

# Health Board Resolution

## Affirming Commitment to Young Children & Families

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Whatcom County  
**HEALTH**  
Department



# Building blocks for healthy development

- stable, nurturing relationships
- sound nutrition
- safe, supportive environments

Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University

# Building momentum to act

2013	Compassionate Communities
2015	Health Planning
2017- 2018	Health Board (HB) adopted Early Childhood Focus
2017	Generations Forward Launch

**Time is  
now.**

**Therefore,  
be it  
resolved:**

Affirm Gen Fwd collective commitments

Appoint one HB member to participate in Gen Fwd initiative to recommend policy options and explore sustainable public financing

Task PHAB and partners to create Action Plan, including accountability process, by no later than 1-31-2020

Ensure needs of young children and families are prioritized in county plans and policies for: Housing, Behavioral Health, Incarceration Prevention, Economic Development, Land Use

Review this resolution annually

When we make  
investments that support  
young children and  
families early on,  
we can build more

**RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

and we can create a  
future where

**EVERYONE THRIVES.**

