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WELCOME 2023

From: Bailey Zydek, CRP Program Manager

It is a new, exciting year for children's representation in the State of Washington and I am excited to announce that we have staffed our second cohort of counties mandated to be operational under 2SHB 1219, codified at RCW 13.34.212. As of January, all children 8-17 in dependencies and all children 0-17 whose parents are subject to termination proceedings in Benton, Franklin, Yakima, Walla Walla, and Kittitas counties will have (subject to the assignment procedures delineated in RCW 13.34.212) quality legal representation at public expense.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the attorneys who will be representing kids in the above-named counties: Michelle Trombley, Susan Henwood, Kathleen Moreno, Paula Davenport, Cathy Busha, Ryan McPherson, Ify Amadioha, Brandon Crawford, Kindra Crawford, Bridie Hood, Bailey Black, Sarah Duross-Porto and Jayson Thibodaux. In addition, we have hired Jeffrey Adams as our CRP Training Coordinator. His experience and enthusiasm are a welcome addition to our growing team, and we are eager to announce our training initiatives and opportunities in the coming months.

Lastly, Katie Maucione will be going on maternity leave, starting January 17, 2023 and it set to return in June. Katherine Kameron has generously agreed to fill in for Katie while she is gone. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Katherine in Katie's absence.

As always, we appreciate you and your dedication to this our cause!

WA MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSONS

Six months into implementation of Washington's missing Indigenous persons alert system, 22 of 31 missing persons have been located, but work remains to be done. To read the fill article by Luna Reyna as released in the December 28, 2022 issue of Seattle Crosscut, click [here](#).

THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT LITIGATION

The 1978 law aims to keep Native children in Indigenous homes. But a SCOTUS ruling in *Haaland V. Brackeen* could render it moot — and set a consequential precedent. By Luna Reyna, December 15, 2022. Read the full article [here](#).

If you are interested, the audio and transcript of the oral argument before the Supreme Court of the United States, it can be found [here](#).

MONEY FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families will provide over \$386 Million to Child Care Providers Across WA State. For more information, click [here](#).

LEGISLATIVE AND CASE LAW UPDATES

Child Welfare Bills

A couple of bills being considered this legislative session that may be of interest to youth counsel include SB 5124 (the guardianship subsidy) and SB 5028 (name changes).

Read about them here: [SB 5124](#) | [SB 5028](#)

Case Law Updates

[Henderson v. Thompson](#) (Supreme Court, Oct. 20, 2022). A groundbreaking opinion regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion. A great article on the opinion can be found [here](#).

[In the Matter of the Dependency of JDH](#) (Div III, Jan. 10, 2023) **Unpublished Opinion**. In JDH, the appellate court declined to review the appellants claim that she was deprived the right of counsel during a fact-finding trial held by Zoom because of an inadequate record.

CRP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those interested in reading about the CRP's current budget requests can do so here: [FY 23 CRP Supplemental Budget](#)
[FY 23-25 CRP Operating Budget for HB 1219](#)
[FY 23-25 Contractor Vendor Rate Adjustment](#)


[WA STATE WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT](#)

Low-income families could be eligible for up to a \$1200 tax credit if they meet certain requirements. Applications will be available starting in February. More information is available [here](#).


WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT

A new tax credit for Washington workers.


Apply in 2023 if you:




Lived in Washington state over half the year in 2022.



Filed a federal tax return with a social security number (SSN) or an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN).




Are between 25 and 65 years old or have qualifying children.



Have low-to-moderate income.

Up to **\$1,200** cash back in your hands!
 See if you're eligible → WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov



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