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Greetings Mr. Sidhu,

The Downtown Bellingham Partnership recognizes the importance of our communities in joining together to focus on family resilience and early childhood development.

We envision a future in which all children are safe, healthy and ready to learn, and in which families are strong, stable, supported and welcomed by our community as a place to live, learn, work and play.

We support a broad community effort to ensure:

- 1) Availability of effective early learning within the context of full day childcare so that parents may work or pursue their education.
- 2) Safe, stable and affordable housing is available for families and our workers;
- 3) Behavioral health services are available and affordable for children and their families.

We ask our local governments to integrate consideration for children and families in strategic planning, and to have all relevant departments view initiatives and decisions through a lens of the same, while supporting neighborhoods in building community connections and resilience.

We support the efforts of the Whatcom Health Board, the Whatcom Health Department and the Generations Forward Coalition in their creation of the Child and Family Action plan, and its adoption by our local governments.

Sincerely,

Alice Clark
Executive Director

On behalf of the Downtown Bellingham Partnership

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January 8, 2020

Whatcom County Board of Health
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Board of Health Members,

I am writing to enthusiastically support the Child and Family Action Plan. As a local business owner and experienced senior leader, I see every day the impact of the housing and childcare shortages here in Whatcom County. As the cost of living here continues to rise, I see the impact on local businesses and on members of our community.

At CMB Consulting, we share the vision of a community where all children are safe, healthy, and ready to learn, families are strong, stable, and supported from the start, and communities are welcoming and supportive places for children and families to live, learn, work, and play. Whatcom County's children and families cannot thrive without the services and resources prioritized in the Child and Family Action Plan:

- Safe and stable housing
- Safe, accessible child care and early learning opportunities
- Accessible behavioral health services for children and their families

I support the Child and Family Action Plan and I applaud the work of the Health Board in taking necessary steps to ensure the health and vitality of Whatcom County for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Constance Bentley

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January 29, 2020

Whatcom County Board of Health
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105
Bellingham, WA 98225

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With Gratitude,

Julie M. Guay
Executive Director



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I am writing to enthusiastically support the Child and Family Action Plan. As a business owner and manager, I see every day the impact of the housing and childcare shortages here in Whatcom County. As the cost of living here continues to rise, I see the impact on local businesses, our employees and others in our community.

At Home Attendant Care and Nursing, we share the vision of a community where all children are safe, healthy, and ready to learn, families are strong, stable, and supported from the start, and communities are welcoming and supportive places for children and families to live, learn, work, and play. Whatcom County's children and families cannot thrive without the services and resources prioritized in the Child and Family Action Plan:

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Thank you,

Debbie Gann, CSA

Director



February 3, 2020

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Thank you,

Natalie Ransom

Natalie Ransom, Owner, Pozie by Natalie



Lightning Tree Designs



January 28, 2020

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Thank you,

Suzannah Gusukuma

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January 8, 2020

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Christine Coder