

Bellingham Whatcom County Commission on Sexual & Domestic Violence

GOALS

- **Foster justice, autonomy, and well-being for survivors** and communities
- **Transform systems** to ensure prevention and responses for sexual and domestic violence that support justice, autonomy, and well-being
- **Connect institutions, stakeholders, and communities** to collectively increase understanding of sexual and domestic violence, especially the impacts and effectiveness of community responses for survivors

2022 -2023 Work Plan Activities

- Develop pilot of restorative and transformative justice responses to domestic and sexual violence.
- Support implementation of sexual assault audit recommendations for criminal legal system.
- Continue focus on survivor defendants, coordinating cross-trainings with systems partners and building referral and collaboration networks.
- Revisit community response for MMIWG2S, progress made, and next steps needed in our communities.
- Discuss overlap between housing/homelessness and DV/SA; make recommendations for community and organizational leaders.
- Lead case reviews of local intimate partner homicide cases and sexual assault cases to identify strengths and gaps in community interventions and prevention.
- Partner with schools and community organizations to support interventions and prevention for students.
- Stabilize funding and administrative structures for DV Commission operations.
- Host engaging Commission meetings to implement meaningful systems change.
- Provide prevention and intervention resources and subject matter expertise for systems and stakeholders (eg workplaces, faith communities, courts, media).