



*Grays Harbor County*

*Local Housing and  
Community  
Resources*

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## Companion Documents

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10-Year Housing Plan to End Homelessness (2010)  
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A Housing Statistical Profile for Grays Harbor County (2010)

## Grays Harbor County Housing Resources (2010)

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### ESD 2008-09 Grays Harbor Community Resource Directory

[www.soundtoharbor.com/images/GraysHarborCRd2008-09.pdf](http://www.soundtoharbor.com/images/GraysHarborCRd2008-09.pdf)

#### **Aberdeen Community Service Office**

Division of DSHS

415 W. Wishkah, Aberdeen, WA 98520

(360) 537-2600

All applicants/ recipients of DSHS services. First Step/Family Planning/Teens. The Family Planning Social Worker conducts family planning orientations and referrals, distributes information and networks with other agencies to enhance service delivery. Regularly scheduled Family Planning Orientations and individual counseling/ referrals by appointment.

#### **Arc of Grays Harbor**

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

1017 S. Boone, South Shore Mall, Aberdeen, WA 98520

(360) 537-8814

The Arc of Grays Harbor is a non-profit organization which advocates and supports a better quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

#### **Parent to Parent Support Program**

Resources and equipment for parents of disabled or special needs children.

#### **Behavioral Health Resources**

<http://www.bhr.org>

205 8th Street, Hoquiam, WA 98550

(360) 532-8629

575 East Main, Suite C, Elma, WA 98541

(360) 482-6256

Behavioral Health Resources is a multi-county provider of mental health and addiction recovery services. BHR offers information on its website to assist people who wish to learn more about mental health and chemical dependency issues and recovery system.

## **Beyond Survival Sexual Assault Resource Center**

<http://www.ghbeyondsurvival.com/>

117 East 3rd St., Aberdeen WA 98520

24-Hour Rape Response Line / 1-888-626-2640

(360) 533-9752

Beyond Survival is a sexual assault resource center committed to educating and empowering all people impacted by sexual violence. It also provides medical and legal advocacy services.

## **Catholic Community Services**

[http://www.ccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fc\\_graysharbor](http://www.ccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fc_graysharbor)

St Mary's Church

306 E Third, Aberdeen

(360) 533-9470

## **Grays Harbor County Family Center**

Serving Grays Harbor and Pacific counties, the Grays Harbor Family Center and its many volunteers work together to make a shared belief in compassion, love and respect for all people come alive in a ministry of presence. Located at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aberdeen, our family center is making a difference by closing the service gaps for people of all ages.

## **Grays Harbor Youth Shelter**

111 E. 4th St, Aberdeen, WA 98520

360-533-9232 6:00 pm – 8:30 am or 360-589-3259 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

We serve as an agency to house and prevent youth homelessness. Our clientele consists of both homeless youth and at-risk youth. Our agency provides emergency overnight shelter to homeless and at-risk youth ages 13 – 17 years of age, both boys and girls, during the hours of 6p.m. – 8:30a.m., while providing meals of dinner, breakfast, snacks and sack lunches.

We also provide a mentoring program to at-risk youth, where we meet the needs of the youth, as a support person and a confidant. While youth are staying within our facility there are provided resources of educational needs such as; tutoring, school supplies, help in school enrollment or GED enrollment, and transportation to and from school. We also help with medical needs as getting them doctor, dental and vision assistance. All youth are also provided with basic needs of clothing and hygiene products, as well as life skills training such as; budgeting, nutrition, and laundry. Grays Harbor Youth Center also refers youth to other needed services such as counseling, and job search.

### **Ethnic Access Services**

Our Spanish-speaking resource specialist helps vulnerable Latinos overcome language and cultural barriers that may be impeding their ability to access available services. We are able to combine education, advocacy, and interpreter and translator services to foster independence and acceptance in the broader community.

### **Youth Tutoring Program**

The Youth Tutoring Program employs the time and talents of many volunteers to provide educational support for elementary-age students who need the extra help of a one-on-one tutor and an individualized curriculum. Students, especially those with special needs, also gain valuable social skills and study skills while discovering that learning can be fun.

