



## **Ashley Bell**

Equity and Engagement Manager

Ashley Bell joined the Washington State Board of Health as the Equity and Engagement Manager in December of 2023. She brings with her a background in behavioral health and health equity policy, with an emphasis on equitable rulemaking. Before joining SBOH, Ashley worked for the Department of Health in Health Systems Quality Assurance as their Equity and Social Justice Manager, where she was focusing on equitable rulemaking and community engagement.

Ashley is born and raised in Alaska, where many of her experiences have shaped how she interacts with the world. She elevates community voice and uses stories with data to give insight into different experiences. Ashley received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology through the University of Alaska Anchorage, where she specialized in working with individuals with substance use disorders from disadvantaged communities with barriers to achieving their full health potential. She later received her Master of Public Administration through Villanova University, with an emphasis on equitable leadership and civic engagement in policy in a government setting.