



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) – Nurse Family Partnership Agreement
DATE: September 10, 2021

Attached is an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State DCYF for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program is an evidence-based, community health program that transforms the lives of vulnerable babies born to at-risk, first-time mothers. Nurses conduct home visits with pregnant and parenting mothers and educate parents on child development, safety and health. As a result, the health of young children in our community improves. This Agreement renews funding for the Health Department's NFP Program.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This Agreement provides \$355,338.59 in funding between 07/01/2021 – 07/31/2022. Funding is provided by the Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA) established in RCW 43.215.130 and is administered by DCYF. These funds will be included in the 2021-2022 budgets. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for Agreements between public agencies.

▪ **Differences between Previous Contracts**

Over the previous Agreement ending on 07/31/2021 (WC Contract #201908012-1), this Agreement includes no significant changes, however minor changes include:

1. Revision and incorporation of additional definitions (Section 1) of terms used throughout the Contract (FLO, Home Visit, Start Early).
2. Updated priority populations (Section 6.c) to include the term 'caregiver' rather than 'parent'.
3. Elimination of the Cohort Health Birthweight Milestone Performance Payment Awards (Section 13.f.5.a.ii).

Please contact Judy Ziels at 360-778-6130 (JZiels@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions regarding this request.

