



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY ADVISORY GROUPS

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Name: Angela Marie Shapow

Date: August 19, 2025



- 1a. Name of advisory group: **See next page** Child & Family Well-Being Task force
- 1b. Which position are you applying for? **Refer to vacancy list** _____
2. Do you meet the requirements of the position for which you're applying?
(If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.) _____ ☒ yes () no
3. Which Council district do you live in? ----- () One ☒ Two () Three () Four () Five () Not Applicable
4. Have you ever been a member of this advisory group? ----- () yes ☒ no
If yes, dates: _____
5. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County? ----- () yes ☒ no
If yes, please explain: representative
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.005(8)) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? ----- () yes ☒ no

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education.
See attached résumé
8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this advisory group: I teach civics and think it's important to model active civic engagement. But also, I'm passionate about supporting children and families. My background both professionally and personally is a great match for this role.
- References (please include daytime telephone number): Laura Carney - [REDACTED]
Shannon McMinimee - [REDACTED]

My signature affirms that the information provided in this application is true and correct. If appointed, I will comply with the [Council & Executive Expectations of Advisory Group Members](#) and complete Open Government Training as required by RCW 42.30.205.

Signature of applicant: [Signature] See next page for additional instructions.

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Angela Marie Shapow

TESOL-trained educator and education attorney with a multidisciplinary background spanning ESOL instruction, curriculum design, and disability advocacy. Experienced teaching adult learners in community colleges and literacy programs using equity-centered, research-based strategies. Committed to inclusive pedagogy, metacognitive learning, and learner empowerment.

CORE COMPETENCIES

TESOL / ESOL instruction (levels 1-6) • Reading Apprenticeship Strategies • Curriculum Design & Assessment • The Writing Revolution • Legal and Educational Policy • Metacognitive Strategies • Collaborative Problem Solving • Diversity & Inclusion

EDUCATION

EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY | Cheney, WA 2025
M.Ed., TESOL
Practicum: Whatcom Community College ESOL core levels 1-6; Writing support levels 4&5

UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND | Reykjavík, Iceland 2021
MA, International Education
Thesis: Crafting one's own narrative – A qualitative exploration of high-income immigrant parental choices and practices relative to Icelandic compulsory schooling.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO | Moscow, ID 2006
Juris Doctorate
Judicial Extern, Hon. Larry M. Boyle, United States District Court, District of Idaho
Research Assistant, Family Law and Child Protection
Independent Study: Developmentally Appropriate Interviewing and Questioning of Child Witnesses

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY | Boise, ID 1998
BA, Philosophy

TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE | Mt. Vernon, WA 2025–Present
Associate Instructor

- Designed hybrid civics course emphasizing reading and writing using Writing Revolution 2.0 and Reading Apprenticeship methodologies.
- Created an academic skills course supporting ENGL 101 learners with a focus on metacognition and student self-awareness.

WHATCOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE | Bellingham, WA 2025
TESOL Practicum

- Delivered instruction for ESOL Core levels 1-6 and Writing Levels 4-5 in mixed-ability, multilingual classrooms.
- Collaborated with department faculty and staff to support learner outcomes and adapt lessons to students needs.

WHATCOM LITERACY COUNCIL | Bellingham, WA 2024–Present
Volunteer English Language Instructor

- Tutored adult learners in reading comprehension, conversation and workplace English.
- Supported immigrants, refugees, and international students in speaking, reading, writing, listening and cultural awareness in mixed ability ESOL classrooms.

- Developed pre-class reading group for level 2 learners using scaffolded read-aloud based on Reading Apprenticeship and TPRS.

BETH SHALOM EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER | Seattle, WA
Interim Director

2008

- Launched new preschool program; designed classroom environment, acquired education materials, furniture, and outdoor equipment; hired and on-boarded staff.
- Trained staff in *Creative Curriculum* across 3 classrooms serving children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old and secured compliance with Washington State licensing regulations.
- Supported bi-lingual language acquisition, helping Hebrew-speaking students develop English in a play-based classroom setting.

WHOLE EARTH PRESCHOOL | Boise, ID
Owner-operator

2001–2003

- Led a mixed-age, play-based family childcare home serving children ages 2 ½-6 focused on animal care, home based science, and daily tasks like bread baking, and gardening.
- Integrated early literacy, process art and ecological education through immersive, real-world activities.
- Managed all program operations, including curriculum design, grant management and compliance, and day-to-day teaching.

EDUCATION LAW AND ADVOCACY

CEDAR LAW PLLC / SHAPOW LAW PLLC | Seattle, WA / Boise, ID
Attorney-advocate

2006–2023

- Represented families navigating K-12 public education systems in Washington State in legal matters from due process hearings in administrative court to appeals in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Provided strategic advice on homeschooling, special education law, evaluations, and accommodation plans.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Special Advocate, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) King County, 2016–2018
- Volunteer Attorney, King County Bar Association, Kinship Cares Solution Project, 2012
- Group Facilitator, Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS), 2010

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- National Business Institute, *Developing and Implementing Section 504 Accommodation Plans*, Seattle, WA, 2017
- Aspiring Youth, Co-Presenter, *Home-to-School Strategies for Students with Executive Functioning Issues*, 2016
- Washington Autism Alliance Association, *Blueprints to Special Education Designing Appropriate Evaluations*, 2016
- Shapow Law PLLC, *Procedural Safeguards for Families under the IDEA*, 2016
- Skagit Valley Connections Conference, *Serving Social and Emotional Needs in Early Childhood Settings*, 2015
- Toolbox for Teaching, *Developmentally Appropriate Practices for Teaching Art in Preschool Settings*, Seattle, WA, 2015