



Memorandum

TO: SATPAL SIDHU, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

FROM: Ann Beck, Community Health and Human Services Manager

DATE: April 1st, 2025

RE: Update on Current Healthy Children's Fund Projects and Future Child Care Initiatives

Whatcom County Health and Community Services will provide an update on the Healthy Children's Fund and the progress of executed contracts and those in development to address the strategies in the HCF implementation plan. As we move forward, we continue to align our investments with the goal of increasing kindergarten readiness and supporting vulnerable children and families, and appreciate the opportunity to highlight the success of these new programs in the community.

Current Funding Projects:

- Our team has successfully executed several contracts supporting early childhood development, family assistance programs, and provider resources.
- Ongoing partnerships with community-based organizations have enabled enhanced service delivery to at-risk populations.

Upcoming Initiatives:

- **Subsidies for Low Income Families and Child Care Providers:** To address affordability and accessibility, additional subsidies will be made available to qualifying families. These funds will help reduce financial barriers for families in need.
- **Bellingham Technical College – Workforce Development Initiative**
- **Executive Office Collaboration:** Administrative structure evaluation, annual internal work plan, efficiency review and evaluation report
- **Briefings for Council:** May= Food Policy, June= How does the HCF support in-home caregivers

We look forward to discussing these updates in detail during the upcoming presentation. Your support is essential in ensuring the continued success of these initiatives.

Please reach out to Sarah Simpson at 360-778-6167 with any questions ahead of the meeting.