

FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES ELEMENT

PURPOSE

The Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.080) stipulates mandatory and optional elements in a comprehensive plan. Family and human services are among the optional elements considered by communities. The City of Sumner encourages practices that lead to healthy living. It is not the intent of the City to decide on what the definition of healthy is for individuals. This element is intended to support a vision of a comprehensive integrated system of human services that empower community members to be healthy and safe.

GOALS, POLICIES, AND OBJECTIVES

1. *Support and monitor collaborative and cost-effective human services to meet community needs.*
 - 1.1 Utilize the following criteria when supporting human services delivery:
 - 1.1.1 *Demonstrated Need.* Encourage the development of programs that address specific, identified needs.
 - 1.1.2 *Priority Needs.* Encourage programs to serve the basic human needs of the community with a strong emphasis on prevention.
 - 1.1.3 *Accountability.* Support activities that meet applicable performance standards and provide a measurable unit of service.
 - 1.1.4 *Families.* Emphasize programs which support strong, healthy and nurturing families.
 - 1.1.5 *Diverse Funding Support.* Encourage human service programs to consider multiple funding sources so as not to be dependent on one. For example, municipalities could partner with private agencies, businesses and with public funding agencies to share the expense of providing service so that no single entity would bare the total cost.
 - 1.1.6 *Accessibility.* Support local programs that are affordable, physically accessible, and culturally sensitive.
 - 1.1.7 *Feasibility.* Support programs that have a history of success and that have the necessary resources to provide the services.
 - 1.1.8 *Evaluation.* Support programs that have proven systems of evaluation.

- 1.1.9 Coordination. Support programs that value, and have demonstrated the ability to coordinate with other human service delivery systems on both the local and regional levels.
- 1.1.10 Consistency with existing services and plans. Support proposals that are consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.
- 1.1.11 Community Partnerships/Involvement. Encourage programs that promote the active participation of Sumner community in their development and implementation.
- 1.1.12 Community Information and Education. Encourage programs that develop and implement a community education plan to increase the community's awareness of services and resources.
- 1.2 When making decisions regarding jurisdiction activities and expenditures, the following are the priority human service needs:
 - 1.2.1 Crisis and survival services, including emergency food and shelter, domestic violence response, sexual assault response and emergency health care services.
 - 1.2.2 Access to services that may include information and referral, transportation services, and prevention services.
 - 1.2.3 Family support services for children, youth, families, seniors and special needs populations.
 - 1.2.4 Programs that promote healthy behaviors, advocacy and self-care practices while enabling citizens to have choices.
 - 1.2.5 Health promotion/disease prevention programs and access to services, while communicating the location and availability of community based resources.
 - 1.2.6 Programs that promote healthy behaviors, self-care practices, and health care advocacy.
 - 1.2.7 Programs that are consistent with the State and county prevention priorities.
- 1.3 Work collaboratively with the Sumner School District and service providers to support the following goals.
 - 1.3.1 Participate in an annual Sumner/Bonney Lake community summit.

- 1.3.2 Support educational initiatives in the Sumner Schools that focus on violence prevention and reduction.
 - 1.3.3 Maintain an appointed human service advisory committee composed of human service providers and citizens to advise and recommend to the city ideas or suggestions to address identified concerns and to regularly convene, no less than twice a year.
 - This committee will work with human service providers and consumers to review best practices, service needs, programs, evaluations, assessments and the progress towards established goals.
 - The committee will present an annual report to the Sumner City Council on accomplishments and continued goal setting.
 - 1.3.4 Support the identification of community needs that may include surveys, needs assessments, focus groups, or using existing data.
 - 1.3.5 Work with human service providers in their efforts to attain grants.
 - 1.3.6 Advocate for the presence of school resource officers in our schools.
 - 1.3.7 Partner with other human service agencies to regularly inventory community services and programs.
 - 1.4 Partner and collaborate with other human service organizations (faith-based, human service providers, health care agencies, not-for-profits, etc.) to coordinate the implementation of these goals, policies, and objectives.
2. *Support human service programs that focus on prevention, education, and families.*
- 2.1 Provide human services that directly relate to other City services and programs and facilitate the delivery of services with emphasis on families, prevention and education.
 - 2.1.1 Promote efforts that assist with access to primary health care with an emphasis on prevention.
 - 2.1.2 Review jurisdictional land use, development codes, charges, fees, and other actions that encourage human service programs in the community.
 - 2.1.3 Use non-financial jurisdictional resources. (i.e., grant applications, support letters, or shared space to support primary health facilities)

