# Children's Council of Skagit County

### Goal

Promote optimal health and development for children prenatal through age 8.

### **Focus Areas**

 Communication, collaboration, and education about early childhood and learning supports with families, caregivers, and other stakeholders.
Safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments

3. Kindergarten readiness across all domains

### **Strategic Activities**

- Function as an advisory board.
- Strengthen local coordination across groups, organizations and agencies supporting young children and families from prenatal through age 8.
- Support parents as their children's first and most important teachers.
- Provide educational opportunities to early learning professionals.
- Strengthen the collaboration between child care, preschool, and elementary education professionals and systems.
- Increase awareness of the importance of early childhood and learning.
- Increase communication about early childhood and learning supports with families, caregivers and other stakeholders.

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Bringing community members and agencies together to empower and enrich the lives of young children and their families in Skagit County.

### Values

Respect & Integrity Equality & Equity Diversity & Inclusivity High Standards of Quality Connectivity & Partnership Continuous Growth Curiosity, Creativity, & Playfulness

### **Meetings**

Join us on the second Wednesday of the month from 9:00 – 10:30AM at the Family Resource Center Community Room at 320 Pacific Place in Mount Vernon.

#### **Our Board**

Cate Anderson, Chair Children's Museum, Director

Mary Ellen Lykins, Vice Chair Skagit/Islands Head Start & ECEAP, Director

> Beth Bermani, Secretary Mount Vernon Library, Children's Librarian

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