

# STRENGTHEN FAMILIES LOCALLY

2/11/21

## In attendance:

Jesse Charles, Minnie Whalen, Kaelan Gilman, Shawnda Hicks, Tom Stokes, Colleen Studinarz, Amanda Sanders, Joy Lile

## Important documents:

### SFL onboarding document:

<https://dcyf.box.com/s/pirdixemujfr1hw75gj3bp0enhebg1c4>

### Port Angeles/Sequim Project Overview:

<https://dcyf.box.com/s/b9282wcgc6k6dzajt9nmgv9e249iw5ot>

### DCYF Data Review Meeting (1/14/21):

<https://dcyf.box.com/s/mtb8ne23zeujf7j460ozewymfzagy9wy>

### Next meeting: 2/25

Topic: Community planning - aligned efforts

What strategies and objectives are other agencies/collaboratives pursuing related to our goals?

How do they overlap with our ideas, and how might we braid strategies together?

(Bring your thoughts!)

## Sensemaker tool:

**PS/S Locale direct link:** <http://ourtomorro.ws/PortAngelesSequim>

(For use only in Port Angeles and Sequim, but **preferred** for those areas)

**Rest of WA (organized by county):** <http://ourtomorro.ws/WADCYF>

(For use in other parts of Clallam co. and state-wide)

### Discussion: What do you think?

- Nice that you don't have to share a story if it's too personal
- Hard to come up with a story off the top of your head during a meeting
- Brings the right questions to the center for the respondent – wasn't thinking about equity and support immediately
- Question – is the focus on children/families with experience in child welfare and foster care? Not necessarily, we are working on improving supports for those outside of these



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systems and supporting pathways for referrals to needed services for all families

**Sensemaker Distribution:**

Step 1: Explaining the project:

- What will you tell people when they ask you  
*“Why are you collecting stories?”*  
*Something like: We are collecting stories to help us understand how to improve services and supports for families in the community.*

Step 2: Establish a story collection strategy

- What collection strategy will work best for you?  
 Who will you collect from?  
 Where will you be collecting?  
 When will you be collecting?  
 What will you need to get started?

Outreach/Engagement Goal	Who needs to be involved?	Primary Activities	Timeframe
Sensemaker distribution	- Families - Service providers - Community members - Focus on equity	- Data directly from families - An “easy ask” of families and service providers - way to be involved right away - Community volunteers trained as “Citizen Journalists”	Starting Feb 2021 (and ongoing)  Community meeting: 2/18, 3-4:30
Sensemaker analysis (“Sensemaking”)	- Planning team - Invite families, service providers who participated	- Understand Sensemaker data as a community	March - April (and ongoing)

**Contact list:** We signed up to forward the Citizen Journalist workshop link to the following:

- Tom:** Juvenile/school probation officers  
 County commissioners  
 Other state agencies - TANF, DSHS, HUD
- Amanda:** North Olympic Library: Leslie
- Shawnda:** Catholic School – Queen of Angels  
 Olympic Christian School
- Kaelan/Minnie:** Crescent School District Prevention Group

Original Date: 2/12/21  
 Family Support Programs Division

**Joy:** Prevention Works (Tracey)  
Bonnie Schmidt – Thrive with Anxiety

**PA/S Engagement Planning:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WqqAJgxlzmHuJChX28KE2Gqc\\_RQmdNEj5kZeoXvi\\_2k/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WqqAJgxlzmHuJChX28KE2Gqc_RQmdNEj5kZeoXvi_2k/edit?usp=sharing)

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