

Strengthen Families Locally

Supporting Community-Driven Solutions to Reduce Child Maltreatment

Strengthen Families Locally aims to increase family resilience and reduce rates of child maltreatment and entry into foster care in target communities. The Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) will partner with community organizations, schools, families, volunteers and others in local communities to achieve these outcomes. Funded by the Administration for Children and Families, this 5-year project started in 2019. Strengthen Families Locally is located in the Family Support Programs Division at DCYF.

Goals:

DCYF seeks to partner with the community in service areas to:

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

Principles:

1. Approaches will be strengths-based, culturally appropriate and inclusive
2. Mobilization will occur at multiple levels, including state government, local government, local non-profits, schools, families, volunteers, tribes, faith communities, etc., and will occur through a variety of means
3. We will work to develop trust and strengthen shared values
4. Our work will strengthen community organizations
5. Teams will develop a continuum of information, services and supports to strengthen families
6. Communities will target interventions for families with complex and co-occurring risks

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Current Service Areas:

- Bremerton
- Port Angeles/Sequim
- Spokane
- Stevens and Ferry Counties

How Can You Participate?

- Share a story to help strengthen families: <http://ourtomorro.ws/WADCYF>
- Serve on a local steering committee to design new approaches to build resilience and reduce child maltreatment
- Spread the word about Strengthen Families Locally!

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