

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

New Appointment

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

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Name Shakima L. Tozay

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Current Employer Department of Navy

Occupation Social Worker

Education Master of Social Work (MSW), University of Washington, Tacoma

Licenses held (if applicable) Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? I want to serve on the Children's Commission because I want to raise awareness and advocate for children and families across the lifespan. Through my service, I want to advise on

matters affecting children and families in areas such as housing and homelessness, suicide prevention, Special education and mental health related challenges. I also would like to spread more knowledge about perinatal mental health, pregnancy and infant loss, maternal and infant mortality and its impact on Black Indigenous and People of Color. It is my hope that through my service on the Commission I can contribute to policy decisions, make policy recommendations, create safe spaces for community members to weigh-in and raise concerns. Serving on the board would also give me more experience in policy, County government, legislative processes and community advocacy. This service is also an opportunity to build collaborative leadership skills and influence local government and policies.

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

I live and work in Snohomish County. I am a licensed Clinical Social Worker, I have over 16 years of Social Services experience in Federal Government, non-profit and private sectors as a Military Social Worker, Youth Residential Counselor for Cocoon House, School Para-educator and mental health counselor and substance abuse residential counselor. I am also starting a Private Practice focused on mental health counseling and professional coaching services for individuals and families. I have experience in Advocacy in areas of Domestic Violence, Suicide Prevention, Perinatal Mental Health and Youth homelessness. I have lived experience with perinatal mental health, loss and family-related mental health experiences. I also have expertise in Trauma Informed Care organizational and provider practice principles.

Please list community involvement/volunteer activities

I currently serve on a number of state and county community and non-profit boards to include Perinatal Support Washington, Return to Zero, Hope and the Snohomish County Perinatal Mental health Taskforce and Snohomish County Children's Wellness Coalition. I volunteer time to advocate and educate other professionals about the maternal health crisis.

How did you learn of this opportunity?

I learned about this opportunity through personal research and Courtney Wooten, current Vice Chair of the Children's Commission. I also had informational meetings with Karen O'Meara Pullen about the SCCC and other boards of interest.

Do you currently serve on a No
Snohomish County board or
commission?*

**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 Shakima L. Tozay

Date 3/5/2022

Please attach resume if available and either submit this form or print it and mail to [Childrens Commission Resume-S.Tozzay.pdf](#)

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