Whatcom Working on Well-being

Child and Family Action Plan

Planning for our future starts with healthy children and families.

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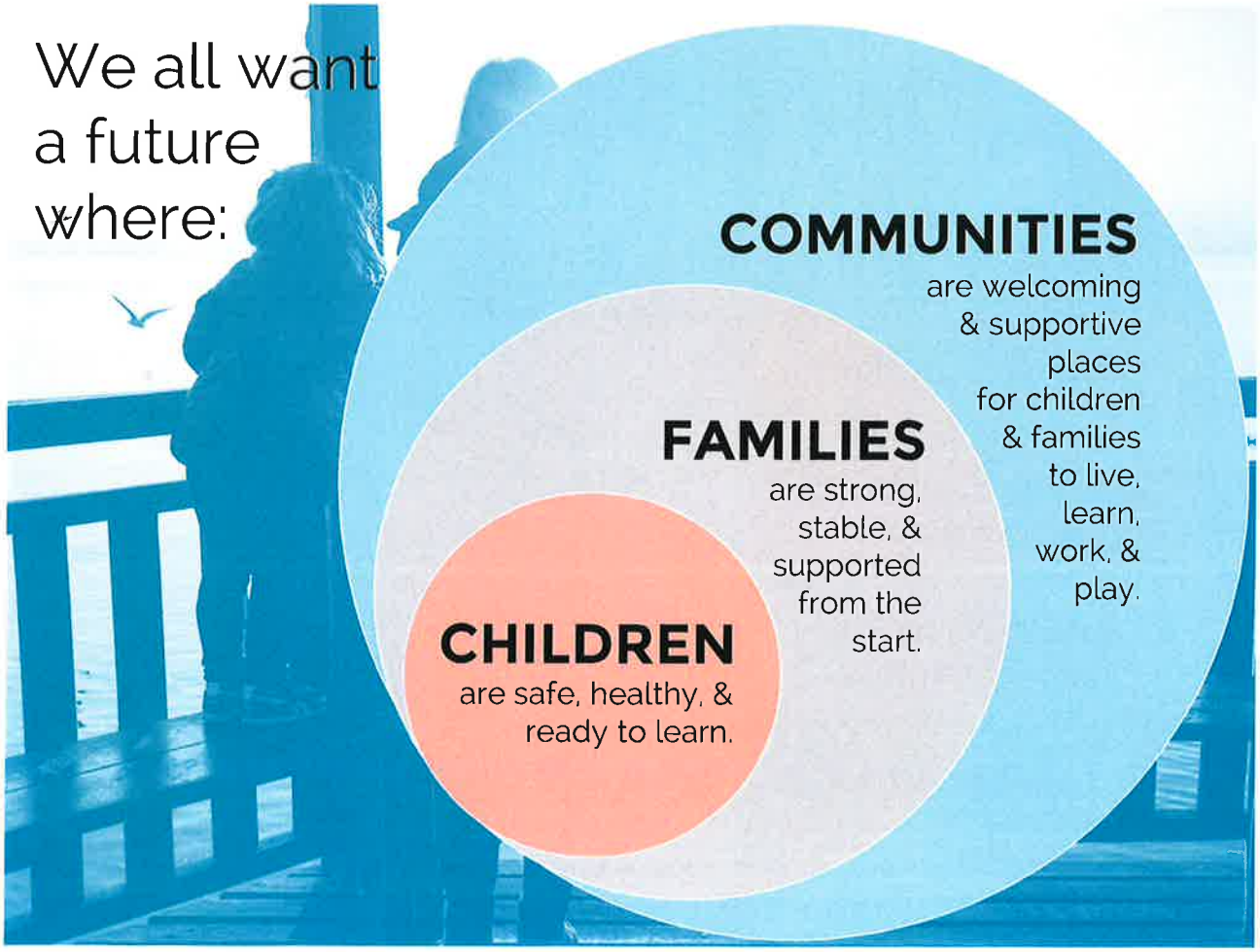

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Put children and families first in policy decisions

