



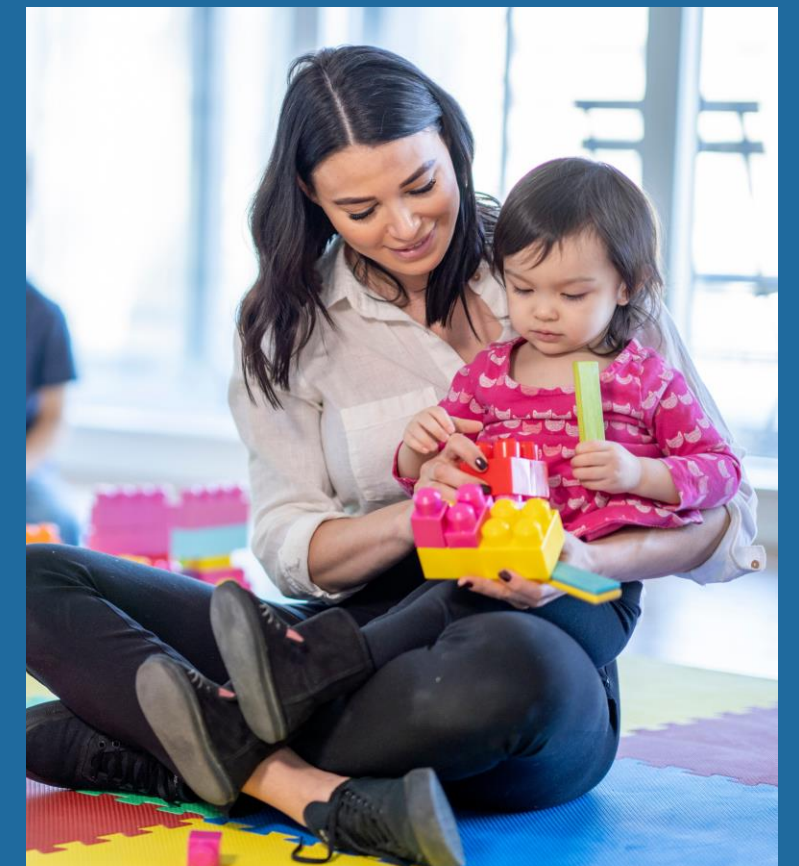
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In-Home Child Care Providers & HCF

- Imagine Institute: Imagine U Program
- Innovation Fund: Curriculum & Classroom Expansion
- CRECC: In-Home Care Expansion
- Sendan & WCEL: Auxiliary services & training
- Drop-In Child Care: payment for drop-in slots + advertisement
- Capital RFP
- Subsidies



Subsidy Update

What was:

WA State Subsidy increase from 0-60% to 75% SMI

WCHCS Local Subsidy Recommendation 75%-85% SMI

What is:

WA State Subsidy remained at 0-60%



What is recommended moving forward:

