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Introduced by:

Proposed No.:

<u>___92-370</u>

MOTION NO. 8661

A MOTION adopting King County Policies for Children and Family Services and providing direction to the executive and the Children and Family Commission regarding development and submission of a plan for implementing the Policies.

WHEREAS, the 1991 Budget Ordinance (No.9720) included a proviso directing the county executive to submit for council approval a Child, Youth and Family Policy Plan, and

WHEREAS, the county executive appointed a 29-member citizen task force to advise him on the needs of children and families in King County, and

WHEREAS, the Children and Family Task Force after an extensive review process, developed findings and policy and program recommendations concerning children and family services which are contained in the report entitled, "Partnerships for the Future: A Vision for King County's Children and Families," and

WHEREAS, after hearing a presentation from Task Force members the council adopted Motion 8459 expressing its intent to appropriate funds for the Children and Family Commission and for community-based, family support initiatives and to adopt children and family services policies based on review of the task force report, and

WHEREAS, the council provided \$1,000,000 in the 1992 adopted budget for these purposes including \$128,569 for staffing the Children and Family Commission and \$871,431 for family support initiatives to be released when an implementation plan has been submitted to and approved by the council, and

during council discussion of the task force WHEREAS, report and recommendations at the 1992 council retreat several members asked for better definition of the program and selection process for the family support initiatives to

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encourage coordination and collaboration in service development and prevent further proliferation of services and providers and the resulting dilution of resources and results, and

WHEREAS, members of the Children and Family Commission and currently being confirmed and are about to begin their work;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

- The attached King County Policies for Children and Family Services, extracted from the "Partnership for the Future" Report, is hereby approved and adopted to guide the development of county programs and services for children and families and the work of the Children and Family Commission.
- The executive and the Children and Family Commission are directed to complete and submit the biennial implementation plan required in Ordinance 10217 as follows:
- By July 1, 1992 submit for council review and approval a written description for a multi-step community selection and implementation process for up to six communitybased, family support initiatives. These initiatives should emphasize collaboration between community members and existing community organizations, agencies and programs to build stronger community and family support for children at risk. The description shall include:
- criteria and procedures for first selecting specific communities based on need, willingness and ability to work together and a primary focus on the county outside of the City of Seattle;
- a process for assisting each selected community in developing a specific plan and budget in cooperation with relevant county and other community programs;
- procedures and criteria for final approval and funding of individual community programs; and
- a three year expenditure plan showing distribution of the \$871,431 among one-time expenditures such as capital improvements, equipment and training; and on-going services;