

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES LOCALLY

9/14/20 Bremerton Planning Meeting Notes

In attendance:

Kody Russell, Ashley Jensen, Lisa Lechuga, Candy Lester, Ursula Peters, John Hurley, Cami Lewis, Victoria Hilt, Kimberly Riley, Joy Lile

Community Values Discussion:

We continued discussion on the Community Values document. Some tweaks and additions were made. Full document here: <https://dcyf.box.com/s/ifo8e95ipniej28yy4mxbr9tg5bjcpbk>

Notes and comments:

- Is community/family resilience reflected well enough? Need to make sure to keep the “responsibility” for resilience in the community, not a family-level responsibility
- Maintaining openness and ability to “fail forward” for both our agencies and families – don’t hold families to more strict or punitive standards than you do community agencies
- Empowering community members with pathways to use their voice to make change – discussion about the over-use of the word “empowering”
- The ability to change systems and change patterns of behavior in order to achieve the results we want, rather than going about the same processes. The need to acknowledge that the systems and processes *have* to change in order to see changes in outcomes, not just setting different goals but going through the same processes
- “How do you move from community engagement to community empowerment... you get out of the way. Communities do not need to be ‘empowered’. They have power. We need to give them a pathway to exercise their power.” – Brittany Packnett; 2018 Strive Together Conference
- Discussion after meeting: There is a need for “systems thinking” training or orientation to the work. Making sure that we are looking critically at systems for the solutions to child maltreatment.

Useful documents:

Partner Bios:

- Feel free to start populating this document with your name and an organizational or personal bio to share with others.
- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16CFz6UR3xII1_GB0W9GCgtsIWvEx6bketnYtdz4jjwM/edit?usp=sharing

Notes on Strengths and Needs:

- A document starting to compile notes from informal meetings and conversations.
- <https://dcyf.box.com/s/r770yger6f7b138bpfpi66qdixgblj6a>



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SFL Website:

- <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/child-development-supports/sfwa/sf-locally>

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