

Resources

Below are some of our favorite tools. Categories include: advocacy: state & federal, board development, desktop tools, emergency food provision, food safety & nutrition, fundraising, information on hunger, marketing, organizational strength & capacity, other service providers, technology, and volunteer management.

These resources, along with new ones that are added on a regular basis, can be found on the Washington Food Coalition website.

Advocacy

Federal

[Bread for the World](http://www.bread.org), nationwide Christian movement that seeks justice for the world's hungry people by lobbying our nation's decisionmakers. <http://www.bread.org>

[Center on Budget & Policy Priorities](http://www.cbpp.org), organization working at the federal and state levels on fiscal policy and public programs that affect low- and moderate-income families and individuals. <http://www.cbpp.org>

[Coalition on Human Needs](http://www.chn.org), alliance of national organizations working to promote public policies that address the needs of low-income and other vulnerable people. <http://www.chn.org>

[Community Food Security Coalition](http://www.foodsecurity.org), coalition of North American organizations, dedicated to building strong, sustainable, local and regional food systems that ensure access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food for all people at all times. <http://www.foodsecurity.org>

[Food Research and Action Center](http://www.frac.org), national nonprofit working to improve public policies and public-private partnerships to eradicate hunger and under nutrition in the United States. <http://www.frac.org>

State

[Children's Alliance](http://www.childrensalliance.org), Washington's statewide child advocacy organization. <http://www.childrensalliance.org>

[Policy Watch](http://www.washingtonpolicywatch.org), bulletin about issues and events in Olympia during the state legislative session. Provides information but does not take positions. <http://www.washingtonpolicywatch.org>

[Statewide Poverty Action Network](http://www.povertyaction.org), works to eliminate the root causes of poverty in Washington, organizing social action and influencing decisions in the state capitol. <http://www.povertyaction.org>

[Washington State Budget and Policy Center](http://www.budgetandpolicy.org), provides credible, independent and accessible information and analyses of state fiscal issues with particular attention to the impacts on low and moderate-income persons. <http://www.budgetandpolicy.org>

[Knowledge As Power](http://www.knowledgeaspower.org/), A small but mighty non-profit, KAP is a 501c3 organization based in Seattle. Their primary objective is to empower politically engaged citizens. If you care about an issue or a bill, they want to help you influence it. <http://www.knowledgeaspower.org/>

Board Development:

[Board Café](http://www.compasspoint.org/board-café-home), a monthly enewsletter that offers tips for board members, <http://www.compasspoint.org/board-café-home>

[BoardSource](http://www.boardsource.org), offers tools to help build an effective nonprofit board. <http://www.boardsource.org>

[United Way of King County](http://www.uwkc.org/partner-with-us/nonprofits/governance/), nonprofit resources page featuring downloadable forms for board assessment, board composition analysis and more. <http://www.uwkc.org/partner-with-us/nonprofits/governance/>

Desktop Tools:

Washington Connection, excellent online service to screen customers for eligibility in multiple programs-save this link to screen all customers! www.washingtonconnection.org

Babblefish, listing of online language translators. babblefish.com

Meet-O-Matic, propose and schedule meetings online and invite participants using your own email system, then monitor responses. <http://www.meetomatic.com>

Merriam-Webster, dictionary and thesaurus with audio pronunciation. <http://www.m-w.com>

Emergency Food Provision How-To's:

Resources on For Meal Programs: A number of helpful tools from Meals Partnership Coalition. <http://www.mealspartnership.org/>

Planning for Summer Meals 2011, "A Resource Toolkit for Communities Across Washington by Parent Help 123 (a program of Within Reach). <http://parenthelp123.org/professionals/food-resources/summer-meals-resource-toolkit>

Charity Food Programs That Can End Hunger In America, by John Arnold, Second Harvest Gleaners Food Bank of West Michigan, 2004 <http://www.feedingamericawestmichigan.org/foodforthought/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/wwnwn.pdf>

"Hungering for Disaster Preparedness: Strategies, Resources and Tips for Food Pantries and Their Coalitions," available on the web at <http://www.hungercenter.org/publications/hungering-for-disaster-preparedness-strategies-resources-and-tips-for-food-pantries-and-their-coalitions/>

Serving Up Justice: How to Design an Emergency Feeding Program and Build Community Food Security, by Caroline Fanning and Lani M'cleod, available from WhyHunger, 212-629-8850. <http://www.whyhunger.org/>

