

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES LOCALLY

9/28/20 Bremerton Planning Meeting Notes

In attendance:

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Updates:

1. **Partner Bios:** Feel free to share about yourself or your organization.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16CFz6UR3xll1_GB0W9GCgtsIWvEx6bketnYtdz4jjwM/edit?usp=sharing
2. **Notes on Strengths and Needs:** A document starting to compile notes from informal meetings and conversations.
<https://dcyf.box.com/s/r770yger6f7b138bpfpi66qdixgblj6a>
3. **Outreach documents:**
Flyer: https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/FS_0046.pdf
Website: <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/child-development-supports/sfwa/sf-locally>
4. **Save-the-date:** Systems Thinking Co-learning and Discussion (with Kitsap Strong)
11/19, 2-4 PM (*instead* of regular meeting)
5. **Sensemaker:** Contract in process
6. **Honorariums:** coming soon!
7. **Perigee fund:**
Family Well Being grant: <https://perigeefund.org/grants/family-wellbeing-grant-opportunity-reducing-stress-trauma-and-isolation/>

Goals

DYCF's goals in Strengthening Families Locally are:

1. Reduce rates of child maltreatment
2. Reduce rates of foster care entry
3. Eliminate racial disproportionalities in maltreatment and foster care entry in the target areas [*New/reintroduced goal as of the most recent Evaluation Plan*]
4. Increase community resilience
5. Develop a replicable community-driven prevention model

What other, "unstated" goals do you have for this group/project? What is bringing you to this table?



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Services

- Eliminate the need for Child Welfare
- Develop a life skills/parenting class
- Reduce the rates of mental health disorders and increase the use of therapeutic services before big behaviors show up.
- Support creative and respectful services that impact families.
- Partner with organizations to provide preventative therapy at no cost to clients.

Systems

- Connect with partners more effectively to create better services for families. Reduce “siloes” systems in the community.
- Advocate within state systems to change practices to be more trauma-informed and healing centered and aligned with science.
- Advocate for funding for “science-informed” practices, not just Evidence-Based. Science-informed will help in supporting resilience across cultures and working at the systems level, rather than individual.
- Expanded definition of what is a “therapeutic” service to align with neuroscience, and advocate for funding for effective therapies.
- Build the political will to pass something like “Best Starts for Kids” in King – a housing levy directed at family supports
- Develop a “strategic prevention plan” that will help with funding strategies and collaboration in the future

Knowledge

- Increase community awareness of equity issues, maltreatment rates, and the importance of social supports for families.
- Increase the number/percentage of organizations engaged in active efforts to become trauma-informed.
- More effectively utilize science/evidence to support families to stabilize themselves and build skills so children have more connected, stable experiences

We will review and revise these goals as we move forward.

Next meeting: 10/12 1:30-2:30

Topics: Review goals, Engagement planning

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