Subsidy 60%-75% SMI

436 kids in care + 20% update take



Draft Implementation Plan

Process

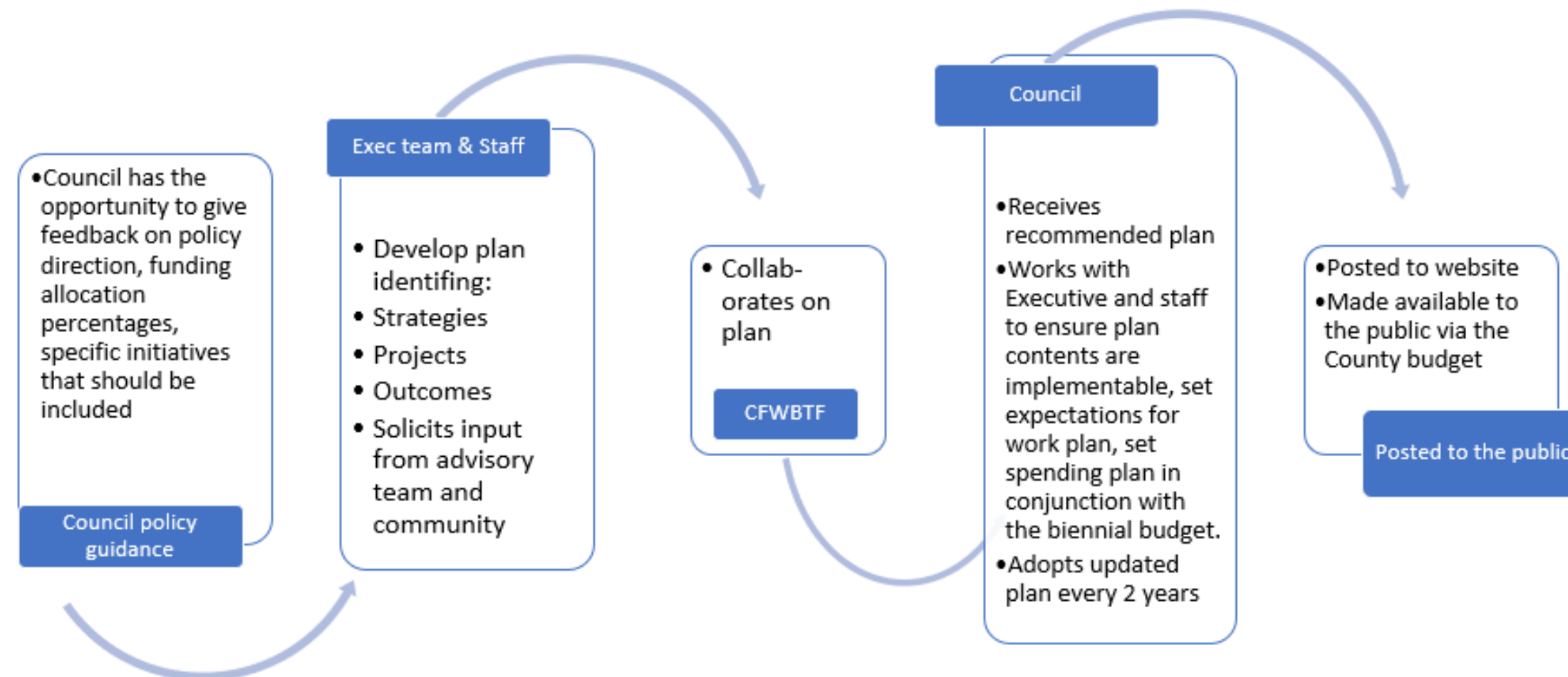
- 43 3. This implementation plan shall, to the maximum extent possible, be developed in
44 collaboration with the Child and Family Well-being Taskforce, an existing
45 community board established by the Whatcom County Council, and shall be
46 approved by the County Council and transmitted to the County Executive by
47 March 31, 2023, and every 2 years thereafter to be included as part of the
48 budget submitted to the Council.

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Process

Process of Implementation Plan adoption per Ordinance 2022-045

Years 2023, 2025, 2027, 2029, 3031



Early Learning and Care Strategies

Strategy	Outcome	Example
#1 Capital Projects	Expansion, renovation and repurposing of buildings to increase early learning and care slots	Generations infant room expansion
#2 ELC Professional Development	Improve quality of care and accessibility for all children, including those with special needs.	Sendan and Whatcom Center for Early Learning-Onsite trainings for providers and caregivers and auxiliary supports in ELC classrooms
#3 Family Subsidy	Reduced cost of care for families below X% of State Median Income	Families between 60%-75% SMI in licensed child care receive a \$300 monthly subsidy
#4 Work Force Expansion	Ensure programs have stable workforce to run high-quality early learning and care programs.	Leverage and align with WA State efforts to increase wages.
#5 Regional Early Learning and Care Hubs	Expansion of child care in school district catchment areas + co-location of services to support providers and families	Meridian Early Learning Center
#6 Innovative Approaches	Support innovative approaches to meet various HCF goals	Aha Early Learning Project: auxiliary services, fridge for families food bank boxes, sports and nutrition program

Support for Vulnerable Children Strategies

Strategy	Outcome	Example
#7 Recruit and Expand Mental and Behavioral Health Workforce	Expansion of MB workforce and access to care for children and parents.	Mobile Mama Internship Program
#8 Develop and Expand Resources and Programs for Families who Disproportionately Experience Housing Instability	Reduce cases of homelessness in families with young children	Lydia Place and Ferndale Community Services: Rental assistance
#9 Expand and Enhance Early Parenting Supports	Increase support and services for pregnant and parenting families, particularly those with vulnerable children	Basic Needs Resource Distribution
#10 Integrate and Co-Locate Services via Coordinated Access to Resource Navigation	Increase access to service and decrease barriers to accessing services	SEAS Line



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