



## Memorandum

**TO:** SATPAL SIDHU, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**FROM:** Allison Williams, staff support to Child and Family Well-being Task Force

**DATE:** April 25, 2023

**RE:** **Presentation the Child and Family Well-being Task Force Phase III Report**

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Community Health staff from the Whatcom County Health Department and Child and Family Well-being Task Force members will present the Phase III Report outlining the current work and recommendations of the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force, including budget estimates.

Last April, the Task Force presented their Phase II report to Council, which included recommendations to identify the results and strategies that should be shared across government and the community to improve the well-being of young children and their families; the necessary infrastructure to support children and families as a priority throughout County government; and strategies to increase family involvement in County government processes and decision-making.

The Phase III report provides an update on the implementation of priorities established in Phase II and presents specific recommendations and budget estimates to:

- Decrease barriers to family participation in government and support building the civic muscle of local families.
- Provide resources to improve access to family services and support, with a specific focus on behavioral health supports for families with children from prenatal to age eight.
- Promote, implement, and model family-friendly employment policies and practices with County government.

The Child & Family Well-being Task Force recommends that the Council implement these strategies in order to support building a more inclusive and responsive government.

Please call Allison Williams at (360) 319-2064 with any questions. Thank you.

