**Data Overview**

- 42% of child abuse and neglect cases in WA were for children under 3
- Of all children who go into care, 25.6% are infants under 1. The second highest rate in the county
- Disproportionate child welfare involvement among American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) and Black children aged 0-2
  - Even though the total filings in COVID have gone down, young children are still the largest group coming into care
- Data and Evaluation Advisory Group
  - Provide guidance and professional advice about program design, development of program indicators and measures of success

**Background and Accomplishments**

- CCYJ was approached by ZZT to expand baby courts in Washington State
- CCYJ worked with statewide stakeholder to develop a plan to expand the number of courts and develop a statewide structure
- Addressing racial disproportionality and safe family reunification
- Sites:
  - Kitsap County
Funding has been extended through September 2022 and a new funding opportunity to be released in Feb 2022
- WA state legislature created new funding stream for AOC
- SB 5331 Codifies Standardization of Early Childhood Court Programs
- Two Key components: Early Childhood Courts and Systems Change Initiative
  - This group will focus on systems change initiatives
- Role of SAB
  - Identify key statewide priorities
  - Provide high level strategy
  - Champion for ECC programs
  - Center equity

**Exercise**
Members were asked to share what they can contribute to the State Advisory Board. Specifically, participants were asked, “what brings you to the table?”

**Setting Priorities**
- CCYJ was approached by ZZT to expand baby courts in Washington State
- What are the key, statewide priorities that the State Advisory Board should set?
- Looking at other states:
  - Arkansas
    - Substance Use
    - Father Engagement
    - Re-entry
    - Domestic Violence
  - NJ
    - Housing
- Ideas can include but not limited to:
  - Identifying gaps and equitable access to resources
  - Expansion of ECC sites
  - Funding sustainability
  - Prevention
  - Legislative Asks
- Break into Small Groups, to discuss:
  - What do you want to see for Washington’s ECC priorities?
  - How is racial equity and parent reunification incorporated into these priorities?
  - What further information do you need? (data, reports from courts or current ECC sites, or anything else) to make an informed decision?
- Small Group Report Outs Emerging Priorities
  - Group 1 (Sarah, Rachel, Michael, Judge Mansfield)
    - Families health and mental health
• Partnering with Providers of Color
• Medical provider to inform that work
• Focus on Housing
• Referral system
• Understanding lessons learned from Florida and New Jersey
• Partnerships with Key priorities
  o Group 2 (Katie, Trey, Alissa, Sheila)
    ▪ Parent Child Relationship (with the perspective of Social Worker)
    ▪ Impacts of the Trauma of the System
    ▪ Question about data, why are there so many infants being removed?
    ▪ Know more about the intake process, are we reaching marginalized populations
    ▪ Childhood court pre-dependency??
  o Group 3 (Kelly, Judge Henderson, Dorothy, Erinn, Julie)
    ▪ Housing
    ▪ Affordable housing
    ▪ How do you navigate the complex system that is housing?
    ▪ Relationships with Landlords
    ▪ Pay off Bills
    ▪ Housing Connection programs in King County
    ▪ Connecting folks to housing programs through HCA
    ▪ Visitation and Family time (coaching)
  o Group 4 (Steve, Kim, Lisa, Christine, Morgan)
    ▪ How do families come into the system?
    ▪ Racial disproportionately
    ▪ Mandatory reporting to mandatory supporting
    ▪ Effort happening at DCYF
    ▪ Service delivery from prevention through dependency
    ▪ Substance use treatment

Next Steps
• Meetings will occur once per quarter, with the understanding that we will work via email
• Will focus on working towards determining our statewide priorities
• Help us figure out who is not here - please reach out with ideas of who else can join SAB