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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

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Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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#### Public Statement

*THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.*

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Title	Ms.
First Name	Jamie
Last Name	Desmul
Today's Date	1/4/2021
Street Address	816 32nd Street #46
City	Bellingham
Zip	98225
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	3603059294
Secondary Telephone	3602550578
Email Address	<a href="mailto:jdesmul@whatcomymca.org">jdesmul@whatcomymca.org</a>

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### Step 2

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1. Name of Board or                      Child & Family Well-Being Task Force

## Committee

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Child & Family Well-Being Task Force

Yes

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2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?

Yes

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3. Which Council district do you live in?

District 1

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4. Are you a US citizen?

Yes

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5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?

Yes

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6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?

No

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7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?

No

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8. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County?

No

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You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions

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9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

I've been the Director of Early Learning for the Whatcom Family YMCA since 2008, overseeing a center with approximately 45 staff and 70-100 families. I've implemented classroom and staffing changes to create environments that emphasize development of the whole child. I've worked with a team to maintain licensing standards, achieve 6 Early Achiever's Ratings, and budgets of approximately \$770,000-\$900,000. Prior to this position I was the director and head teacher of a kindergarten enrichment program for approximately 1.5 years and the director of one of the YMCA's smaller childcare centers for 3 years. I hold a degree from Western Washington University in child development with a certificate in Elementary Education. I am a parent of a 10-year-old son who attends 4th grade in the Bellingham School District.

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10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission

As both a parent and a professional that works alongside families in Whatcom County, I am deeply invested in making sure that children and families have what they need to be successful. Families in our area are under enormous pressures and have to work hard to maintain a healthy balance in their households. Stressors range from financial pressure, family trauma, lack of childcare and other resources, healthcare, housing, parenting support, and so many more. I see these pressures in families every day in the program I oversee, with the level of impact differing greatly between families. I want to continue to be an advocate for families and this opportunity to become involved in a larger effort feels like the next step.

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References (please include daytime telephone number):

Melinda Yost, (360) 303-2945  
Bill Ziels, (360) 733-8630 ex. 1101  
Elisha Orton, (360) 318-3067

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Signature of applicant: Jamie N Desmul

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Place Signed / Submitted Bellingham, WA

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