WAISN Resource Finder Instructions for Users

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Reference Documents

■ Resource Finder Category Directory

Searching

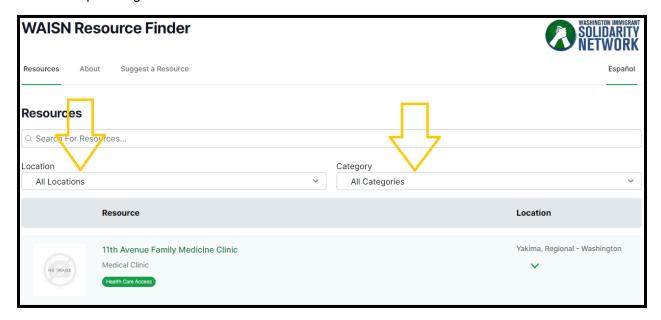
Language

In the upper right hand corner, you can toggle between **English** and **Spanish**. You can change languages at any time during the process of using the Resource Finder.

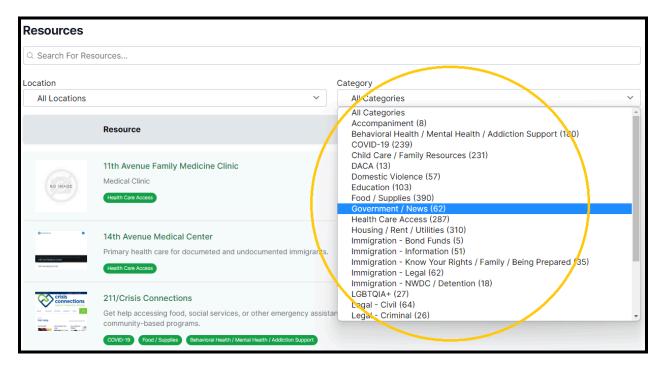


Category, Keywords and Location

Depending on your search, you can use one, two or three of the fields. The best way to use the Resource Finder is to use the dropdown menus for **Location** and **Category**. Instead of manually typing information into the box, select the desired options from the drop-down menus for **Location** and **Category**. You can select multiple categories and locations within the same search.



By selecting the drop-down menu for **Category** and **Location**, you can instantly see the number of resources associated with each category or location. Once you make a selection for either **Category** or **Location**, you will be able to view the precise count of filtered resources within each respective category or location.



To view all the resources in one county, use the **Location** drop down menu to select a county (or counties). Likewise, to view all of the resources in one category, use the **Category** dropdown menu to select a category (or categories). For the **Keyword** function, you will need to type your keywords into the box (the use of commas will not affect the search results), however, none of the search filters are required.

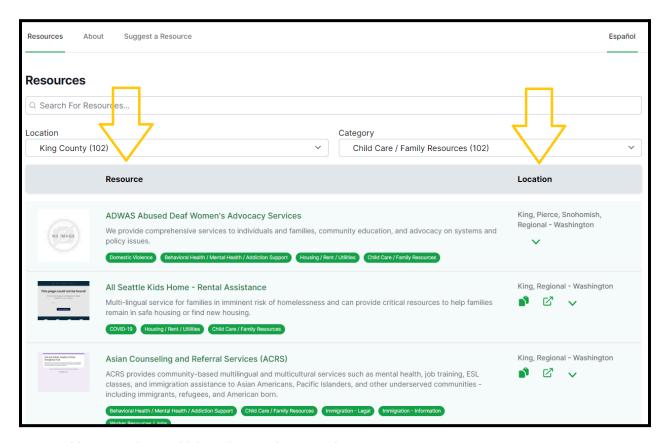
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Location		Category		
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	Domestic Violence Behavioral Health / Mental Health / Addiction Support Housing / Ren	nt / Utilities		

For example:

- You could choose **Mutual Aid** in the resource **Category** to find all the mutual aid groups in the state as well as the number of Mutual Aid resources in each county.
- Or **Benton** in the **Location** field and get all resources for Benton County.
- Or any keyword or phrase in the search bar and get all the resources in the Resource Finder that correspond to that search.
- The Resource Finder has the capability to recognize common typos and retrieve accurate search results even if a keyword is misspelled, however, this means that if you are typing an acronym it may mistake it as being misspelled and produce results based on its best guess for keywords or phrases, make sure you use quotation marks around a keyword or phrase (such as "DACA") to produce results with that exact phrase.

