

# STRENGTHEN FAMILIES LOCALLY



## Community Prevention Plan Brief – Bremerton

### About this Strong Community Network:

The Bremerton SFL network has been meeting since August of 2020, with a transition to local facilitation from [PAVE](#) since August of 2021. The network meets monthly and includes local parents, volunteers, and community agencies. (For a full list of partners, see the [SFL Website](#)). The community network has focused on incorporating parent and community voice through Community Cafes as well as an Outreach working group.

### Community Needs Identified:

- High disproportionality for BIPOC, especially Black/African American families entering child welfare
- Lack of cultural competency/relevance in providers offering family services
- Need to share and hear community and family stories to shape services

### Priority Strategies:

Addressing systems bias and inequity:

1. Develop training to address bias within the Intake process
2. Develop extensions for existing trainings that address inherent bias
3. Develop/invite BIPOC providers in community to mentor intake staff

Compile and distribute data on intake disproportionality:

4. Invite data compilation that pulls in broader community data sources
5. Create a data compilation that shows trends in disproportionality across sectors
6. Develop a one page graphic to use to “tell the story” to the greater community and systems

Provide safe, trusted places for teens and adolescents to build protective factors – build a network of mentors

7. Expand community mentor groups
8. Provide resources to expand existing programs
9. Link the network of existing programs so that they can provide a broader scope of options for families
10. Link navigator network with the lists of activities to share with families

Solidify Community Cafes to inform family support work in the community – conversations about protective factors, transportation, food scarcity; provide access to the stories of the community

11. Link Community Café work to existing events
12. Generate interest through community celebrations
13. Link with existing programs, needs assessment, etc.



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