

## ACP Winter Newsletter 2025

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Focus on change.

### We have a new Manager



Dallas Burnett was hired in December as Washington's ACP Manager. He has over 20 years' experience in program management with state agencies, tribal governments, and the private sector. He is excited to have joined the ACP and loves all that he is learning about the uniqueness of Confidential Address Programs. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in law and justice and an Associate of Arts degree in computer science.

### We are fully staffed

It has taken some time to get here, but we are there! We have a mail supervisor and another mail processor bringing total mail staff support to three. We also have an administrative assistant who will provide much needed assistance as we face new challenges this next year.

### Automatic Voter Registration and the ACP

One of the first steps of using your ACP address is to change your driver's license or identification card to your ACP substitute address as your **residential** and your **mailing address**. This means going into DOL and making the update in person. Per RCW 40.24, you must show your authorization card when you make the request. The update cannot be made online.

As of July 15, 2024 –If you get an Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) or update an existing Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) you will automatically be registered to vote.

If you have your ACP address as your residential and your mailing address on your drivers license you will go into a queue that flags your address as incomplete. This record will not be uploaded to the public VoteWA database, which is easily searched with a name and birthdate and datamined daily.

If you only have your ACP address as your mailing address you will automatically be registered to vote, and your information will be in VoteWA. Being a Protected Records Voter will not exempt you from automatic voter registration if you have not updated your driver's license addresses.

You will have the option to opt-out of being registered to vote. You must fill out the opt-out packet sent by the county within 15 days of applying for your Enhanced Drivers License

(EDL). If you do not opt out, you are now a registered voter in VoteWA. You will need to re-apply to be a Protected Records Voter (PRV).

If you haven't already, make sure you have your ACP address as your residential and your mailing address on your driver's license or identification card. If you aren't sure if you have your ACP address as your residential address on your driver's license, call DOL.

ACP does not have access to the DOL database, and we will not be able to look this information up for you.

Enhanced DL has residency requirements beyond your ACP authorization card and driver's license. To read more about getting your Enhanced Driver's License, or for contact information go to: <https://dol.wa.gov/driver-licenses-and-permits/enhanced-driver-license-edl/guide-enhanced-driver-licenses-edl#whereyoucanuseyourenhanceddriverlicense>.

We want ACP participants to vote safely. If you are not a Protected Records Voter (PRV), give us a call at 360.753.2972 and we will send you the PRV form. DO NOT update your voter information online. ACP can't authorize that your address be redacted once it has been put on a public record.

## School Eligibility Letters

If you are new to ACP and have children attending school you may have received the **School Information letter**. This is the letter you can give to your school for your child's file. The letter explains how to format the ACP address in the student file. The school can request to make a copy of your child's authorization card for the file. If you need an authorization card or the information letter, please contact us at 360.753.2972.

As a part of registering for school, you will need a **District Eligibility** letter. This letter lists the school district and schools assigned to the address that you have on file with the ACP.

If you request that the school district use your ACP address you will need to provide the **Eligibility** letter when you register your child or children for school.

Take the letter to the school when you register. If you need the **Eligibility** letter, call ACP and we will send you the letter by mail. The school registrar can also request the letter be sent to you. You will need to show the school the letter. We can not email you or the school the letter.

ACP recommends the **Eligibility** letter not be kept in the student file.

## Need to make an update?

All updates need to be in writing and sent via fax or via USPS. We do not accept ANY changes by email or by telephone. Our email is subject to public records requests. You can locate the forms to update your file at the ACP website under Useful Resources on the home page. <https://www.sos.wa.gov/acp>

## Resources

National Network to End Domestic Violence

<https://www.techsafety.org/resources-survivors>

Safety Net is excited to announce a new resource called “Connected Cars: Privacy and Security for Survivors”. This guide, available in both **English** and **Spanish**, discusses both potential misuses of connected car features, and ways to regain control. It also covers documentation of misuse, data privacy concerns in connected cars, and related topics like car-related misuse of telecommunications carrier apps. Connected car safety for survivors is an issue that the Federal Communications Commission **has been looking into**, and that has received a significant amount of **media attention**.

Access all our newsletters at our website under the Participant tab:

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/acp>

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