



# Memorandum

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Charlene Ramont, Interim Director

**RE:** Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) –  
Nurse Family Partnership Interlocal Agreement

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

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Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and DCYF for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This agreement provides revenue for the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program. Funding will primarily support the salaries of Health and Community Services Nurses who conduct home visits with pregnant and parenting mothers and educate parents on child development, safety, and health. Funding also supports program supplies and additional operational costs. These funds come from DCYF to Whatcom County to support a minimum of 52 families in Whatcom County in the NFP program.

The NFP Program is an evidence-based, community health program that transforms the lives of vulnerable babies born to at-risk, first-time mothers. Specially trained nurses carry caseloads of up to 25 families and develop therapeutic relationships with their clients to support program goals that include improved perinatal health and birth outcomes, improved child health and development and improved family economic self-sufficiency and maternal life course development.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

This is a revenue-based agreement funded by DCYF, in an amount not to exceed \$393,194.60 for the period of 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026. Local funds are not included in this agreement. These funds are included in the 2025-2026 budgets. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.06.010, as grant funding exceeds \$40,000.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new agreement; however, funding for these services has been provided by DCYF through previous agreements since 2017. This agreement includes no significant revision from the agreement requirements that ended on 07/31/2025 (WC Contract #202309032), however it is about \$10,000 less than the previous agreement.

Please contact Sheri Wiess, Public Health Nurse Supervisor at 360-778-6134 or [SWiess@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:SWiess@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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