Once you have made a selection(s) from the **Category** and/or **Location** menus, the search engine will automatically populate the results of your search. For these fields:

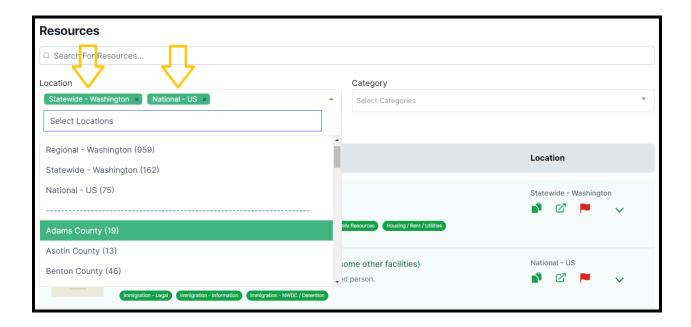
Click to select (and to unselect).



- You can select multiple options at the same time.
- You can scroll down to locate them or type them in the box at the top of the list.

From the **Location** menu, in addition to the county you are searching for, we recommend selecting **Statewide - Washington** and **National - US** for your search. This will allow resources that are available across the state and the nation to also be viewed.

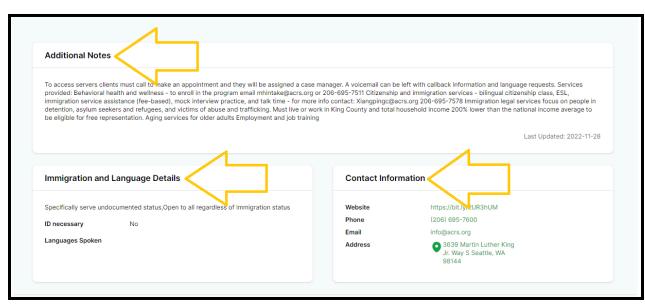
In the dropdown menu, **Regional - Washington** refers to resources that are available across two or more counties—their individual entries will list which counties they operate in—while **Statewide - Washington** refers to resources that are available to anyone within the State of Washington.



Resource Entries

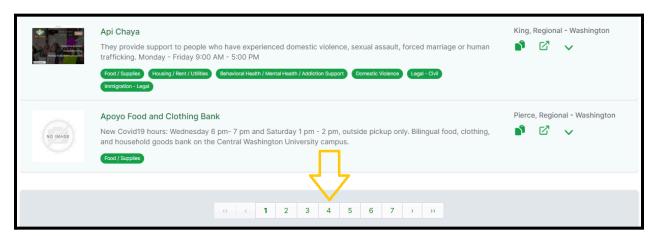
Click on the resource entry and it will open up to reveal details about the resource such as: a description of the resource, the ID requirements, languages offered, if immigration status might impact access to this resource, contact information and website links for the resource.



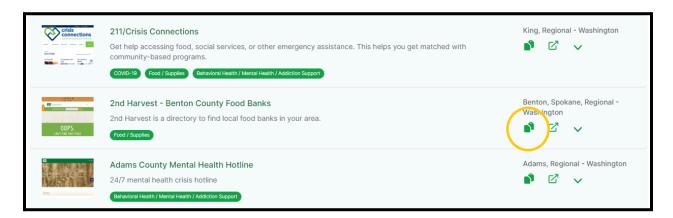


Languages Spoken refers to languages a community member can consistently expect to be assisted in by the staff at each organization, whether calling in person or walking in. Any additional language availability in regards to website access, translated materials, or multilingual staff onsite will be noted in the additional notes box. The 'Interpretation Available' box indicates whether this service is available for community members accessing the resource. Any additional language availability in regards to website access, translated materials, multilingual staff onsite will be noted in the additional notes box.

