



## Memorandum

**TO:** Whatcom County Council

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**RE:** Healthy Children's Fund Council Briefing

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On Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, I will be presenting to the Public Works and Health Committee of Whatcom County Council to share an update on how the Healthy Children's Fund (HCF) is supporting **in-home child care providers**, to provide a status update on our **Child Care subsidy implementation**, and to introduce the **2025-2026 Draft Implementation Plan**.

### KEY TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

1. Support for in-home child care providers
  - a. Highlight how the HCF is supporting expansion of home-based providers is a key goal to improving access to early learning in Whatcom County.
  - b. Share examples of funded programs that directly impact in-home providers.
  - c. Preview how future funding will include in-home providers.
2. Child Care subsidy implementation update
  - a. Provide an overview of original subsidy model and adaptations based on the new WA state budget.
3. Introduction to the draft Implementation Plan
  - a. Summary of the development process of the Draft Plan
  - b. Outline proposed strategies and provide examples of programs that align with these approaches
  - c. Next steps, including Councils July work session

