



SBCT Updates

Implementation Updates

CCYJ applied for – and was awarded funding – to expand the SBCT approach in **Kitsap, Thurston, and Spokane** counties, and – through a collaboration with the Washington Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) – lead the statewide work. Over the past few months, we have been focused on the contracting process (between CCYJ and ZERO TO THREE; and subaward agreements between CCYJ, the AOC, and the three sites).

At the same time, the **sites have started to ramp up internally:**

- **Hiring and Orienting Community Coordinators.** Thurston and Spokane have hired for the Community Coordinator position. Kitsap's Community Coordinator position is posted; their commissioners are scheduled to sign the contract in early January and will hire soon thereafter. The AOC will be posting their position shortly.
- **Collaborating directly with ZTT.** ZTT has supported sites in identifying members for site-based Learning Collaboratives (a team of individuals participating in in-depth trainings and workshops) and Site Leadership Teams (responsible for making day-to-day decisions at each site). ZTT will meet consistently with each team to provide support on tasks and processes necessary to launch the approach. ZTT expects to formally begin trainings in January.

Other **key activities** have included:

- **Ensuring connection and communication across sites.** CCYJ and AOC have had an initial kick-off meeting with each site to introduce each other and become grounded in the work. We also met with the newly hired Community Coordinators in Thurston and Spokane counties.

- **Mapping out the roles of the Statewide Coordinators.** CCYJ and AOC attended the first Statewide Coordinators learning session led by ZTT. This peer-to-peer training outlined the Statewide Coordinator’s role in implementation, and the relationship between the state and local sites.
- **Engaging with potential new sites.** We have engaged with three counties expressing enthusiasm in implementing this approach. Each have noted that the significant barrier to launch is a lack of funding, an issue we keep in mind as we continue to consider options for ongoing sustainability. To note, two of these counties are signed up to join National ZTT trainings and Community of Practice calls for Judicial Leadership.

Legislative Updates

CCYJ is continuing to collaborate with legislative champions to propose a new bill in 2021. We are working together to draft a bill that promotes the statewide standardization of the SBCT approach, using Florida’s legislation, [HB 1105](#), as a framework. Recognizing the financial impact of COVID-19, this bill does not include a fiscal note, but instead uses the SBCT approach to be the framework across sites in Washington, with the hopes of paving the pathway for future funding opportunities.

Resource Hub

Reading

- **Attached Document:** The Safe Babies Court Team Approach: Responding to the Needs of Babies, Toddlers, and Families in the Child Welfare System
- **Evaluation Findings:** Changing the Trajectories of Children in Foster Care: The Safe Babies Court Team Evaluation
- **Article:** Washington State Is on Pathway to Change Institutional Racism in Foster Care System

Education Opportunities

Upcoming:

- Continuing the Dialogue: Infants and Toddlers Face Racism Too
 - Thursday 12/17, 2:00-3:00 PM ET
 - [Details and registration found here](#)

Previously Recorded:

- Meeting Parents Where They Are and Utilizing Evidence-Based Interventions to Support Families with Complex Trauma
 - [Link to recording here](#)

Interested in Learning More?

For more information on the SBCT Approach and the current work expanding it to Washington State, visit our newly updated website or send us an email.

CCYJ Website

Strengthening Early Relationships: Expanding the Safe Babies Court Team Approach in Washington State
<https://ccyj.org/our-work/designing-a-washington-state-safe-babies-plan/>

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