



Memorandum

TO: SATPAL SIDHU, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

FROM: Ann Beck

DATE: 10/12/23

RE: Update from Health & Community Services' and Executive Staff regarding Healthy Children's Fund

This presentation will give a brief overview of the work currently in motion regarding the Healthy Children's Fund.

Whatcom County Health & Community Services staff are in the first steps of the implementation, which includes hiring staff and building the infrastructure needed to implement programming and partnerships throughout the county. The implementation plan was approved in March 2023, and as staff have been hired, there are continued conversations with community partners, internal staff throughout county departments and local organizations focused on improving the quality of life for some of our most vulnerable children and their families.

As outlined in the implementation plan, the first year is focused on building a strong foundation for this long-term funding source. This involves work to maximize the funding to make impactful change with innovative upstream programming and supports to improve early childhood well-being in Whatcom County.

This presentation will help to inform Council about hiring efforts, successes, planning and priorities as well as next steps in the timeline and communication around the funds.

Please call Ann Beck at 360-778-6055 if there are any questions. Thank you.