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#### Rachel's Remarks

After months of planning and preparation, we're here! [The survey](#) to develop the 2027-31 Action Plan is now open.

The feedback we receive will shape our work for the next 5 years. Please take 10 minutes to share your perspective and feedback. Then, please share it with your coworkers, family, and friends!

### What We've Been Up To



## Hill Day

Members of the OVOF team visited Olympia to share what our Working Groups have been up to and what residents have been saying.



## Annual Board Retreat

OVOV hosted its annual board retreat to review **organizational strategic goals** and the progress of the 2022-26 Action Plan objectives.

**Ready, Set, Action Plan!**

**SHARE YOUR VOICE**  
**TAKE THE OUR VALLEY,**  
**OUR FUTURE SURVEY.**

**COMPARTE TU VOZ**  
**PARTICIPE EN LA**  
**ENCUESTA NUESTRO**  
**VALLE, NUESTRO**  
**FUTURO.**

[Take the Survey](#)

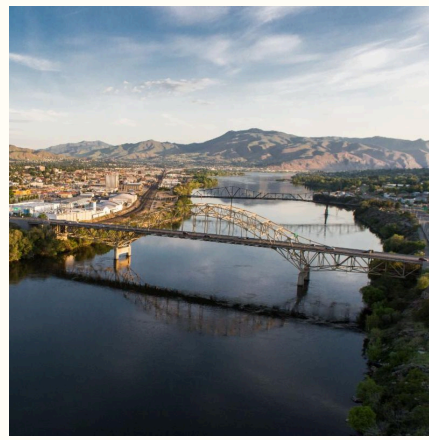
**Join Us & Get Involved**



**Early Learning Symposium**  
**JOIN US TOMORROW**

Join us to increase your awareness of the challenges and successes of early learning in our region. You will help the broader community and employers better see their role in improving systems. Early Learning encompasses children pre-natal thru age 8.

[Get Your Ticket](#)



**Mobility Plan Survey**  
**CLOSES FRIDAY**

Our partner, the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council, is updating their Coordinated Mobility Plan. They are seeing input to shape projects that are eligible for funding in the region. Before **March 20**, take 5 minutes to share your experiences through their survey.

[CDTC Survey](#)

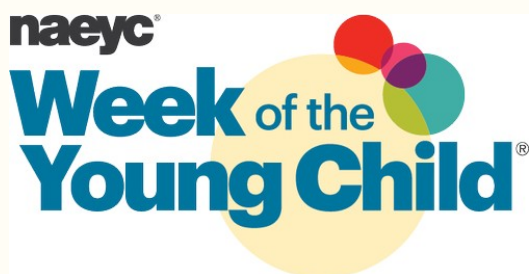


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**Chelan County Resilience Summit**  
**April 16, 9am-2pm**

Our county is growing. New industries, energy innovations, and infrastructure projects are reshaping our economy and how we live. At the same time, natural hazards and a changing climate are testing our communities, livelihoods, and resources.

Join us for a one-day summit focused on learning and collaboration. Attendees will leave with actionable opportunities and connections to build resilience in Chelan County.



**Celebrate with us!**



**Save the Date**

Join us **April 13-18** for the Week of the Young Child, a week to celebrate our youngest learners and early childhood providers. The week includes Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, Family Friday, and Wrap-up Saturday. All events are **free** and open to the public.

[Learn More](#)

The annual Housing Summit is back **June 11**. Join us at the Leavenworth Festhalle to explore the challenges of building affordable housing and identify creative solutions to reduce barriers and costs to build using the 5 L's to shape the discussion: Laws, Land, Labor, Lumber/Materials, Lending.

[Learn More](#)

## Action Plan Successes

The shared vision of Our Valley is becoming a reality through the steady progress of our partners' achieving objectives and moving Game Changer initiatives forward. Join us in celebrating them!

- [NCW small farms, businesses awarded food system infrastructure grants](#) (Wenatchee Valley Business World)
- [CVCH opens youth behavioral health clinic in Wenatchee](#) (Wenatchee Business Journal)
- [Chelan awards \\$120,000 in community grants](#) (NCW News)
- [Design work approved for project linking South Wenatchee to Loop Trail](#) (NCW News)

## Steve's Reading Recommendations

- [WA bill to remove barriers to homeless shelters, housing heads to Ferguson](#) (The Seattle Times)
- [High crude oil prices impact farmers, consumers, WSU economist says](#) (Capital Press)
- [Commissioner Uptegrove Applauds Legislature for Restoring Wildfire Funding](#) (Washington State Department of Natural Resources)
- [Dramatic spike in WA ICE arrests hit Eastern WA agricultural region](#) (Tri-City Herald)
- [Tree Top expansion could add hundreds of Eastern Washington jobs](#) (Yakima Herald-Republic)
- [Nonprofit buys apartment complex for \\$1 in a rural northeast Washington town, hoping to preserve needed housing](#) (The Spokesman-Review)
- [B.C. To Washington Travel Down 13 Straight Months Due To Border Crossing Fear](#) (604 Now)

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