



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Charlene Ramont, Interim Director

RE: The Arc of Whatcom County – Information, Education, and Family Support Contract

DATE: MAY 9, 2025

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and The Arc of Whatcom County for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for “Information, Education, and Family Support” to individuals with Developmental Disabilities (DD), their family members, and the general public. Parents and family members are the primary support for people with DD across their lifespan. Organizing and connecting families for mutual support and providing timely and accurate information, assistance, and referral are critical to improving outcomes for individuals with DD. This contract is awarded as a result of RFP solicitation 25-17.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$203,882, is provided by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Developmental Disabilities Administration. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.100, as funding for this contract exceeds \$40,000.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract; however, funding for these services has been provided to the Arc of Whatcom County to provide similar services since 2011. This contract includes no significant changes from the contract ending on June 30, 2025 (WC Contract #202106019).

Please contact Amanda Burnett, Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6069 (ABurnett@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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