

# STRENGTHEN FAMILIES LOCALLY

## Stevens/Ferry Citizen Journalist Workshop

2/26/21

### Attendee representation:

Healthy Ferry County Coalition, Republic Youth Action Council, Spokane Regional Health Department, Family Impact Network, WSU Extension

### Meeting Materials:

<https://dcyf.box.com/s/0g9mhrtna6b5l5dvonpfeqk3peqdfeg>

### Sensemaker links:

For stories in other parts of Stevens and Ferry Counties or Washington state:

<http://ourtomorro.ws/WADCYF>

For stories in Spokane:

<http://ourtomorro.ws/Spokane>

### Sensemaker FAQ document:

(Check here for social media post/email wording)

<https://dcyf.box.com/s/mqkfyghhd9x6u7ilsz8n5igg0d57nfey>

### Discussion:

#### General thoughts and questions:

- How will it be used? We will use the information to help design prevention activities in our 4 locales and around Washington state
- Is it useful for staff in local offices? Yes!

#### What has helped you, or a family you know, find strength and support in a challenging time?

#### What frequent, unmet needs (related to health and safety) are families experiencing in your community?

- Rural Stevens:
  - o Difficult for folks to access online resources – Library, coffee shops are closed
  - o Housing:
    - Had a mom ask to co-sign on a loan so she could buy a house and stay in the community
    - Lack of subsidized rentals
    - Doesn't know of actually homeless families in ECEAP, but lots of "doubled up" living with friends/family in close quarters, causing stress and tension
  - o Lacking mental health care supports
- Healthy Ferry County Coalition
  - o Looking at medical and socio-economic needs



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- Rural Resources is a member
- Supporting Medicaid/insurance
- Suicide prevention project
- Childcare project – “road map” to start a child care center in the county

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