

Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Program Consultants

DCYF's Division of Partnership, Prevention & Services has six regional Developmental Disability/Mental Health Program Consultants located throughout the state.



THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- ✔ Partnering with Regional Leads and providing consultations around client mental health and disability needs to Child Welfare Field Operations.
- ✔ Supporting DDA Eligibility requests
- ✔ Sharing resources
- ✔ Facilitating trainings
- ✔ Assisting in identifying and navigating access to appropriate resources for children and youth
- ✔ Supporting the work related to SHB 1061, which requires DCYF to hold Shared Planning Meetings for youth who are or may be eligible for DDA services when they are within 16 to 16.5 years of age.
- ✔ Assisting in case escalation to the Statewide Multi-Systems Rounds staffing.
- ✔ Collaborating with state and community partners including (but not limited to):
 - Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe) providers
 - Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BHASO)
 - Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)
 - Family Youth System Partner Round Table (FYSPRT)
 - Children's Long-term Inpatient Programs (CLIP)
 - Managed Care Organizations (MCO)
 - Police Departments
 - Designated Crisis Response teams (DCR)
 - Youth Behavioral Health Navigators



MEET THE CONSULTANTS



REGION 1

SAMANTHA HINGER

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Samantha has dedicated more than 10 years of her career supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs. She has expert knowledge in DDA policies and procedures and is an asset in navigating DDA eligibility requirements. Samantha is known for being eager to help and easily building rapport.

Originally from the Okanogan area, Samantha lives with her daughter and fiancée, and enjoys singing, playing video games, and puzzles.



REGION 4

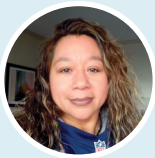
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Megan has worked for DCYF for more than five years, gaining experience as a Social Service Specialist, Social Health, and Program Consultant, Family Team Decision Making Facilitator, and most recently in Quality Assurance and Continuous Quality Improvement. She has professional experience in planning, administering, developing, and delivering social and health treatment service programs, and is a nationally certified Child Passenger Safety technician.

Originally hailing from Tucson, Arizona, Megan and her husband moved to the Pacific Northwest in 2018, and currently reside in Redmond.



REGION 2

MARIA PEREZ

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Maria brings a wealth of expertise with nearly 12 years of service in human service-related agencies and programs. She is a mental health professional with experience as a Designated Crisis Responder and has worked at DCYF for more than seven years both as a CPS Investigator and an Intake Specialist. Maria is known for being kind, helpful, and hardworking.

Maria was born in Mexico, and after moving to the United States at age 9, she grew up in the Wenatchee area. Maria and her son live with family in Kennewick.



REGION 5

JOHNNY HANSON

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Johnny comes to us most recently from Developmental Disabilities Administration and has more than 10 years of experience advocating for and working with individuals with developmental disabilities in residential, community, and employment settings. As a State Certified Peer Counselor, Johnny worked under the Opioid Use Reduction and Recovery Federal Grant, assisting individuals at the Lewis County Jail re-enter into the community setting.

A veteran of the United States Navy, Johnny lives with his three children in Lacey, where he can be found cheering them on in their sporting events and enjoying the outdoors.



REGION 3

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Joseph has dedicated more than eight years working with youth with developmental disabilities before coming to work for the state where he has helped youth and families navigate complex mental health and developmental needs. He has worked on a state and national level speaking to the importance of including youth in their plans and ensuring their voice is heard. Joseph is known for working to ensure a youth's voice is always present and that they are integral in their care and case plans.

Originally from the Belfair area, Joseph now lives with his husband and two dogs in Snohomish County. He enjoys Legos, trying new foods with friends, and amateur photography.



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DELTHA HUDSON

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Deltha has worked for DSHS and then DCYF for more than eight years with experience in Child Protective Services, Child/Family Welfare Services (CFWS), and most recently, CFWS - Adoptions. Deltha has lived experience from 10 years of being a licensed foster parent, and is known for being helpful, knowledgeable, and well connected to our cross-system partners.

Deltha and her husband have four adult children and six grandchildren. Deltha's greatest enjoyment in life is her grandchildren, followed by going on off-the-grid adventures to fulfill their love of dispersed camping.

To view a map of regions and counties served, see the publication *DCYF Regional Structure Map* (COMM_0008) available online at www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/COMM_0008.

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