



Memorandum

TO: SATPAL SIDHU, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

FROM: Allison Williams, staff support to Child and Family Well-being Task Force

DATE: March 31, 2022

RE: **Presentation the Child and Family Well-being Task Force Phase II Report**

Community Health staff from the Whatcom County Health Department and Child and Family Well-being Task Force members will present the Phase II Report outlining the current work and recommendations of the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force.

Last June, the Task Force presented their initial report to Council. As the Task Force was newly formed at that time, the initial report focused on the establishment of Task Force processes, procedures, relationship building, and learning related to Task Force guiding principles of equity, family engagement, and results-based approaches. This Phase II Report includes their work and recommendations towards developing and establishing methods to increase and stabilize funding streams for child and family programs, services, and infrastructure framed within these three additional priority areas:

- Priority Area 1: Identify the results and strategies that should be shared across government and the community to improve the well-being of young children and their families.
- Priority Area 2: Identify the necessary infrastructure to support children and families as a priority throughout County government.
- Priority Area 3: Increase family involvement in County government processes and decision-making.

The report details recommendations from each of these areas providing an opportunity for County government to more actively engage parents, caregivers, and families in governmental processes and decision-making and to advance the well-being of children and families. It is further recommended that the Council implements these strategies that will result in a more inclusive and responsive government.

Please call Allison Williams at (360) 319-2064 if there are any questions. Thank you.

