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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

#### Public Statement

*THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.*

Title	Ms.
First Name	Liz
Last Name	Stuart
Today's Date	1/4/2021
Street Address	2610 Franklin Street
City	Bellingham
Zip	98225
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	360-393-9018
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	elizabethreedstuart@gmail.com

### Step 2

1. Name of Board or	Child & Family Well-Being Task Force
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## Committee

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Child & Family Well-Being Task Force      Yes

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2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?      Yes

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3. Which Council district do you live in?      District 2

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4. Are you a US citizen?      Yes

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5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?      Yes

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6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?      No

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7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?      No

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8. 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?      No

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

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9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

I work at WWU in the Prevention and Wellness Department as the Sexual Violence Prevention Outreach Specialist. I have worked in the field of domestic violence and sexual violence response and prevention for the last several decades. I am especially passionate about youth activism and leadership. I have a masters' degree in education from WWU and focused my culminating project on providing tools and education for promoting healthy relationships and consent to adult caregivers of children and youth. I was the co-facilitator for several years of the Ferndale youth coalition, as part of my work with the Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence (S/DV Commission). In that role, I worked in partnership with a staff member at the Health Department to convene a group of stakeholders to address and prevent public health issues that our youth and children face (including drug and alcohol abuse, dating violence, sexual violence, and mental health and wellness). I convened two youth summits on healthy relationships and consent (Our Gender Revolution and the Big Consent Event) during my tenure at the S/DV Commission. I also collaborated with Lummi Victims of Crime to fund their youth conference on dating violence in 2018.

I am a working parent of three and social justice community organizer at heart. My children are 4, 9, and 13 and I have experience in four public schools and working with several school districts in both my professional and personal life. Finally, I have direct, personal experience with child sexual abuse and hold the stories of hundreds of domestic and sexual violence survivors in my heart that inform my perspective and commitment to social change.

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10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission

I am looking for a way to get involved in supporting and building community resilience during this unique time in history. Our systems have a history of failing and sometimes further traumatizing survivors of violence and oppression, especially our BIPOC community members. I am passionate about centering the needs of our most vulnerable community members and feel especially motivated to contribute at this time- it is also good timing for me because my youngest child will be entering school. I am also passionate about youth leadership and believe that our young people need to be represented when we are designing solutions to complex social and public health problems. I have a strong understanding of the public health model of social change, which promotes a multi-layered approach that looks at individual, relational, community, and environmental levels of change. I am a positive, creative thinker and I would love to learn and connect with a group of action-oriented neighbors who want to make a difference.

In regards to the identity groups that I represent (from #1,

above):

I am a working parent of three and social justice community organizer at heart. I have direct, personal experience with child sexual abuse and hold the stories of hundreds of domestic and sexual violence survivors in my heart that inform my perspective and commitment to social change, from my years of experience in local service organizations. I also represent higher education.

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References (please include daytime telephone number):

Susan Marks (Executive Director, Washington State Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, and former Director of the Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence)  
(360) 224-9333

Jessica Sankey (Director of Operations, Bellingham School District)  
(360) 389-1182

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Signature of applicant:

Elizabeth Stuart

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Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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# Liz Stuart, M.Ed.

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## STRENGTHS

- Implementing comprehensive, evidence-based violence prevention campaigns
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Program evaluation and assessment
- Building collaborative partnerships across disciplines
- Developing and delivering training materials and curricula
- Mentoring youth and young adults
- Commitment to youth leadership, equity, anti-racism, and social justice
- Providing direct advocacy to survivors of sexual and relationship violence

## EXPERIENCE

### **Western Washington University (Prevention and Wellness Department)**

*Sexual Violence Prevention Outreach Specialist*

OCT 2019 - PRESENT

- Coordinate and lead campus-wide violence prevention campaigns, including skill-building educational workshops, relational and communication education, and structural strategies
- Train, supervise, and mentor 14 student Peer Health Educators
- Co-host a podcast on resilience and wellbeing during the pandemic with the Men's Resiliency Coordinator called [the WWU Social Distance Warriors Podcast](#)

### **Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence**

*Project Manager*

MAY 2014 - SEP 2019

- Coordinated Safe Futures, a federally funded project addressing and preventing sexual and intimate partner violence in the Blaine, Ferndale, and Mount Baker School Districts
- Convened coalitions of service providers, law enforcement, and school district administrators to develop procedures that prevent and respond to violence
- Planned and delivered two youth summits addressing sexual and relationship violence, with more than 250 youth and adult mentors participating
- Mentored youth-led prevention clubs and campaigns at area high schools
- Designed and delivered training and technical assistance to community partners

### **Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County**

*Program Director*

JULY 2008 - FEB 2012

- Directed all programs, including advocacy, education and prevention programs
- Managed and implemented all program evaluations, data collection, and reporting
- Provided oversight in revising training curriculum for all volunteers

## **EDUCATION and RECOGNITIONS**

### **Community Builder Award** - *December 2019*

Awarded by the Whatcom Family and Community Network for my work with Whatcom youth on sexual violence prevention

### **Western Washington University** - *M.Ed., Adult and Higher Education (2018)*

Areas of interest: Adult Learning Theory, Community-University Partnerships

### **Purdue University** - *B.A., Law and Society (2000)*

Sociology degree focusing on gender, race, and legal systems