



Memorandum

TO: THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: Child and Family Well Being Task Force; Health and Community Services

DATE: SEPETMBER 9, 2025

RE: CHILD AND FAMILY WELL BEING TASK FORCE ANNUAL REPORT

The Child & Family Well-being Task Force will be presenting their **September 2025 Annual Report** in accordance with Ordinance 2020-079. This year's presentation and report will highlight key areas of progress and emerging priorities:

- **Community Engagement:** Expanded outreach through participation in county-wide wellness and resource fairs, gathering direct input from families on what it means to thrive in Whatcom County.
- **Learning from Local Experts:** Presentations from partners such as Imagine Institute, Whatcom County Health and Community Services, and others informed the task force's understanding of childcare expansion, services for children with special health needs, and the development of a doula services pilot program.
- **Future Priorities:** Exploration of strategies to better support children and families impacted by the criminal justice system, in alignment with upcoming County initiatives and facility planning.

We look forward to sharing these findings with Council, answering questions, and discussing how our collective efforts can continue to strengthen family well-being across Whatcom County.

Please call Sarah Simpson at 360-778-6176 if there are any questions. Thank you.

