



## January 2024 Project Report

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Restorative justice responses for sexual and domestic violence

*Commission members involved: Christina Byrne, Moonwater, Jessyca Murphy*

Work group is studying the [Creative Interventions Toolkit](#) for understanding of processes and practical tools.

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Improved community responses for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIWP) and their families

*Commission members involved: Beth Boyd, Tammy Cooper-Woodrich, Chris Kobdich, Jason McGill, Adrienne Renz, Chris Roselli, Krista Touros*

Steering committee will host a summit in 2024 to bring together government and organizational leaders to improve responses and resources in Whatcom County.

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Case reviews of intimate partner violence cases to identify strengths and gaps in community response

*Commission members involved: Greg Baker, Starck Follis, Adrienne Renz, Eric Richey, Garret Shelsta*

Case review team analyzed 3 intimate partner homicide cases and has 3 more potential cases on the horizon. Numerous strengths and challenges have been identified, and agencies are implementing changes.

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Collaboration with Whatcom County courts to improve access to justice for survivors in civil and family law cases

*Commission members involved: Stephanie Kraft, Adrienne Renz, Bruce Van Glubt*

Court personnel and advocates met in fall 2023 to implement changes to decrease barriers for survivors in civil court, particularly for those with language access needs. The SA/DV Commission, DVSAS, LAW Advocates, and Whatcom County District and Superior Courts are submitting a grant to the US Dept of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women to do this work together in a more comprehensive and coordinated way.