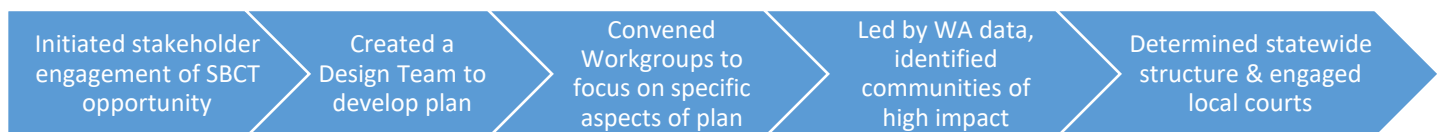


## Bringing the Safe Baby Court Team Approach to Washington State

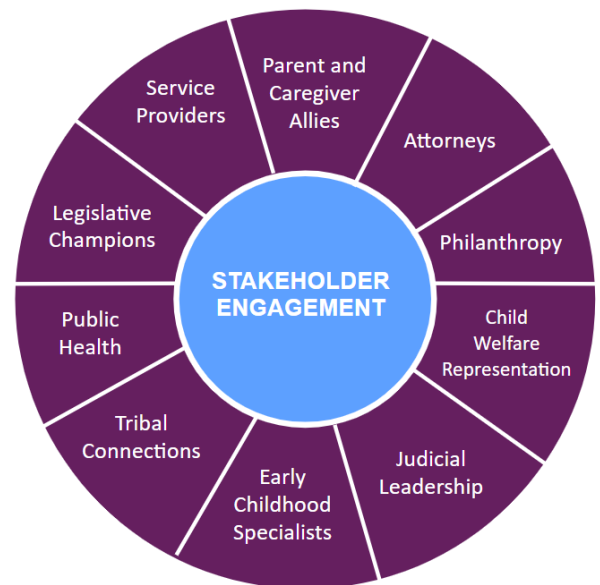
In January 2020, the Center for Children and Youth Justice (CCYJ) was asked to determine the possibility of a statewide expansion of the Safe Babies Court Team™ approach (SBCT) in Washington State. CCYJ was tasked with developing a sustainable, long-term strategy rooted in stakeholder commitment, incorporating a legislative agenda, and supporting statewide fidelity.

An intensive, four-month process ensued, leveraging the expertise of 50+ stakeholders from across Washington State. Over the course of multiple meetings and through participation in a variety of workgroups, a robust statewide implementation plan was developed. Utilizing the information developed by the Design Team, CCYJ additionally applied for and secured seed funding to launch three new sites in fall 2020.

### Strategic Implementation



- Built momentum through a clear and inclusive process, grounded in parent voice
- Engaged a wide variety of partners to develop a plan that comprehensively identifies challenges and strengths specific to Washington State
- Integrated race and equity into all aspects of the process
- Developed affinity workgroups to address various aspects of implementation, including:
  - Local Implementation
  - State Team Development
  - Data and Evaluation
  - Messaging
  - Legislative Strategy
  - Sustainability and Funding
- Utilized data to support site evaluation and selection
- Ensured all voices were represented, with a particular focus on parent allies and caregivers



CCYJ has partnered with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to support the implementation process, and our agencies are currently working with key stakeholders from across the state in order to implement this approach in Washington. This includes partners from the judiciary, legislative leadership, child welfare, parent allies, early learning, community service providers and community stakeholders. Three new sites have already been established – **Kitsap, Thurston, and Spokane** counties. These sites are currently being funded through the US Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), through funding obtained by CCYJ in a competitive grant process.