You can also click through to the **additional pages** of resources from your search.



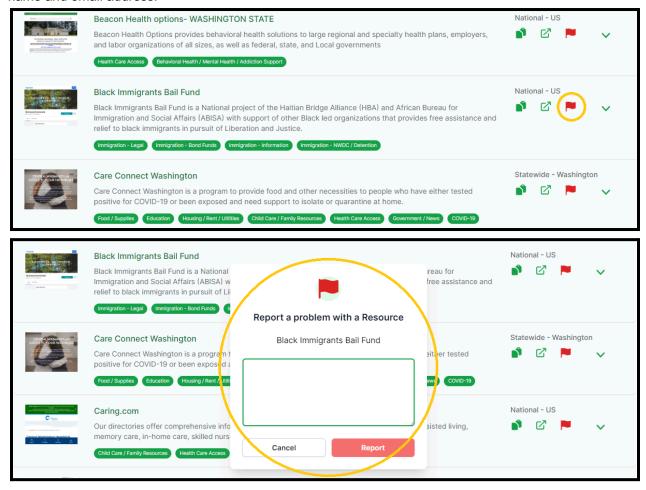
To share a resource, you can click on the small green box next to the resource title and this will copy the link to the resource entry to your computer clipboard, allowing you to paste it into an email, document or text message.



To open a resource entry in a separate tab, click on the green box with an arrow. This will take you to the link for that entry and isolate the resource. From here, you can copy the URL for the resource from the address bar in your browser or also take a clear screenshot.

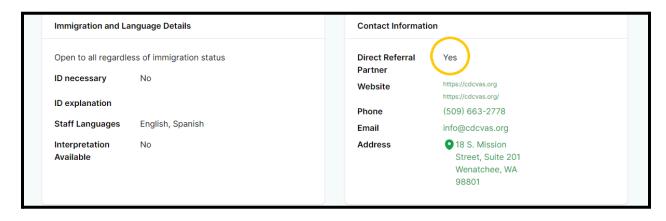


To report an issue or provide a comment on a resource, click on the red flag, this will open up a text box where you can submit a comment and open up a ticket to resolve the issue. Please include your name and email address.



WAISN Direct Referral Partner

If the resource entry states that it is a **WAISN Direct Referral Partner** then operators may with the community member's permission make an agency-to-agency referral using the <u>WAISN Callback Form</u>. For other organizations using the Resource Finder, they may recommend the community member call the WAISN Hotline and request a referral.

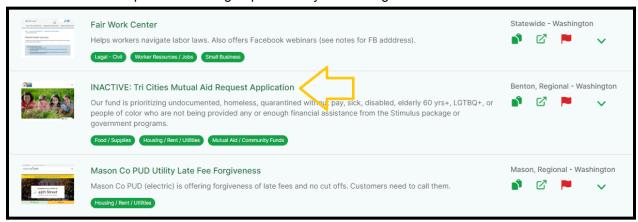


Refer to the Community Partner Callback Form Instructions for more information on how to use the callback form.

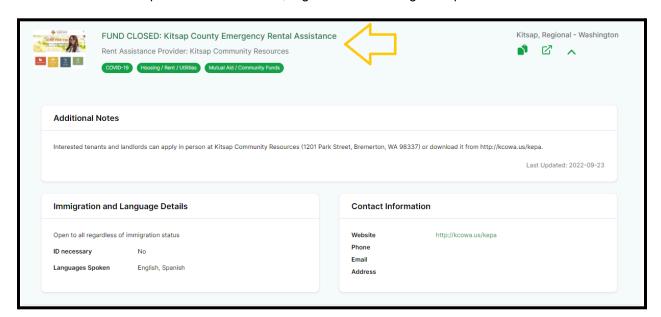
Closed & Inactive Resources

The Resource Finder does contain some resources which are not currently active. The purpose of leaving these resources in the database is so that anyone searching for that specific resource will not wonder why they cannot find it. They will also be able to determine (to the best of our knowledge) if the resource is temporarily inactive or permanently closed and provide any relevant information.

