

Ways for Families of Kids with Special Needs to Find Respite in Whatcom County

“Respite” means different things to different people and agencies. By “respite,” **we** mean a chance for families to have a temporary break that:

- Is safe, enjoyable, and meaningful for a child or youth, and
- Gives parents/caregivers time to take care of their own and other family members’ needs

In-Home Care: Care Provided in a Child’s Home, With or Without Family Present

WWU student employment website: 360-650-3158

http://www.finaid.wvu.edu/studentjobs/labor_list.php

Private pay

Medicaid Personal Care Services (for children/youth on Medicaid)

Developmental Disabilities Administration (Formerly DDD):

360-714-5000

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/consumers-and-families/services-and-programs-non-residential>

Covered by Medicaid

Home Care Referral Registry for children or youth on Medicaid:

800-970-5456

<http://www.hcrr.wa.gov/HCRR/northwest.htm>

Covered by Medicaid

Super Sitters through Parent to Parent: 360-255-2056

<https://sites.google.com/a/p2pwhatcom.org/www/>

Private pay

Personal care agencies Private pay or covered by Medicaid

Visiting Angels: 866-522-6435 <http://www.visitingangelswa.com/>

Cascade Home Care: 360-647-9087

<http://www.cascadechristianservices.org/programs/home-care>

Family members, friends, social or service clubs, church groups

Out-of-Home Care: Planned or Crisis Care Provided Outside of the Home

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

foster care respite placement: 800-398-4079

https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/f2ws03apps/caofficespub/offices/general/OfficesHow.asp?qs_City=27&CityName=Bellingham DCFS funded

Developmental Disabilities Administration

2-week stays in Lynnwood regional respite facility:

DDA case manager: 360-714-5000

Funded by DDA

Service Alternatives Respite Facilities: 360-419-7066

<http://www.servalt.com/children-family-services/>

Private pay or Medicaid

Catholic Community Services (CCS) (for CCS clients in Behavior Rehab

Services): Martha Liljegren: 360-676-2164

http://www.ccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fc_whatcom

Covered by Medicaid

Opportunity Council’s Childcare Resource and Referral

888-444-1862

<http://www.oppco.org/ccrr/>

Private pay, unless on DSHS Working Connections

Childcare program or DCFS foster program

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Recreational or After-School Programs

Max Higbee Center

Weekend drop in (Fri & Sat nights) for youth 14 and up
CAP program (after school & summer): 360-733-1828

<http://www.maxhigbee.org>

Private pay, financial assistance available upon request

Bellingham Parks & Recreation

See Leisure Guide:

<http://www.cob.org/services/recreation/activities/leisure-guide.aspx>

For assistance/accommodation, contact Amanda Grove:

3607787000 agrove@cob.org

Private pay, some scholarships

Periodic Recreational Events

Bellingham Parks and Recreation 360-778-7000

<http://cob.org/services/recreation/activities/leisure-guide.aspx>

Click Leisure Guide, find Specialized Recreation. Private pay, scholarships

WWU/Bellingham Parks and Recreation's CAMP TEAM

one overnight per year: 360-778-7000 or agrove@cob.org

Private pay, scholarships

Summer Camps or Programs: Day Camps, Week Camps, Educational Programs

School District Extended School Year Program (for eligible children with IEPs) Funded by School District Funds

Bellingham Public Schools: 360-676-6470

Blaine School District: 360-332-0722

Ferndale School District: 360-383-9221

Lynden School District: 360-354-2893

Meridian School District: 360-398-9898

Mt. Baker School District: 360 383-2012

Nooksack Valley School District: 360-988-4754

FACES-NW (for children with autism)

<http://www.facesnorthwest.com>

Private pay, partially covered by Extended School Year school district funds

Rebound/Ray of Hope (for children 5 - 12 with emotional /behavioral problems)

http://www.reboundwc.org/index.php?page=programs&subpage=ray_of_hope

Private pay, scholarships, DSHS childcare assistance

Lions Camp Horizon (for older children and youth)

<http://www.lionscamphorizon.org/>

Private pay, scholarships

Royal Family Kids Camp (for foster children who've been abused/neglected)

Tammy Berg: 360-306-1410 or Larry Farr: 360-306-1213

Funded by DCFS foster program

Bellingham Parks & Recreation Weekly theme based camps for youth 3-14

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Statewide Camp Directory at Center for CSHCN

website: <http://cshcn.org/resources-contacts/summer-camp-directory>

Private pay, camp scholarships