Washington Food Coalition, offers technical assistance to emergency food providers in Washington State. 1-877-729-0501 or 206-729-0501, <http://www.wafoodcoalition.org>

Food Safety & Nutrition:

Food Service Rule, guide to food safety standards from the Washington Department of Health. <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/food/rule.html>

TEFAP Commodity Fact Sheets and Recipes, http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/cfs_tefap.htm

USDA Meat & Poultry Hotline, Food safety questions? They have answers. 1-888-674-6854, http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Food_Safety_Education/usda_meat_&_poultry_hotline/index.asp

WSU Extension Nutrition Education, programs offered to help Washington residents make healthier food choices, extend their food resources, manage their diabetes to live a healthier life and handle food safely to keep their families well. <http://nutrition.wsu.edu>

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-ED) Program's Resource Link page, provides a comprehensive list of resources in diverse categories. <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/snap-ed/Resources/default.htm>

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR), federal commodity food program home page features lots of resources including commodity fact sheets and recipes. <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/fdpir/>

Fundraising:

[Foundation Center](http://www.foundationcenter.org), features information and resources on grants, catalogue of nonprofit literature, and search for funders in your area. <http://www.foundationcenter.org>

[The Grassroots Fundraising Journal](http://www.grassrootsfundraising.org) (GIFT), fundraising tips and tools. 1-888-458-8588, <http://www.grassrootsfundraising.org>

[How to Succeed in Fundraising](http://www.LewisCullman.com) by Really Trying, tips from philanthropist Lewis B. Cullman on how to execute a fundraising campaign. Witty and brief, available at <http://www.LewisCullman.com>.

[Feinstein Foundation](http://www.feinsteinfoundation.org), has given away \$1 million each spring for the past ten years to hunger fighting agencies as part of its National Challenge. <http://www.feinsteinfoundation.org>

[MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger](http://www.mazon.org), national nonprofit agency that allocates funding to prevent and alleviate hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds. <http://www.mazon.org>

[Northwest Development Officers Association](http://www.ndoa.org) (NDOA), provides comprehensive training opportunities and support for nonprofit fundraisers. <http://www.ndoa.org>

[Philanthropy Northwest](http://www.philanthropyNW.org), association that promotes effectiveness in philanthropy. The 'Looking for a Grant?' page features tips and resources for grant-seekers. <http://www.philanthropyNW.org>

[Potlatch Foundation](http://www.potlatchfund.org), a Native-led grant-making foundation and leadership development organization offering culturally appropriate training and technical assistance to build the capacity of grantmakers, Tribes, Native groups, and other Native grant seekers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Western Montana. www.potlatchfund.org

[Mt. Rainier Coffee Co.](http://www.mtrainiercoffee.com/), Mount Rainier Coffee Company is proud to partner with non-profit organizations that make an impact on our communities. <http://www.mtrainiercoffee.com/>

Information on Hunger & Food Security Initiatives:

[WhyHunger](http://www.whyhunger.org), is a national and international leader in the fight against hunger and poverty, with an emphasis on supporting grassroots organizations. <http://www.whyhunger.org>

[Feeding America](http://feedingamerica.org/) – The Nation's Food Bank Network, the largest charitable domestic hunger-relief organization in the country. Works through a nationwide network of distribution centers. Provides information and statistics about hunger and foodbanking. <http://feedingamerica.org/>

Marketing

[Food Stamp Program Photo Gallery](http://foodstamp.nal.usda.gov/foodstamp/photo_gallery.php), offers free photographs for use in communicating Program nutrition education and outreach messages. http://foodstamp.nal.usda.gov/foodstamp/photo_gallery.php

[Smart Chart](http://www.smartchart.org), a planning tool which helps nonprofits develop high-impact communications strategies. <http://www.smartchart.org>

[Stock.XCHNG](http://www.sxc.hu), one of the leading free stock photography sites on the web with over 200,000 photos by more than 15,000 photographers. <http://www.sxc.hu>:

Organizational Strength & Capacity:

[CompassPoint Nonprofit Services](http://www.compasspoint.org), includes a resources directory, featuring the Nonprofit Genie FAQ section with everything from board development to federal form 990 to volunteer management. <http://www.compasspoint.org>

[Free Management Library](http://www.managementhelp.org), online library with over 75 searchable topics on activities necessary to plan, organize, lead, and coordinate activities in an organization. <http://www.managementhelp.org>

