ORDINANCE NO. 2020-133

An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Reaffirming the Birth to 25 Advisory Board for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult Development Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-6; and Amending Ordinance No. 2019-6 to Extend the Sunset Date.

Whereas, the development of a child to adulthood spans Prenatal to 25 years, when the mind and body reach full development; and

Whereas, all infants and children go through stages to acquire the aptitude, competencies, values and social skills they need to become successful adults; and

Whereas, routine practices of child and youth serving agencies apply knowledge of these stages and other research from the science of development to their practices; and

Whereas, it is accepted practice to provide positive supports to youth to transition from adolescence to adulthood through the acquisition of pro social skills and supportive positive relationships; and

Whereas, efforts to prevent risky behaviors and attitudes in youth should be made available to all youth; and

Whereas, there is evidence that youth that have had Adverse Childhood Experiences are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, Pierce County is disproportionately represented in the number of dependency terminations and youth admissions to detention facilities; and

Whereas, Pierce County is disproportionately represented in incidence of domestic violence and youth suicide; and

Whereas, Pierce County exhibits high numbers of youth and families living in poverty and/or experiencing homelessness and other at-risk environments; and

Whereas, such disparities as listed above have long-term negative consequences for children, youth, young adults and families in Pierce County; and
Whereas, such disparities as listed above disproportionately impact children, youth, young adults and families of color in Pierce County; and

Whereas, there is not a comprehensive child and youth development strategic plan to support all healthy youth development across Pierce County; and

Whereas, there is a need to improve linkages between agencies and programs that serve Prenatal to 25; and

Whereas, the Pierce County Council established a Birth to 25 Advisory Board for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult Development, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-6; and

Whereas, restrictions and limitations due to COVID-19 resulted in discontinuity and disruption to the Birth to 25 Advisory Board for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult Development throughout 2020; and

Whereas, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-6, the Birth to 25 Advisory Board for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult Development is currently scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2021, unless extended by subsequent Pierce County Council Action; and

Whereas, the Pierce County Council wishes to extend the sunset date to December 31, 2022; Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:

Section 1. The Pierce County Council hereby reaffirms the “Birth to 25 Advisory Board for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult Development” established pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-6. The advisory board shall continue to operate under the provisions of Ordinance No. 2019-6.
Section 2. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2019-6 is hereby amended as follows:

"Section 2. This Ordinance shall sunset on December 31, 2022." 

PASSED this 22nd day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

Denise D. Johnson
Clerk of the Council

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

Douglas G. Richardson
Council Chair

Bruce F. Dammeier
Pierce County Executive
Approved _______ Vetoed _______, this _______ day of December, 2020.

Date of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing: December 9, 2020
Effective Date of Ordinance: January 8, 2021