



# Building a Better Safety Net: Community Asset Mapping for Sno-isle Libraries'

## Most Vulnerable Patrons

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### Background:

Sno-isle Libraries is a library system in Washington State which serves the Snohomish and Island counties. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many library branches within the system have seen a dramatic increase in the number of patrons who struggle with homelessness.



### Information Need:

Sno-isle Libraries did not have a centralized list of resources for their homeless patrons, which left many staff to scramble for information at the last minute. What shelters were close to which branches? What food banks were within walking distance of what library? Who should staff call to help patrons living in the parking lots during winter?

**Master List of Community Organizations for Sno-isle Libraries**  
The following organizations work to help families struggling with homelessness.

**I. Local Resources by Branch**  
Sno-isle is comprised of 24 branch libraries in 23 different locations throughout the Snohomish and Island counties. These locations include Arlington, Briar, Camano Island, Clinton, Coupeville, Darrington, Edmonds, Freehold, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Lakewood/Snokey Point, Langley, Lynnwood, Mariner, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Oak Harbor, Snohomish, Stanwood, and Tulalip.

**A. Arlington Library (Arlington, WA)**

- Village Community Services  
3210 Snokey Point Drive  
Suite 200  
Arlington, WA 98223  
360-453-7752  
<http://villagecommunitysvcs.org/>
- Arlington Community Resource Center  
3210 Snokey Point Dr. #103  
Arlington, WA 98223  
360-522-9988  
<https://www.vccrc.org/vccrc>
- Arlington Community Food Bank  
19118 63rd Avenue NE  
Arlington, WA 98223  
360-435-1631  
<https://www.arlingtonfoodbank.org/>
- North Snohomish County Outreach  
PO Box 3339  
Arlington, Washington 98223  
<https://nscoutreach.org/>
- Cocoon House North  
521 E Highland Dr  
Arlington, WA 98223  
360-435-9061
- Arlington Skagitiumish Seniors Food  
18308 Snokey Point Blvd  
Arlington, WA 98223  
360-453-4551

**B. Briar (Briar, WA)**

- Briar City Hall  
2901 228th St. SW  
Briar, Washington 98036  
425-775-5444  
<http://www.ci.briar.wa.us/>

**C. Camano Island**

- Camano Island Chamber of Commerce  
370 NE Camano Dr c104  
Camano, WA 98282  
360-429-7136  
<http://camanoisland.org/>
- Strength in Numbers  
Note: "Strength in Numbers is a 501(c3) non-profit charitable organization dedicated to helping the struggling populations in Skagit, Snohomish, and Island Counties in the state of Washington. We serve food, give out clothing, and provide all the essential items needed for survival and to give comfort to those suffering from poverty and homelessness, as well as providing education on resources and referrals to other community programs."  
<http://strengthinnumberspo.com/>
- Camano Center  
606 Arrowhead Rd  
Camano, WA 98282  
<https://camanocenter.org/>

**D. Clinton**

- Clinton Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 444  
Clinton, WA  
360-341-3929  
[info@chccoverclintonwa.com](mailto:info@chccoverclintonwa.com)
- The Clinton Community Council  
PO Box 63  
Clinton, WA 98236  
[info@clintoncommunitycouncil.org](mailto:info@clintoncommunitycouncil.org)
- Clinton Community Hall  
6411 Central Ave  
Clinton, WA 98236  
360-341-3747  
<https://www.clintoncommunityhall.org/>

### Data Retrieval: The Mapping Begins

Based on conversations with my sponsors, Kaley Costello & Philip Spirito, it was determined that a **community resource list**, containing the contact information of individuals and organizations who work with homeless individuals and families, would be beneficial to both patrons and staff. I compiled the list (which contains local resources, county-wide resources, shelters, government workers, McKinney-Vento Liaisons, and every public school that is within Sno-isle Libraries' reach) and gave it to my sponsors for final review.

### Next Steps:

The community resource list will be distributed to all library managers and librarians throughout the Sno-isle Libraries system. The list will then be reviewed and used to create a living community asset map for homeless patrons.