### **Family Preservation**

Family Preservation is an integrated, intensive service area within CCS providing care using a "Wraparound" (Individualized and Tailored) approach. Services are designed for children/youth and families with multiple and complex needs, severe histories and who tend to be involved with multiple child-serving systems. Family Preservation has been among industry innovators who continually "push the envelope" and challenge traditional thinking in social services.

### **Project Rachel**

Many women experience trauma after an abortion. This program is designed for women who have experienced an abortion and offers a supportive and confidential environment to grieve loss and reflect on feelings of sorrow and regret.

### **Feed the Hungry**

Poor and disenfranchised individuals and families congregate six days a week to participate in a hearty, hot meal in a safe, welcoming environment. Numerous teams of community volunteers prepare and serve mostly donated food, while Aberdeen High School Life Skills students provide assistance with setting tables and cleaning up.

### **Home Care (Seniors and People with Disabilities)**

Homecare workers do everything from housework, such as the grocery shopping, the laundry and dishes, to personal care such as dressing, bathing, and helping transferring from the bed. Care may be just a few hours a day, or around the clock. For all income levels, CCS brings affordable, personal care every day, sustaining those who are served with dignity - in the home they cherish.

### **Volunteer Chore Services (Seniors and People with Disabilities)**

Light housekeeping, laundry, shopping assistance, transportation, cooking, minor home repair, respite, and yard work. Volunteers generally provide 2-8 hours per month assisting their neighbors depending on their availability.

### **Celebrate Life Center, Inc.**

112 Washington St., Aberdeen, WA 98520  
(360) 532-1104

Free pregnancy testing, prenatal vitamins, infant formula and baby food, parenting classes, community referrals.

### **Coastal Community Action Program (CCAP)**

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

117 East Third St., Aberdeen, WA 98520  
(360) 533-5100, (800) 828-4883

#### **“D” Street Shelter**

CCAP receives funds through the Department of Commerce to manage a duplex for families with children. The stay is up to 90 days. Families search for a permanent residence, employment, etc., while in the shelter. There is case management to assist the families.

#### **Food Assistance**

CCAP is the lead agency for TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program – through Dept. of Agriculture), EFAP (Emergency Food Assistance Program – through CTED) and CSFP (Commodities Supplemental Food Program – through the Dept. of Agriculture). In collaboration with the Distribution Center, CCAP assists food banks in Grays Harbor and Pacific County supply food to households in need.

#### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

This program provides financial assistance to help income-eligible households make home heating more affordable, avoid shutoff of utility services during the winter, and maintain a warm and safe environment. Funding source is Dept of Commerce.

#### **Home Repair and Rehab Program**

The Home Repair and Rehab Program is a Federal Grant Program to repair and increase the insulation level of eligible owner occupied primary residence. The repairs must make it possible for additional insulation.

#### **Personal Packs**

CCAP provides individuals and families with personal hygiene items. A household is eligible once every 6 months to receive the items. Subject to available funding.

### **Project Help**

Project Help is a private fuel fund program through the Grays Harbor PUD that provides assistance to income-eligible household in danger of being shut off or is shut off. The maximum amount a household can receive is \$250, one time per year. The program can also assist with a deposit to have power turned on. Assistance is based on a case-by-case basis.

### **Rental Assistance**

The HPRP (Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing) program is a three-year program funded by federal stimulus dollars (ARRA). The program assists with eviction prevention or first month's rent for the homeless. To qualify, people must meet risk factors. The amount of rent CCAP assists with and what the household pays will be on a case-by-case basis. Funds may be used for reasonable and appropriate motel vouchers for up to 30 days if no appropriate shelter beds are available and subsequent rental housing has been identified but is not immediately available for move-in by the program participants.

CCAP receives FEMA (once a year) for rental assistance to assist individuals and families within income guidelines with first month's rent or eviction prevention. Must have 3 or 5-day pay or vacate or be homeless for first month's rent.

