

Snohomish County Community Team

The Snohomish County Community Team is a group of key administrators and decision-makers of public and private children/youth serving organizations, parents, youth, children/youth advocates and other community representatives including businesses, non-profit organizations and churches. **The primary purpose of the Community Team is to assist children, youth, and families by facilitating operational changes in the current service delivery systems to more effectively meet their needs.** The intent is to minimize on-going and additional system involvement for those children and youth who are, or might be, considered "at risk" of requiring greater system and professional involvement.

The Team meets on a monthly basis to hear cases presented by a child and family team whose members have been providing direct service to the family. The child and family team may consist of a DSHS social worker, school counselor, mental health worker, DCFS case manager, classroom teacher, public health or school nurse, Division of Developmental Disabilities case worker, a parole officer, or other supporters who have been involved with the family. In most cases, with the help of the child and family team, the family has tried every support or service known to them in Snohomish County, but due to barriers inherent in the service delivery system or financial constraints, the child and family team feels it has reached a dead end.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The family, parent or guardian resides in Snohomish County.
- The child/youth is under the age of 18, or in some instances, under 21.
- The child/youth has been involved with multiple service systems.

Additional requirements include one or more of below:

- The child/youth is in the process of or at risk of being placed out of the community.
- The family is unable to provide care of child/youth due to high stress levels involved in caring for their special emotional, physical, or intellectual needs
- Additional support is necessary to facilitate a Child's re-entry into the community from a more restrictive setting.

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