[Fieldstone Alliance](http://www.fieldstonealliance.org), practical nonprofit publications on a range of management and community organizing topics. www.fieldstonealliance.org

[IKNOW, Interactive Knowledge for Nonprofit Organizations](http://www.iknow.org) Worldwide, a clearinghouse for links to websites containing nonprofit information. <http://www.iknow.org>

[Innovation Network](http://www.innonet.org), national organization offering web-based tools and program planning, with some resources available for free to those who register. www.innonet.org

[Kellogg Foundation](http://www.wkkf.org), offers toolkits on communication, evaluation, and policy, and a host of other free publications. <http://www.wkkf.org>

[Nonprofit Facilities Financing](http://www.wshfc.org), program of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC), helps organizations access below-market rate interest loans – through bonds – to fund a wide variety of projects. 1-800-767-4663, <http://www.wshfc.org>

[Third Sector New England](http://www.tsne.org), provides support, training and management resources to strengthen individual nonprofit organizations and to build the capacity of the nonprofit community. Visit the Articles page in the Resources section. www.tsne.org

Risk Management & Disaster Preparedness:

[Alliance of Nonprofits for Insurance](http://www.ani-rrg.org/), Risk Retention Group, publishes a number of free guides to risk management and understanding your insurance needs, for example, developing a vehicle safety program and appropriate policies, <http://www.ani-rrg.org/>

[3 Days, 3 Ways](http://www.govlink.org/3days3ways), public motivation campaign sponsored by the King County Office of Emergency Management to help individuals, families, and communities prepare for emergencies and disasters. <http://www.govlink.org/3days3ways>

[Washington Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](http://www.wavoad.org), WAVOAD, works within the state to improve responses to disaster situations through collaboration among its members. (360) 479-5176, <http://www.wavoad.org>

Other Services & Providers:

[Columbia Legal Services](http://www.columbialegal.org), nonprofit organization employing lawyers and legal workers who provide legal assistance to low-income and special needs people and organizations in Washington. <http://www.columbialegal.org>

[Community Voice Mail](http://www.cvm.org), makes a phone number with voice mail possible for thousands of people each year. <http://www.cvm.org>

[Washington Attorneys Assisting Community Organizations](http://www.waaco.org), connects nonprofit organizations statewide with free business legal counsel through volunteer attorneys. <http://www.waaco.org>

[WithinReach](http://www.withinreachwa.org), statewide organization providing resources for maternal, child, and family health. Operates several toll-free information and referral lines. <http://www.withinreachwa.org>

[Citrine Health](http://www.citrinehealth.org), Citrine Health is a non-profit agency in Snohomish County that helps individuals and families apply for food assistance and state health insurance programs over the phone and in person. www.citrinehealth.org

Technology:

[Tech Soup](http://www.techsoup.org), a nonprofit technical support organization that offers nearly free software by some of the biggest companies and provides a monthly update with tips. <http://www.techsoup.org>

[NPower](http://www.npower.org), technology-related technical assistance for nonprofits, including classes and online technology assessment and planning tools, <http://www.npower.org>

[Del.icio.us](http://del.icio.us/), social bookmarks manager which allows you to save and access bookmarked websites from any web connection. <http://del.icio.us/>

[Ebase](http://www.ebase.org), free database program, designed specifically for non-profits by nonprofits. www.ebase.org

[Idealware](http://www.idealware.org), free candid Consumer-Reports-style reviews and articles about software of interest to nonprofits. www.idealware.org

[Survey Monkey](http://www.surveymonkey.com), create professional online surveys quickly and easily, free for small surveys. <http://www.surveymonkey.com>

Volunteer Management:

[Idealist](http://www.idealist.org), a comprehensive networking site for nonprofit organizations and volunteers. www.idealist.org

[National Volunteer Week](http://www.pointsoflight.org), typically in April, is a great time to recognize and show appreciation for volunteers. www.pointsoflight.org

Congressional Hunger Center, non-profit anti-hunger leadership training organization located in Washington , DC . The Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program places participants with local hunger-fighting organizations around the country for 6 months. www.hungercenter.org

[Volunteer Match](http://www.volunteermatch.org), a leading website for connecting volunteers and nonprofit volunteer opportunities,www.volunteermatch.org. Craig's List is also a good place to list, <http://geo.craigslist.org/iso/us/wa>, and your local United Way may also assist with volunteer recruitment.

[Volunteer Resource](http://www.pointsoflight.org), library of resources and effective practices on volunteering and volunteer management. <http://www.pointsoflight.org>