



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Arc of Whatcom County – Information, Education & Family Support Contract
DATE: June 1, 2021

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Arc of Whatcom County for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

Parents and family members are the primary support for individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) across their lifespan. Organizing and connecting families for mutual support and providing timely and accurate information, assistance, and referral are critical to improving outcomes for individuals with DD. The purpose of this contract is to provide “Information, Education and Family Support” to individuals with DD, their family members and the general public. This contract is awarded as a result of RFP 21-08.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$150,616, is provided by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Developmental Disabilities Administration and local DD Millage funds. Funding is included in the 2021 – 2022 budgets. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

- **Differences Between Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract; however, funding for these services has been provided through previous contracts between Whatcom County and Arc of Whatcom County since 2011. This contract includes no significant changes from the contract that is currently in place (WC Contract #201706034).

Please contact Anne Deacon, Human Services Manager at 360-778-6054 (ADeacon@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