- Inactive: resources that may open again.
 - You can mention these resources with community members, but please make it clear that they are not active at the time.
 - o Example: Mutual aid groups currently fundraising additional funds.



- Closed: resources that are permanently unavailable or no longer in operation.
 - Please do NOT share these resources with community members unless they have requested information about that specific resource.
 - Example: closed relief funds, organizations no longer in operation.



Resource Suggestions

To address resource suggestions, please use and share the **Suggest a Resource** tab on the Resource Finder. This opens up a form with some of the vetting questions we ask to begin the review and qualification process for inclusion in the Resource Finder.

WAISN Resource Finder		
Resources About Suggest a Resource		
Suggest a Resource		
Thank you for taking the time to make the WAISN Resource Finder an even better tool for the community!		
Your Name		
Your Email Address		
Resource Name *		
Resource Website Address *		
Resource Phone Number		

Reporting Issues or Concerns

The research process is ongoing and we know the Resource Finder is incomplete. Email Resource Information Coordinator Marleny Silva Velarde (marleny@waisn.org) regarding any general problems or issues with the Resource Finder. Please provide a clear explanation of the issue and include a screenshot if necessary. Please use the Report a Problem textbox to flag an issue on a specific entry.

Known issue with Report a Problem flag

When you flag an issue, the system should automatically create a ticket in FreshDesk for Marleny. However, due to a browser cache issue, tickets are sometimes not created.

Here is a **workaround** to ensure that your ticket goes through:

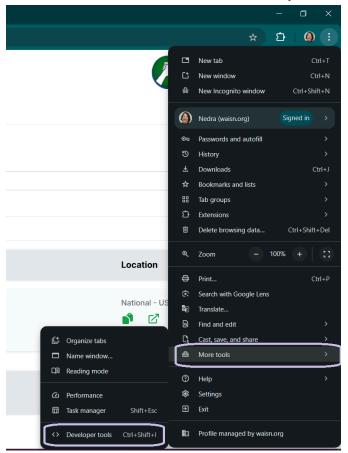
1. Refresh your browser tab before you submit a ticket (you will have to re-do your search):



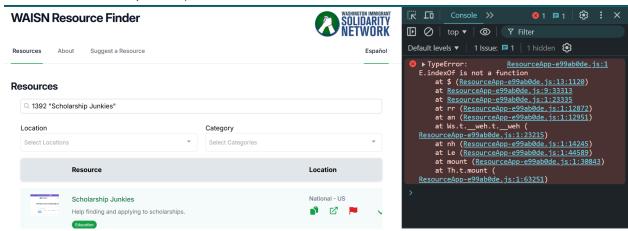
2. Click on **three dots** in upper right corner of your browser window under the X:



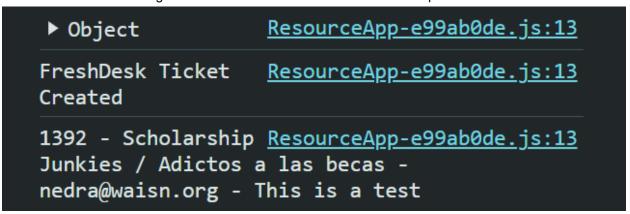
3. Scroll down to "More tools" then select "Developer tools":



4. **This will open a side window** in your browser tab (don't be alarmed by the error messages, they don't seem to cause a problem):



- 5. Flag the issue in the Resource Finder.
- 6. You should see the message "FreshDesk Ticket Created" in the Developer Tools window:



- 7. You can now close the Developer Tools window.
- 8. **If you get an error message**, try opening Resource Finder in a new window and following the process again.