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Hello Colleagues!

We hope that this week is off to a good start. As we enter a new academic year and begin serving students that are eligible through WCG-Connect (WCG-C), we wanted to provide you with some information about communications that have been and will be sent to DSHS clients, as well as resources available to you.

Attached you will see information that has been sent to WCG-C eligible clients in the HEN and ABD programs, as well as WCG information to SNAP recipients.

1. WCG-Connect messages go out to DSHS clients of the HEN (Essential Needs and Housing) and ABD (Aged, Blind, and Disabled) programs. These are the two programs that are approved under HB1835. These individuals **are eligible for** WCG without filing a FAFSA or WASFA. There is a special webpage dedicated to this population and is not accessible unless you know the link, <https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg-connect>. It's important to note that besides completing the FAFSA/WASFA, students are required to meet all program eligibility and residency requirements.
2. WCG messages are going out to SNAP recipients. These individuals most likely will qualify for WCG based on their income, but **are not guaranteed under WCG-C**. They still need to complete a WASFA or FAFSA to qualify for WCG and are required to meet all program eligibility and residency requirements.

Mailers will be going out monthly from DSHS to new clients.

Attached you will also see FAQs for WCG-Connect (WCG-C) program. The WCG-C Eligibility Checker is live in the portal and students can be identified for the 2023-24 academic year. If you missed our webinar about WCG-C, you can find it (and other resources) at <https://wsac.wa.gov/FAA-resources> under Financial Aid Training > Webinars > "Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)".

Thank you for all the ways you serve students! Please don't hesitate to reach out to our team if you have any questions.



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