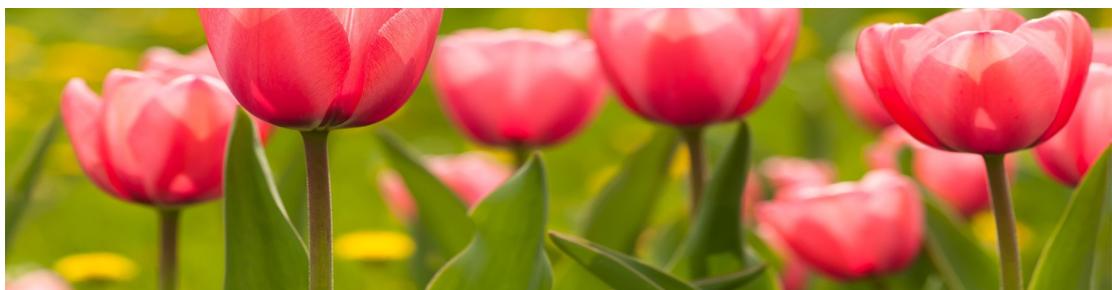
April 16, 12:30 p.m.

Register: <https://centene.zoom.us/joining/register/tJUrCuugqT4oGde3NjAMVlGxLpiD-DyOS6WpR>

North Sound Regional Race and Health Equity Conference

April 24, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Register <https://bit.ly/3wjC8fc>



Advancing Racial Equity Discussion Guide

The guide now includes questions, activities and resources for all six webinars in the series:

1. Racism: The Ultimate Underlying Condition
2. A Path to Reproductive Justice: Research, Practice and Policies
3. Reborn Not Reformed: Re-Imagining Policing for the Public's Health
4. Racial Healing for Ourselves, Our Communities and Our Future
5. Housing is a Human Right
6. Mobilizing Public Health to Achieve Environmental Justice

Find the guide and webinars at apha.org/racial-equity

WTA Rides for Vaccines

WTA is offering a service where folks can call the Primary Ride Line to request free transportation to a vaccine site.

(360) 676-7433

Their announcement said, "While we cannot guarantee transportation to all riders in all situations, we do have an interest in providing it where we can to support the county wide vaccination effort."



North Sound ACH Vaccine Toolbox

Check out northsoundach.org/vaccination-materials for lots of flyers, door cards, posters to print out or use digitally to educate about and promote the vaccine

They've also produced a number of videos about different reasons and perspectives for getting vaccinated, in English, Spanish, Korean, Punjabi, Mixteco, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

Health Insurance Special Enrollment Extended!

Washington Healthplan Finder is open for Special Enrollment — anyone who does not currently have health insurance (also including those on COBRA plans) are eligible to get a subsidized plan until August 15, 2021. The recently passed American Rescue Plan Act significantly increases the amount of tax credits individuals who enroll through *Washington Healthplanfinder* will receive, which reduces their monthly premiums.

WAhealthplanfinder.org

Watch out for misleading and false emails and advertisements for 'BidenCare' or any other website claiming to be the marketplace website.

Send clients and community members to SeaMar or Unity Care NW for unbiased help

- Appointments over the phone and in-person — anyone in community
- SeaMar 1-855-289-4503
- Unity Care NW 360-788-2669



Whatcom CHW Network for quick updates and opportunities

Emergency broadband internet grant

A discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households, up to \$75 per month for households on Tribal lands.

Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute \$10-\$50 toward the purchase price.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

For more info visit www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit