



City of Bellevue

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 2020

TO: Human Services Commission Members

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Agenda Item for February 19, 2020 Commission Meeting

Child Care Systems Issues: Washington State, King County, East King County

In the 2019 Human Services Needs Update phone/online survey, lack of affordable childcare was rated highly as community (51%) and household (25%) major/moderate problems. To learn more about the systems issues that may be driving this increased need and possible solutions to address it, we have invited two Subject Matter Experts to this Commission meeting:

Deeann Puffert, former Executive Director of Child Care Resources, is currently CEO of Child Care Aware (CCA) of Washington. She guides strategic vision for the statewide CCA WA system by working collaboratively with their [six regional Child Care Aware of Washington regions](#) and a multitude of early learning and community partners. Deeann will talk about Statewide child care trends and issues.

Phoebe Anderson is Chief Operations Officer and Co-Interim CEO of Child Care Resources (CCR), the King County child care resource and referral agency. The City of Bellevue provides funding to two CCR programs, Child Care Resource and Referral and Child Care Scholarships. Phoebe will not be discussing these two programs specifically but instead will be talking about systems issues related to child care affordability and availability in King County and East King County.

Please let me know if you have any questions prior to the meeting and there will be time included in the presentation for Commissioners to ask questions of the presenters.