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# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive  
**From:** Stephanie Kraft, Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator  
**Subject:** Juvenile Court Early Intervention Programs and Services (formally Becca Programs)  
**Date:** 07/02/2026

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Enclosed is one (1) original of the Agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts for your review and signature.

## **Background and Purpose**

This agreement provides funding to support Juvenile Court to engage and provide services to youth that are in need of support with Truancy, At Risk Youth (ARY), and Child in Need of Services (CHINS) programs as set forth in RCW 13.32A. Historically this agreement was titled, BECCA Programs, although the title has changed, the intention of the agreement is the same.

## **Funding Amount and Source**

The Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts will reimburse Whatcom County in the amount not to exceed \$232,776.00 to cover the cost of wages and benefits for court staff that are engaged in processing these cases, Professional Services (related to filing, processing, case management or direct services related to these cases), Goods (supplies necessary for juvenile court intervention case processing or management), Equipment (to supporting case processing or management), Training, and Travel. Council approval is required, pursuant to WCC 3.06.010 for grants exceeding \$40,000 and RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

## **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is a new agreement; however, funding for this agreement period (07/01/2026-06/30/2027) will increase by \$133,923.00 from the total provided in the agreement that ended on 06/30/2026 (WC Contract No. 202509027). This additional funding includes distribution of funding to go to the same categories as last agreement including; Wages and benefits of court staff, Professional Services, Goods, Equipment, Training, and Travel.

Please contact Stephanie Kraft, Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator, at ext. 5496 or [skraft@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:skraft@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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