### **Transitional Housing**

The THOR (Transitional Housing Operating Rent) is a self-sufficiency transitional housing program that assists homeless families with children (or a pregnant woman in her third trimester). Families pay a percentage of the rent and CCAP pays the remainder and utilities. Families set goals and work towards their goals while in the program. Funding is through Department of Commerce.

The TBRA (Tenant Based Rental Assistance) program is a self-sufficiency transitional housing program that assists homeless individuals or families with children. Families pay a percentage of the rent and CCAP pays the remainder and utilities. Families set goals and work towards their goals while in the program. Funding is through Department of Commerce.

**WEAF**

This program is for Cascade Natural Gas customers only. It provides funds for income-eligible households in danger of being shut off and for deposit. Funding is through Cascade Natural Gas.

**Weatherization Assistance Program**

This program strives to preserve and improve homes by making them healthier, safer and more energy affordable. The program specifically focuses on assisting low-income people, giving priority to the elderly, individuals with disabilities and families with children. Inspections and tune-ups of heating systems are done, safety inspections of all gas, oil and wood appliances, and electrical, pest and plumbing inspections as needed. Insulation is installed, general air sealing measures done and minor repairs that are necessary in order to insulate. Funding through Dept of Commerce.

**Winter Help**

This program is for Cascade Natural Gas customers only. It provides funds for income-eligible households in danger of being shut off and for deposit. Assistance is on a case-by-case basis. Funding through Cascade Natural Gas.

**Domestic Violence Center of Grays Harbor**

The Domestic Violence Center provides safety and support for women and children.

**Long-Term Care Ombudsman**

The Washington State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program protects and promotes quality of life for people living in licensed, long-term adult care facilities:

- Advocates for the rights of clients in adult care facilities
- Works with clients, families and facility staff to meet the needs and concerns of the people living there
- Provides a way to get complaints and concerns heard and resolved

**The following people can use the Ombudsman Program:**

- Residents living in a care facility and his/her relatives or friends
- Administrators & staff of adult family home, boarding home or nursing home

**Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) /****ESD 113 / Grays Harbor Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program**

<http://www.del.wa.gov/default.aspx>

Aberdeen School District #5, 359 N. Division, Aberdeen, WA 98520

(360) 538-2191

Educational programs for low-income children ages 3-4. Families with children under 3 who have a concern about their child's development can call for a free developmental screening. An infant or toddler qualified for early intervention services if there is an identified developmental delay in language, gross/fine motor, cognitive, social/emotional, vision and/or hearing impairment. Family Resources Coordinators will assist families with identifying concerns, coordinating evaluations, connecting with services and resources.

### **Food Bank: Coastal Harvest Distribution Warehouse**

[http://northwestharvest.org/Our\\_Partners/Distribution\\_Centers.htm#graysharbor](http://northwestharvest.org/Our_Partners/Distribution_Centers.htm#graysharbor)

520 Tyler St, Hoquiam

(360) 532-6315

Coastal Harvest Distribution Center distributes over 1 million pounds of food to approx. 40 programs in Grays Harbor, Pacific, Mason, Wahkiakum, Thurston and Lewis Counties. This distributor conducts a program with the Dept of Fisheries that results in about 200,000 pounds of salmon fillets for food banks statewide, distributed through Northwest Harvest.

### **Grays Harbor Crisis Clinic**

615 8th St, Hoquiam, WA 98550

Emergency: (360) 532-HELP or 1 (800) 685-6556

Non-emergency: (360) 538-2889

Mental health services. There are no eligibility requirements for utilizing Crisis Clinic.

### **Grays Harbor Family Center (Aberdeen)**

[http://www.ccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fc\\_graysharbor](http://www.ccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fc_graysharbor)

306 E. 3rd St., Aberdeen, WA 98520

(360) 533-9470

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### **Grays Harbor County Public Health and Social Services Department**

<http://healthygh.org/>

219 Sumner Ave, Aberdeen WA 98520

(360) 531-8631, (800) 464-7277

Provides assistance with mental health, sexual health, immunizations, women's health, mothers and children, HIV/AIDS, communicable disease, health education and prevention, community health status and environmental health.

