

STRENGTHEN FAMILIES LOCALLY

2/8/21 Bremerton planning meeting notes

In attendance:

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Presentation Materials:

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Notes:

Slide 21 questions:

- Wondering if the current uptick in CPS intake rates may be due to homelessness
 - Make sure to include homelessness data - look at trend over time?
 - Wondering about housing center being developed in 2011 - can see a decrease starting in 2013
 - Geography and how it plays a role in interaction with other states
 - Families who came to Kitsap/WA because the minimum wage was a working wage
- Bremerton downward trend in 2012
 - People had healthcare in 2012-2016 that might have allowed them to get mental health care.
 - What did the availability of services available look like between 1998 to 2004 - Was there an increase in services available to families leading to a reduction in child neglect etc.?
- Cultural equity - how to work with community leaders or community service leaders in communities of color
 - Odessa Brown Clinic
 - Immigrant Assistant Center
 - How are we working to dismantle these barriers
 - work on group brainstorming about equity - how to work with community and improve community partnerships?

Discussion:

- #3 - Lots of stuff going on with the legislative session - might be some things coming out of it that will help



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- #3 in CW we would like to place children with relatives whenever possible
 - This is a challenge in Kitsap because of a highly mobile population
 - Looking at connecting to churches like New Life Emmanuel - extended family networks
 - Looking at multi-generational families - where are they coming from and
- A book I'm reading that might be interesting in putting this data in context & next steps for advocacy, etc., it: "Our Malady; lessons in liberty from a hospital diary" by Timothy Snyder.
- What bridged services are in place for children/youth who are transitioning out of services due to aging out (age 18)?
 - We have extended foster care and they can stay if they are with child welfare until they are 22 years old. We would like to see them finish school and/or work. In addition they start participating in independent living skills starting at age 16.
- "Proximity to mandated reporters doesn't necessary reduce child abuse"
 - Families everywhere need support, and how do we provide it?
- Transience in the community – low connections

