

Oasis Teen Shelter

Welcome Packet

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WELCOME TO OASIS

This packet gives
an overview of
what you can
expect at Oasis



**Oasis is a low barrier
emergency shelter.**

**YMCA Oasis Teen Shelter
provides youth ages 13 -
17 with a safe place to
spend the night every
day of the year.**

**OASIS IS NOT A 24 HOUR
PROGRAM, CLOSED 9:00 AM TO
3:00 PM**

**PHONES AND ELECTRONICS MUST
BE TURNED IN AT 9:00 PM UNTIL
MORNING FOR REST & SAFETY**

**OASIS MUST WORK WITH
GUARDIANS OR CPS FOR
PERMISSION**

**A STAY AT OASIS IS VOLUNTARY
PLACEMENT, YOUTH WILL NOT BE
FORCED TO STAY**

Community Expectations

Be kind. If you can't be kind, be neutral.

Help out where you can.

Clean up after yourself.

No touching. Please keep your hands to yourself.

No touching other people's things without permission.

Be willing to compromise; this is a shared space.

Share your ideas and needs.



Unsafe Actions

Harming or threatening to harm oneself or others.

Bullying or consistent disrespect. That includes pronouns!

Willful pushing of other people's boundaries.

Forcing anyone to do or say something they do not want to.

Taking people's things without permission.

Bringing weapons, drugs or alcohol into Oasis.

Consistently violating Oasis community expectations.

Failure to avoid unsafe actions
may lead to exit from Oasis



MANDATED REPORTING



WHAT IS MANDATED REPORTING,
AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

In Washington, people who work closely
with youth, children, and vulnerable
adults are required by law to report
suspected abuse or neglect

ALL OASIS STAFF ARE MANDATED REPORTERS

Keep this in mind when sharing with Oasis staff

If you share that you or
anyone else has or is
currently **being abused**
or neglected, Oasis
staff will report the
abuse to CPS



Youth have a right
and are welcome to
listen in on a CPS call
if a report needs to
be filed, or even talk
to CPS themselves

Donation Room

The Oasis Donation room
is open while youth are in
the Daylight Center



**Youth are encouraged to look
around whenever and grab
whatever they may need or want!**

Showers are required at night. If you do not have
something to change into after a shower, make sure to
grab something from donations before heading
downstairs to shelter



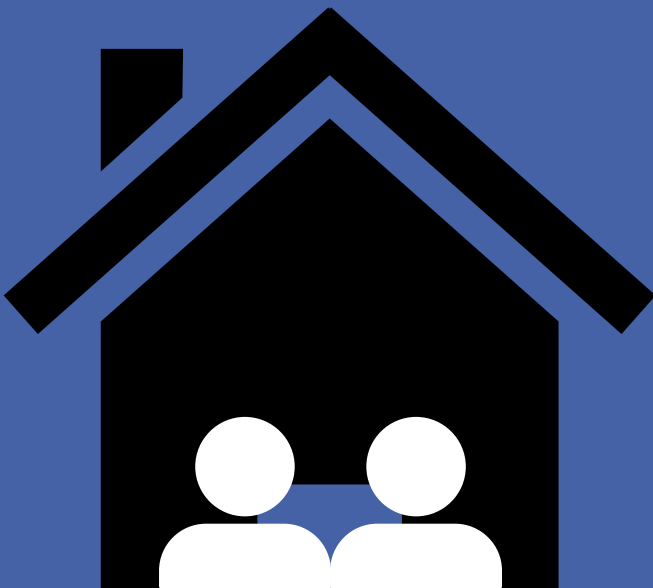
**A staff member is required to
be present in the donation
room if there is more than
one youth inside**

**Oasis is a nine bed shelter
with three bedrooms.
During your stay at Oasis, it
is very likely you will have a
roommate at one point.**

During intake, staff asks about
rooming gender preference.
You may room with cisgender
or transgender folks that share
the same gender identity.



Oasis will **NOT** have co-ed
rooms, or room people
together who have a
three year age gap.

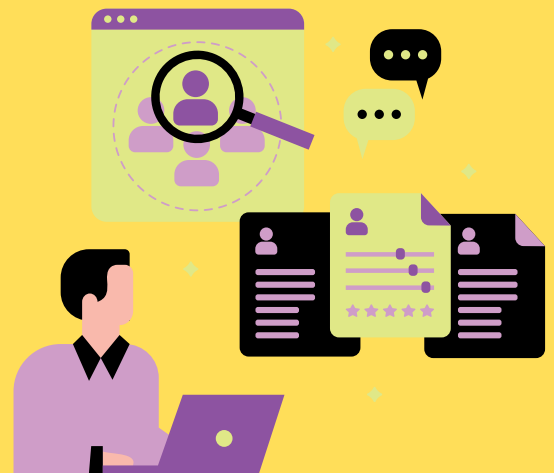


Resource Navigation

**Meet with our Resource Navigator
Tuesdays - Thursdays
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Our resource navigator will help
connect you with basic needs and
extra resources including:**

- Applications for jobs or programs
- Headphones
- MP3 for night time
- Work clothes
- Personal goals



DAYTIME CENTERS

Oasis is CLOSED from
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Here is what is open nearby at that time:

Staff can always help get you directions to anywhere

Northwest Youth Services Drop In Center

Hours: Monday and Wednesday

9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Snacks, resources, and job connections

Sedro-Wooley Recreation Center

Hours: Monday through Friday

June 27 – August 19

12:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Wifi and activities

MORE PLACES



Mount Vernon City Library

Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wifi, books, and seating

Skagit Valley Food Co-op

Hours: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM daily

Wifi and seating

YMCA

Hours: Monday - Friday 5:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Saturday 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Wifi, seating, and recreation