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**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Ann Beck, Community Services Manager  
**RE:** Community Services Program Updates  
**DATE:** **MARCH 14, 2025**

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## Background

The Community Services team, with Whatcom County Health and Community Services, continues its work supporting housing, health, and human services for Whatcom county residents. As we move through 2025, we are focusing on sustaining and expanding critical programs while addressing funding challenges and evolving community needs.

Housing remains a priority, with efforts underway to implement the 5-Year Homeless Housing Plan, research expanding emergency shelter capacity, and manage funding reductions impacting housing programs. Additionally, capital investments in affordable housing, behavioral health facilities, and childcare are progressing to support long-term stability for vulnerable populations.

Beyond housing, Community Services continues to provide essential support for veterans, individuals with developmental disabilities, families, and those impacted by public health crisis, such as opioid addiction.

The teams working in programs like Nurse-Family Partnership, Community Health and Children and Families are making a meaningful impact on family stability, health outcomes, and access to services by meeting community members where they are and supporting early interventions to avoid future trauma.

We look forward to providing a more information on the work and welcome input Council may have throughout the process.

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Services Manager at 360-778-6055 with any questions.

