

# STRENGTHENING FAMILIES LOCALLY

## Clallam County Community Goals

### DCYF'S Goals for Strengthening Families Locally:

1. Reduce rates of child maltreatment
2. Reduce rates of foster care entry
3. Eliminate racial disproportionalities in maltreatment and foster care entry in target areas
4. Increase community resilience
5. Develop a replicable community-driven prevention model

In addition, Clallam county community members have shared the following:

#### Goals related to approach:

- To include clients and families receiving services in our decision making (RE: #5 above, "community driven")
- To increase cross-agency networking and communication.

#### Goals related to knowledge:

- To understand what circumstances make people most vulnerable to entering the child welfare system, and what supports will best help them.
- To understand our community's existing support systems.
- Identify and document existing services available to families.
- Understand how existing services do or do not promote family resilience.
- Understand how agencies are connected to and receiving referrals from one-another.

#### Goals related to activities:

- Support parental protective factors and child wellbeing at an individual, community, and structural level
- To support "natural supports" in the community – engage with families to assist in achieving a healthy lifestyle, together.
- Develop a community-driven "child maltreatment prevention" strategic plan that can be used to leverage other funding and resources



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