



## KITSAP COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENDA January 8, 2026, 4:30-6:00pm

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**In Person Meeting** 507 Austin Ave., Port Orchard

### THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOARD IS TO:

**Advise** County Commissioners and residents on the needs of children, youth, and families based on periodic assessments

**Facilitate** Coordination of information among agencies to maximize resources

**Advocate** for an environment that fosters healthy, self-sufficient, responsible, and productive children, youth and families

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| <b>4:30</b> | <b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>                       |
| <b>4:40</b> | <b>APPROVAL - MINUTES/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA</b>       |
| <b>4:50</b> | <b>YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS</b>                      |
| <b>5:00</b> | <b>PRESENTATION – KITSAP REGIONAL LIBRARY</b>            |
| <b>5:40</b> | <b>PROJECT UPDATES &amp; ACTIVITIES</b>                  |
| <b>5:50</b> | <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT (3 min. limit)</b>       |
| <b>6:00</b> | <b>ADJOURNMENT &amp; NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 5, 2026</b> |

To provide public comment during the meeting, click on the hand icon at the bottom of the screen to “raise your hand.” The chair or designee will call upon the attendee to speak at the designated time. Public comment may also be submitted in advance to be read by staff or the chair during the meeting. Email comments by 12:00 p.m. the day before the meeting to [Lhyde@kitsap.gov](mailto:Lhyde@kitsap.gov).

**Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth  
AGENDA BRIEFING – January 8, 2026**

**4:30 P.M. –6:00 P.M.**

**The meeting link is provided on the agenda and on our webpage  
[kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/CCY-Advisory-Board.aspx](https://kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/CCY-Advisory-Board.aspx)**

**4:30 p.m. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Co-Chairpersons Abigail Stevenson and Elsa Drugge will welcome attendees and facilitate brief introductions. The board will meet virtually and in person..

**4:40 p.m. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

December Meeting Minutes will be approved and any changes to the January Agenda will be approved.

**4:50 p.m. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Youth Representatives on the Commission and youth guests will have an opportunity to update the Commission on youth issues and activities in their community.

**5:00 p.m. PRESENTATION – Kitsap Regional Library**

Kari Drislell and Glenna Matteson of the Kitsap Regional Library will share information about the work that was done with the funds they were awarded through our grant *Programs That Prevent and Reduce the Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) Through Building Resiliency* awarded to them this year.

**5:30 p.m. PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIVITIES**

The leadership team and staff will offer project updates and upcoming activities.

**5:50 p.m. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)**

Members of the board & the public will announce events & share comments.

**6:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:**

The next monthly meeting will be held on February 5, 2026, the first Thursday of the month.

## **Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth**

### **MINUTES December 4, 2025**

The Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth meeting was held on Thursday December 4, 2025, from 4:30 -6:00 p.m. The board met online via Zoom. Abigail Stevenson facilitated this meeting and called the meeting to order. Laura Hyde served as staff and recorder.

#### **I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Board Co-chairperson Abigail Stevenson called the meeting to order and asked members and guests for self-introductions. It was noted that Elsa Drugge will be attending briefly as she has a basketball game. Attendees offered introductions.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

November, meeting minutes were approved and entered into the record. The December Agenda was approved.

#### **III. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

The youth present offered youth representative reports to the board.

#### **IV. PRESENTATION – KITSAP SUICIDE AWARENESS COALITION**

Shay Peters was set to present at this meeting about the Kitsap Suicide Awareness Coalition but did not attend the meeting and did not present. Laura reached out to her but there was no response. Laura will reach out again after the meeting to reschedule her presentation.

#### **V. PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIVITIES**

Laura Hyde shared information about the planning of the Youth Forum. We will be moving the Youth Forum to March, and the plan is that it will be held during the school day. Transportation and coordination with schools will be necessary. It was decided to continue the discussion next month. Laura will send out information about the Planning meetings.

