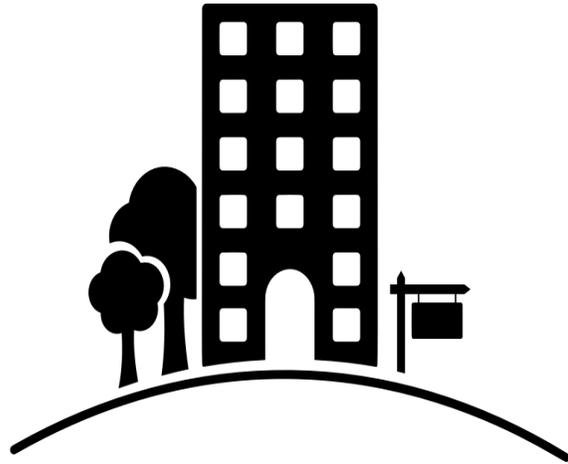


Housing Whatcom County



Subsidized Housing in Whatcom County



Bellingham Housing Authority

Housing Choice Voucher
(Section 8)



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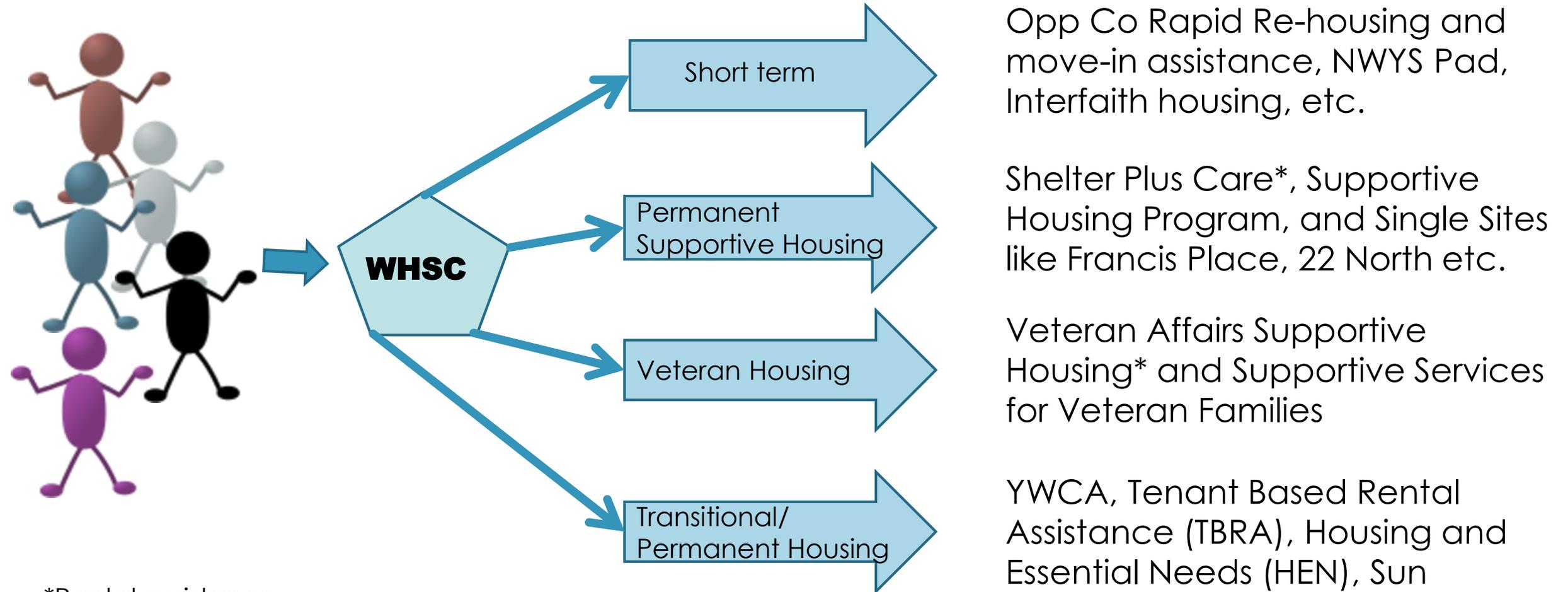
Coordinated Entry facilitates placement into emergency shelter, short, and long term housing.

Housing Choice Vouchers

- Households typically have 90 days from issuance to locate suitable housing.
- Rent and subsidy amounts are unique to each family based on a regulatory formula
- Tenants typically pay at least 30% of their adjusted income toward housing costs
- Approximately 1,800 Whatcom County households are assisted through voucher programs



Homeless Service Center Housing Assistance



*Rental assistance administered by Bellingham Housing Authority

Opp Co Rapid Re-housing and move-in assistance, NWYS Pad, Interfaith housing, etc.

Shelter Plus Care*, Supportive Housing Program, and Single Sites like Francis Place, 22 North etc.

Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing* and Supportive Services for Veteran Families

YWCA, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Housing and Essential Needs (HEN), Sun House, Greggie's, Lydia Place, NWYS, etc.

From Application to Move-in

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Once Tenant(s) passes Landlord screening: (BHA/Section 8)



1. Landlord fills-out *Request for Tenancy Approval (RFTA)*.
2. RFTA is submitted to BHA by Landlord or Tenant
3. BHA assesses unit affordability according to regulatory requirements then schedules an inspection.
 - For the sake of the Ordinance, inspection timeline starts at the later of either when the RFTA is received by BHA, or when the Landlord confirms with BHA that the unit is ready for inspection
4. Unit passes inspection and becomes eligible for subsidy.
5. Tenant signs lease which is then submitted to BHA
6. BHA creates a Housing Assistance Payment Contract and sends to Landlord for signature

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Once tenant(s) passes screening/ unit approval:
(non Section 8 subsidies)



1. Landlord signs participation agreement and/or memorandum of understanding.
2. Case Manager/Leasing Specialist completes Housing Quality Standards (HQS) or Housing Habitability Standards (HHS) inspection as well as rent/utility calculations.
3. Case Manager establishes subsidy payment schedule and submits to fiscal for automated processing.
4. Tenant signs lease and takes possession.



Remember: Units with a passing HQS and HHS inspection do not require a Bellingham Rental Registration Program inspection.

Additional Resources

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