- 2.1.4 Support disease prevention and early intervention services on the condition that people have the right of refusal and are educated about choices.
- 2.1.5 Support local efforts to prevent the occurrence of substance abuse.
- 2.1.6 Encourage the provision of pre-natal and maternal programs and educate the community on the importance of maternal care.
- 2.1.7 Promote basic prevention activities that may include bicycle safety information, driver education for seniors and teens, fire prevention, tobacco prevention and training in CPR and first aid.
- 2.1.8 Maintain a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
- 2.1.9 Support school based education programs that prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and teach about other unsafe health practices and habits.
- 2.1.10 Support substance abuse referral programs and local efforts to educate the public and City employees about substance abuse and local services.
- 2.1.11 Support efforts for adequate and affordable child and adult daycare.
- 2.1.12 Promote the City's land use, development codes, and fees that encourage day care.
- 2.1.13 Support neighborhood, school and business plans, and both public and public-private projects that include provision for daycare.
- 2.1.14 Advocate for efforts to maintain or develop after-school activities.
- 2.1.15 Support linkages that promote work programs, job retraining, internships, the private industry council, and similar opportunities for training and placement.
- 2.1.16 Support local efforts that prevent the initiation of tobacco use, promote cessation, and encourage smoke-free environments.
- 2.1.17 Emphasize programs which support developing and sustaining healthy families.
- 2.2 As prescribed in the City of Sumner's Housing Element, support the development and implementation of programs that offer housing for all stages of life.
 - 2.2.1 Support programs that develop adequate access to emergency and temporary housing.

- 2.3 Consistent with the City's Transportation Element, support access to adequate and affordable transportation.
 - 2.3.1 Work with Pierce Transit and Sound Transit to support programs for mass transit that is affordable, accessible, and safe.
 - 2.3.2 Recognize the importance of adequate and accessible roads, and sidewalks.
- 2.4 Support programs that assist and empower older adults.
 - 2.4.1 Support the Sumner Senior Center programs.
 - 2.4.2 Encourage the development of programs to extend services to isolated seniors.
 - 2.4.3 Assist in activities that educate the community on aging concerns.
- 2.5 Support youth programs and involve youth in planning and implementation.
 - 2.5.1 Maintain a Sumner youth commission to provide input on issues related to youth.
 - 2.5.2 Support the development of youth activity programs that may include late-night, after-school, or vacation activities.
 - 2.5.3 Support forums as a method of hearing from youth about their concerns and to gain their involvement.
 - 2.5.4 Support programs that promote recreation for the Sumner-Bonney Lake areas.
 - 2.5.5 Encourage involvement of Sumner staff, officials and the business community in outreach to Sumner Schools that may include mentoring, reading programs, and job shadowing.
- 2.6 Encourage and support obtaining affordable health care coverage.
 - 2.6.1 Support efforts to educate the residents on affordable health care plans and to bring affordable health care programs into the community.
 - 2.6.2 Encourage small local businesses to organize and provide insurance for their employees.
 - 2.6.3 Encourage members of the community to participate in insurance programs that provide children with health care coverage.

3. *Support programs and services for intervention and treatment.*

- 3.1 Support efforts to provide access and to educate the public about counseling services, domestic violence, suicide, elder care issues, and other resources.
 - 3.1.1 Encourage efforts to educate public safety staff on crisis intervention and referrals.
 - 3.1.2 Support efforts to integrate access to human services into the judicial system.
 - 3.1.3 Encourage the coordination of police, fire and social service providers regarding local human service resources and referral programs.
- 3.2 Support programs to address domestic violence
 - 3.2.1 Support programs that provide referral for victims of domestic violence.
 - 3.2.2 Support the training of public safety staff in appropriate response to issues and referral related to domestic violence.
 - 3.2.3 Work with other jurisdictions to coordinate a prosecution response to domestic violence cases.
 - 3.2.4 Support emergency shelter programs to provide a safe refuge for families in transition due to domestic violence.