

Snohomish County Boards & Commissions Application Form

SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM

NOMINEE: Please fill in this section

Name of Board/Commission: Children's Commission

1st Reappointment

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

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Current Employer YWCA Seattle I King I Snohomish

Occupation Regional Director of Administration

Education BA Early Childhood Education

Licenses held (if applicable) N/A

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? I would like to be re-appointed to continue serving in this commission because I believe in this commission's philosophy and vision. And, because I believe children are our most precious and valuable resource and it is our duty to make sure

that all children have an equitable opportunity and access to food, shelter and education. Because I love children and I care.

Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission.

I believe my personal and professional experience can be an asset to this commission. I'm a Hispanic, born and raised in poverty; retired military family and an immigrant. I have over 25 years of experience working with children and families experiencing many barriers. I have been a resident of Snohomish County for 18 years. I have been employed at the YWCA in Snohomish County for the last 15 years serving homeless families and their children, 5 of those providing direct services to single parents involved with the child-welfare system and experiencing substance abuse. I'm currently the Regional Director of Administration overseeing contracts and programs compliance in the Snohomish County for all PSH, RRH, ES programs and affordable housing and specialized services. Currently direct supervisor for Homeward House Collaborative a program serving parents and infants affected by the Opioid epidemic (and other substance abuse) and at risk or involved with the child-welfare services; Parents For Parents a mentorship program for parents involved in a court dependency case; Landlord Engagement Project reaching to landlords and helping hard to place families and individuals to secure rental units and the Data Team. And 6 years' experience as Domestic Violence Children's Advocate (3 with DVS), 3 years pre-school education and 10 years as Kindergarten Teacher

Please list community involvement/volunteer activities

Co-Chair Homeless Policy Task Force; member of the WA State and Snohomish County Parent Advocacy Committee; organizer of the Annual Reunification Picnic and Annual Christmas party (serving 100 plus Snohomish County child welfare system involved families); Lead for the United Way Homeward House Collaborative program, Lead Partner for the Improving School Attendance Collaborative. Work in partnership with many agencies and systems within Snohomish County in a daily basis, including the school system. Attend PAT and MMCHCC meetings on and off.

How did you learn of this opportunity?

From Children's Commission member Karen Matson

Do you currently serve on a Snohomish County board or commission?*

Yes

**2.03.060SCC - Candidates for appointment to county boards or commission must meet the following requirements:*

(1) Possess qualifications for the appointment sought, as shown by the candidate's written documentation and any hearing testimony;

(2) If a reappointment, demonstrate the continuing benefits of retaining the board member as discussed in the executive's recommendation and a satisfactory attendance record, as determined by adopted criteria of the particular board;

(3) Reside or work in Snohomish County, or show evidence of special interest in Snohomish County, PROVIDED That a candidate may not be a County employee.

****Please be advised, effective January 1, 2022 individuals joining identified boards and commissions will be required to pass a background check.**

By signing this Application Form, Nominee acknowledges that he/she will comply with all county policies, county code, and state law. Nominee also acknowledges that any record, including personal e-mail, prepared, owned, used, or retained by Nominee in the conduct of Board/Commission business is a public record, and Nominee agrees to produce said records to County upon request. Failure to comply with the above provisions may result in Nominee's removal from Board/Commission.

Signature Argelia Grassfield

Date 3/23/2022

Please attach resume if available and either submit this form or print it and mail to *Field not completed.*

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