Adopt trauma-informed & equity practices

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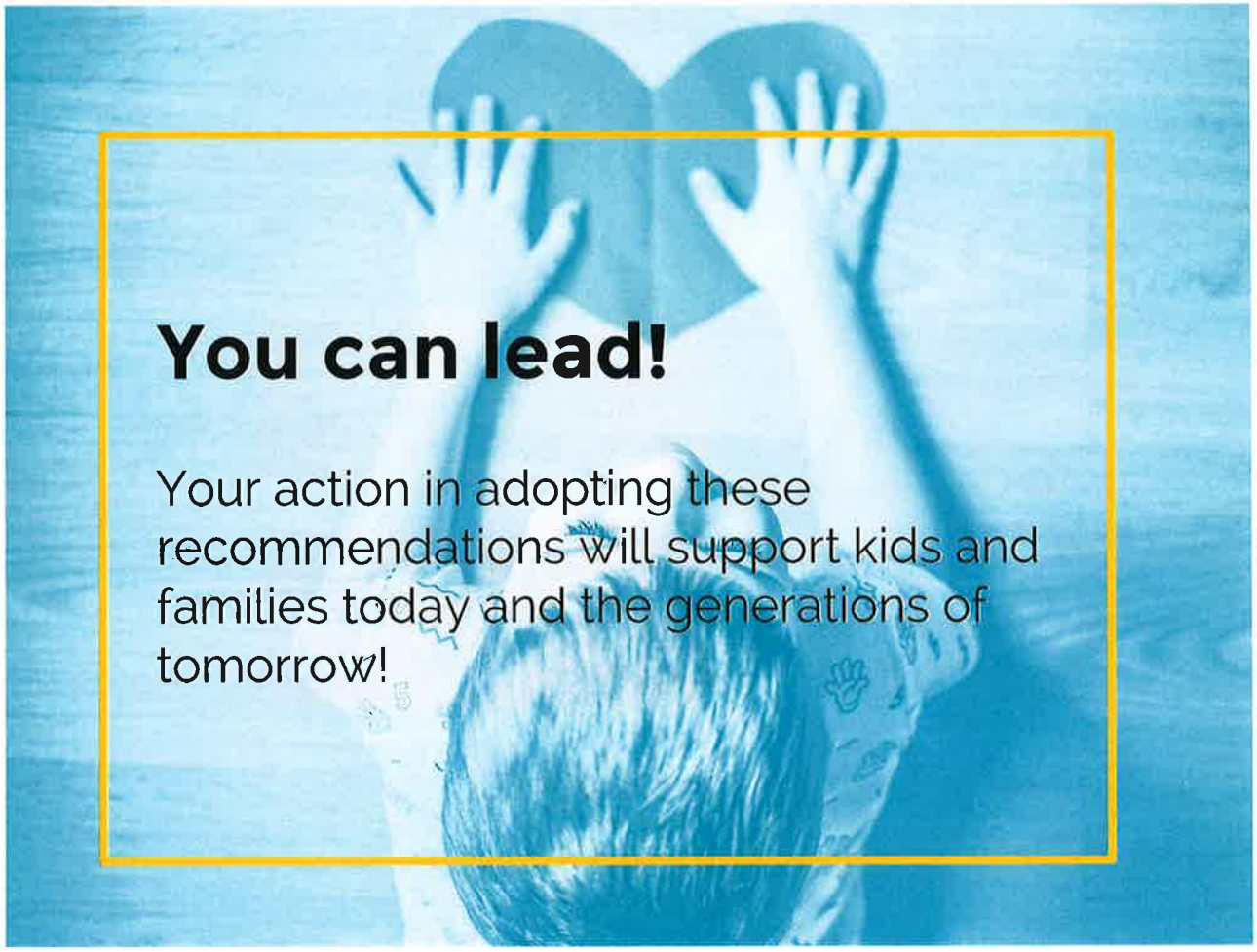
The Way Forward:

Adopt Child and Family Action Plan as a guiding document for county action

Formally commit to the 4 Proposed Next Steps

1. Request Office of the County Executive assess infrastructure and budget needs required to realize commitment
2. Ordinance to create a county task force, or other official county committee
3. Support and actively participate in fiscal analysis in early 2020 to identify existing and potential funding streams
4. Fulfill prior commitments to resource and fund two critical efforts
   - All County services are trauma informed and culturally and linguistically appropriate
   - Health Navigation System



You can lead!

Your action in adopting these recommendations will support kids and families today and the generations of tomorrow!