#### **VII. ANNOUNCEMENT/PUBLIC COMMENT**

The board and guests shared announcements. We are currently recruiting Youth Board Representatives.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2026. We plan to meet in hybrid mode with the online meeting via zoom and in-person at the Kitsap County Department of Human Services office located at 507 Austin Ave. Port Orchard.

#### **VIII. ATTENDANCE**

COMMISSION MEMBERS	STAFF	GUESTS
Abigail Stevenson	Laura Hyde	Aldrin Villahermosa II
Elsa Drugge		Deanna Bush
Meghan Cuscuna		Jerylin Fong
Cathy Adams Bomar		Stephanie Thelen
Brendon Taga		Alexander Goins
Amanda Williamson		
Barb Santos		
Courtney Oliver		
Absent		
Cooper Stevenson		
Bethany Wecks		
Natasha Facticeau Minger		
Tiffany Hye		
Elisabeth Nilsson		
Kimberly Riley		
Crista Magneson		

# HearMeWA

The Attorney General's Office is recruiting members for the HearMeWA Youth Advisory Group.

The HearMeWA Youth Advisory Group was created to ensure that HearMeWA is and stays youth centered.

Members will be compensated for their time and effort and will provide input on the HearMeWA program. Meetings take place on Zoom and the dates and times are below:

- Tuesday, February 17th 2026, 6pm
- Tuesday, April 21st 2026, 6pm
- Tuesday, June 16th 2026, 6pm
- Tuesday, August 18th 2026, 6pm
- Tuesday, October 20th 2026, 6pm
- Tuesday, December 15th 2026, 6pm

**APPLY  
TODAY**



## Be part of the Youth Advisory Group

Youth will have the opportunity to:

- **Be in conversation** with their peers and make suggestions when it comes to HearMeWA's outreach and engagement and program feedback.
- **Gain leadership opportunities** by facilitating and conducting meetings, composing notes, and holding the group accountable to its purpose and community agreements.
- **Become more knowledgeable** and conscious about community issues and the larger factors that affect youth lives.
- **Provide a youth perspective** to the HearMeWA Program.
- **Represent the HearMeWA Youth Advisory Group** at events to create awareness about the program.

Youth between the ages of 10-25 who reside in Washington State can apply to be a member. Youth who are motivated and committed to learning and addressing issues related to youth, have a vision for the future, and are not afraid to voice their opinions in a respectful way are highly encouraged to apply.

Information youth provide during meetings and in this application could be subject to public records requests. Youth must have access to a smart phone or a computer for Zoom meetings.

**The deadline to submit an application is the end of the day, January 2nd, 2026. Applications will be thoroughly reviewed and applicants can expect to hear about their submission by January 22nd, 2026.**



The Kitsap Youth Rally for Human Rights will be held on **Tuesday, March 24, 2026**, at **Olympic College, Bremerton Campus**. This year's school host is Olympic High School.

**The theme for 2026 is 'Be Your Own Influencer.'**

**What's a Youth Rally?** It's a gathering of students from all over the Kitsap Peninsula, with music and student-led workshops about social justice and human rights. The Rally is sponsored by Kitsap Safe Schools Network.

**What will the schedule be at the Rally ?** On-site check-in of registered student groups in the Bremer Center at Olympic College starts at 8 AM, the programming starts at 8:50 AM (with *three* breakout session *and* snacks), and the rally is over at 1:20 PM. The lunch period will be exclusively devoted to giving time for students to browse outreach tables from community organizations.

We are pleased to announce that **we are now accepting registrations for student groups and proposals for breakout sessions**. Here are the links to the forms:

[\*\*2026 Kitsap Youth Rally Breakout Session Proposal - DUE January 16\*\*](#)

[\*\*2026 Kitsap Youth Rally Registration Form - DUE February 13\*\*](#)

[\*\*Kitsap Youth Rally Slide Show\*\*](#)