### **Harbor's Home Health and Hospice**

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

201 7th St, Hoquiam

(360) 532-5454

Offer an alternative for the care of the acutely ill, chronically ill, or terminally ill patient by providing professional and supportive services in the home setting. The goal is to assist the patient to be as independent as possible or to assist the family in caring for the patient who is unable to care for themselves. Services include home health, hospice, and foot clinics.

### **Housing Authority of Grays Harbor County**

602 East First Street Aberdeen, WA 98520

(360) 532-0570

The Housing Authority of Grays Harbor (HAGH) originated in 1951 as a public municipal corporation to provide low-rent public housing for low-income county residents. Much of the funding necessary to operate HAGH's programs comes from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. A Board of Directors appointed by the Grays Harbor County Commissioners sets policy, which an Executive Director and staff implement.

HAGH operates two flagship programs that aim at reducing housing costs for low-income people to 33% of their monthly income. The agency's largest program focuses on the ownership and management of 453 multi-family housing units for low-income people, especially the elderly.

HAGH manages 178 Section 8 Certificates, which is a rental subsidy program for low-income people in privately owned single- and multifamily housing. Landlords participating in the Section 8 program must accept HUD determined rental rates and meet strict standards for safe and quality housing. Public demand for Section 8 Certificates is always high; households wanting a Section 8 Certificate typically must endure long waits before receiving one. Despite the program's popularity, HUD rarely awards new Certificates; in fact, HAGH has seen no increase in its number of Section 8 Certificates over the past 10 years.

### **NeighborWorks® of Grays Harbor County**

<http://www.aberdeen-nhs.com/>

710 E. Market St., Aberdeen, WA 98520

(360) 533-7828 phone

NeighborWorks® works to revitalize the communities of Grays Harbor County, Washington through affordable housing opportunities, education, financial assistance, lending coordination, and technical assistance.

### **Housing Counseling**

Free counseling for: Mortgage default, Pre-purchase analysis, Landlord Tenant Act, Pre-foreclosure sale, Pre-rental, Refinancing, Budget and monetary management.

### **Home Ownership Loans**

Home Improvement Loan Program: Loan amounts range from \$1,500 - \$30,000

**Home Ownership Down-Payment Program:** Loans can be applied to down-payments, closing costs, and necessary rehab work.

## **Northwest Justice Project**

[www.nwjustice.org](http://www.nwjustice.org), [www.washingtonlawhelp.org](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org)

The Northwest Justice Project (NJP) is a not-for-profit statewide law firm that provides FREE civil legal services to eligible low-income people from thirteen offices and four satellite locations throughout Washington. Each year, NJP assists more than 18,000 people in need of critical legal assistance. NJP provides legal advice, brief services and direct representation relating to individuals' basic needs such as housing, family safety, consumer protection, education, medical care, employment, public benefits and much more.

With regard to housing issues specifically, NJP Aberdeen provides legal advice, brief services and representation for tenants in private and public landlord/tenant disputes including issues of admission, eviction, utilities, safe housing conditions, etc. NJP also provides assistance regarding foreclosure issues on behalf of homeowners and tenants facing eviction as a result of a property that is being foreclosed.

To access NJP's services, prospective clients must call our toll free intake and referral system:

CLEAR (Coordinated Legal Education Advice and Referral)

1-888-201-1014 or (1-888-387-7111 Seniors 60 and over)

NJP also maintains an extensive library of legal resources and self-help materials

[www.washingtonlawhelp.org](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org)

## **Personal Service Providers**

<http://www.pspviders.org>

720 Levee St, Hoquiam WA 98550

(360) 538 – 1540, (866) 538 - 1540

Services include housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation, shopping and essential errands, transportation to medical appointments, bathing, personal hygiene, assistance with dressing, medication reminder, toileting, therapeutic exercise assistance, feeding, protective supervision and relief care to provide a rest or reprieve for primary caregivers.

