



## Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth Meeting Agenda

Date: June 4, 2026

Time: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85490676361>

Meeting ID: 854 9067 6361 Passcode: 790586

Join by Phone:

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Join in person: 507 Austin Ave. Port Orchard

### Purpose of the Commission

- 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 environments that support healthy, self-sufficient, responsible, and productive children, youth, and families

### Agenda

4:30 PM — Welcome and Introductions

4:40 PM — Approval of Minutes and Amendments to the Agenda

4:50 PM — Youth Representative Reports

5:00 PM — Presentation: Jessie Padilla, CPST | Child Safety Educator

Center for Childhood Safety | Mary Bridge Children's

5:30 PM — Project Updates and Activities

5:50 PM — Announcements and Public Comment  
(3-minute limit per speaker)

6:00 PM — Adjournment and Next Meeting (TBD, 2026)

### Public Comment Instructions

To provide public comments during the meeting:

Use the "Raise Hand" feature in Zoom. The Chair or designee will call on you to speak at the appropriate time. To submit public comments in advance:

Email comments by 12:00 PM the day before the meeting. Send to: [Lhyde@kitsap.gov](mailto:Lhyde@kitsap.gov).

Comments may be read aloud by staff or the Chair during the meeting

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

**Date:** May 7, 2026

**Time:** 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual (Zoom)

### **Meeting Overview**

The Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth meeting was held on Thursday, May 7, 2026. The meeting was conducted online via Zoom.

**Facilitator:** Abigail Stevenson

**Staff/Recorder:** Laura Hyde

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Board Co-Chair Abigail Stevenson called the meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves. It was noted that Abigail Stevenson was unable to attend.

### **2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

- April meeting minutes were approved and entered into the record.
- The May agenda was approved.

### **3. Youth Representative Reports**

We did not have any youth representatives present and reports were postponed until next month. All youth shared that they all had prior commitments.

### **4. Grant Request for Proposal (RFP) – Recommendations**

Laura Hyde and Abigail Stevenson shared about the committee’s recommendations and process for the 2026 grant titled: **“Programs That Prevent and Reduce the Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Through Building Resiliency.”**

- The board voted to approve the recommendations of the committee.

### **5. Project Updates and Activities**

### **6. Announcements and Public Comment**

- Board members and guests shared announcements.
- Recruitment is ongoing for Youth Board Representatives.

### **7. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** June 4, 2026

**Format:** Hybrid (online and in-person)

## **9. Attendance**

### **Commission Members Present**

- Abigail Stevenson
- Meghan Cuscuna
- Kimberly Riley
- Brendon Taga
- Barb Santos

### **Staff**

- Laura Hyde

### **Guests**

- Stephanie Thelen

### **Members Absent**

- Elsa Drugge
- Bethany Wecks
- Natasha Facticeau Minger
- Tiffany Hye
- Elisabeth Nilsson
- Cooper Stevenson
- Crista Magneson
- Amanda Williamson
- Meghan Cuscuna
- Cathy Adams Bomar



# FUTURE FOCUSED SUMMER ACADEMY

## Monday-Thursday | July 20-30

A free summer program on the Olympic College, Bremerton campus where **students entering sixth grade in fall 2026 will:**



- improve self-regulation skills
- learn about goal setting and hope
- explore personal strengths and values
- explore career and college pathways
- build community

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# SOUTH KITSAP STORYTELLERS *summit*

*Celebrating*  
*Reading, Writing and the*  
*Voices That Inspire Us*



**MARCUS WHITMAN  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
10AM – 3PM  
AUGUST 22, 2026**

# STORYTELLERS *summit*

We are honored to invite you to be part of something truly special—the inaugural South Kitsap Storytellers Summit!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Port Gamble S'Klallam Foundation, the South Kitsap School District is hosting a vibrant, district wide K–12 literacy celebration designed to uplift student voices and spark a lifelong love of reading and writing. This event is especially meaningful to us as we work to ensure that students—particularly those of color—have the opportunity to see themselves reflected in the stories they read and the authors they meet.

**We would be delighted to have you join us on Saturday, August 22, 2026, 10AM–3PM at Marcus Whitman Middle School in Port Orchard, WA.**

The South Kitsap Storytellers Summit will be a dynamic, community-centered event where you'll have the opportunity to connect directly with both student and adult attendees.

The day will include:

- Meaningful opportunities to meet and interact with families, students, and invited authors
- Connections with community partners like the Kitsap Regional Library, KIAC, Communities In Schools, and many more.
- Engagement with local literacy advocates including Barnes & Noble, Follett, and local and regional independent booksellers
- A festive atmosphere with food trucks, games, and free literacy resources for families

We are especially excited to welcome our keynote speaker, Jamie Ford—author of *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* and a proud Marcus Whitman alum—whose work continues to inspire readers of all ages.

This summit is more than an event—it's a chance to ignite imagination, build community, and empower the next generation of storytellers. We hope you'll consider joining us in creating an unforgettable experience for our students and families.

**If you or your organization are interested in hosting a booth, making a donation, volunteering, or otherwise supporting the Storytellers Summit, please contact:**

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May is National Adolescent Health Month™ and the Department of Health (DOH) has a new training for you to check out. It was a youth led project.

The 30-minute skill session called [\*\*Responding to youth loneliness: A strengths-based approach\*\*](#) is modeled after the [Adolescent Health Initiative's Sparks Trainings](#) and helps participants:

- \* Recognize how loneliness can show up in youth, understand how social media may impact a young person's sense of self, and practice using empathy and strengths-based language.

Find the skill session *on our WA Portal page*: [Committed to Action! | Healthier Washington Collaboration Portal](#). Please share widely!

Want more resources to support young people?

- \* Check out [our list of resources](#) for youth-serving providers.
- \* Request a presentation to learn more about the Youth Advisory Council or [Teen Health Hub WA](#) by emailing [AdolescentHealthUnit@doh.wa.gov](mailto:AdolescentHealthUnit@doh.wa.gov).
- \* Read the latest [YAC report](#) to learn about the public health priorities of young people in Washington.
- \* Share [Teen Health Hub WA](#) one-pagers with youth-serving providers and professionals. They are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) on our WA Portal page.