## **Rebuilding Together**

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

P.O. Box 2169, Aberdeen, WA 98520

(360) 532-7100

Rebuilding Together fills a pressing need in our communities. The rising cost of living and falling social service budgets have left some of our most vulnerable neighbors without the most basic of necessities, a warm, safe, and dry home.

The nation is facing enormous problems, many of which have reached crisis levels. The low-income homeowners that we serve are disproportionately affected by these issues. Homeownership is at an all time high, especially among low to mid-income Americans, but the costs of owning and maintaining a home are growing exponentially. Healthcare costs are skyrocketing, leaving low-income citizens with less and less disposable income for home repairs and modifications.

Rebuilding Together focuses on the issues of homeownership, the elderly, the disabled, families with children, healthcare, and the rising federal deficit. By identifying the challenges associated with these issues we are well placed to face a problem with full understanding and to create real, sustainable solutions for the low-income homeowners we serve.

## **Salvation Army (Grays Harbor Corps)**

<http://www.graysharborarmy.org/index.cfm>

215 N. G Street, Aberdeen, WA 98520

(360) 533-1062

The Salvation Army / Grays Harbor Corps is a Christian movement which provides ministries for youth and families. Their social welfare program seeks to enhance the social functioning of all groups by providing help and support in a wide variety of personal and social difficulties, thereby increasing the capacity for problem-solving and coping, while helping with obtaining needed resources – facilitating interaction between individuals, their environments, and their communities.

### **All services are on a case-by-case basis as funds allow:**

- Motel Assistance for families, short term with a long-term plan
- Rental Assistance to avoid eviction

- Refer single people to Salvation Army Olympia Shelter when local shelters full
- Provide bus transportation to get to shelter
- Prescription and medical assistance i.e., dental treatment and mobility devices
- ARC-Adult Rehabilitation Center, minimum 6-month residential treatment facility
- Youth Jonah Project, open center for youth, weekday afternoons 3:00-7:00
- Clothing
- Furniture and household items once housed
- Food
- PUD

### **Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor**

[www.ugmgraysharbor.org](http://www.ugmgraysharbor.org)

405 E Heron, Aberdeen WA 98520

(360) 533-8665

#### **The Union Gospel Mission (UGM) offers the following programs:**

- 30-bed men's shelter; 38-bed women and children's shelter
- Two meal programs: one for individuals and families (men, women and children); one for women and children
- Furniture and household giveaway program; two clothing banks
- Holiday Programs to low-income individuals, families and children and youth
- One-year biblically-based program for those who want to address issues that have led to a dysfunctional lifestyle and to homelessness

UGM is involved in a project that will renovate its 103-year old main facility, which houses our 30-bed men's shelter, the largest of the two feeding programs, the furniture giveaway program, one of two clothing banks and the holiday outreach center.

### **United Way of Grays Harbor Emergency Fund (CCAP)**

<http://www.coastalcap.org/programs/emergency.html>

117 E. Third, Aberdeen

(360) 533-5100

This fund serves as a resource of last resort to eligible clients with emergency and self-sufficiency needs that have exhausted all other resources within the community. CCAP services are coordinated with other service providers and when applicable, cost share projects are encouraged between agencies. Funds may be available for dental, prescriptions, water bills and some miscellaneous services.

**Prescriptions**

Assist with limited prescriptions in emergency situations. This is a one-time per program year assistance for a 30-day supply.

**Dental Assistance**

Dental is offered on an emergency, one time a program year basis. Assist with extractions for someone suffering with a toothache.

**Water Bills**

In order to assist a family with their water bill they must produce documentation of their income and their household expenses and there must be some circumstance involving their income that has prevented them from making their water bill payment. The fund does not assist with deposits for water service and only assists with a one-month bill.

**Miscellaneous Services**

Additional services include work needs, school needs, and materials for home repair for homeowners.

**YMCA of Grays Harbor**

<http://ghymca.net>

2500 Simpson Ave, Hoquiam

(360) 533-3881

Offers recreational, fitness and citizenship programs for youth and families of all ages. Programs include youth sports, aquatics, gymnastics, summer camp and childcare.