

DCYF Legislative Update: Mid-Session Webinar

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We will begin shortly. Thank you!

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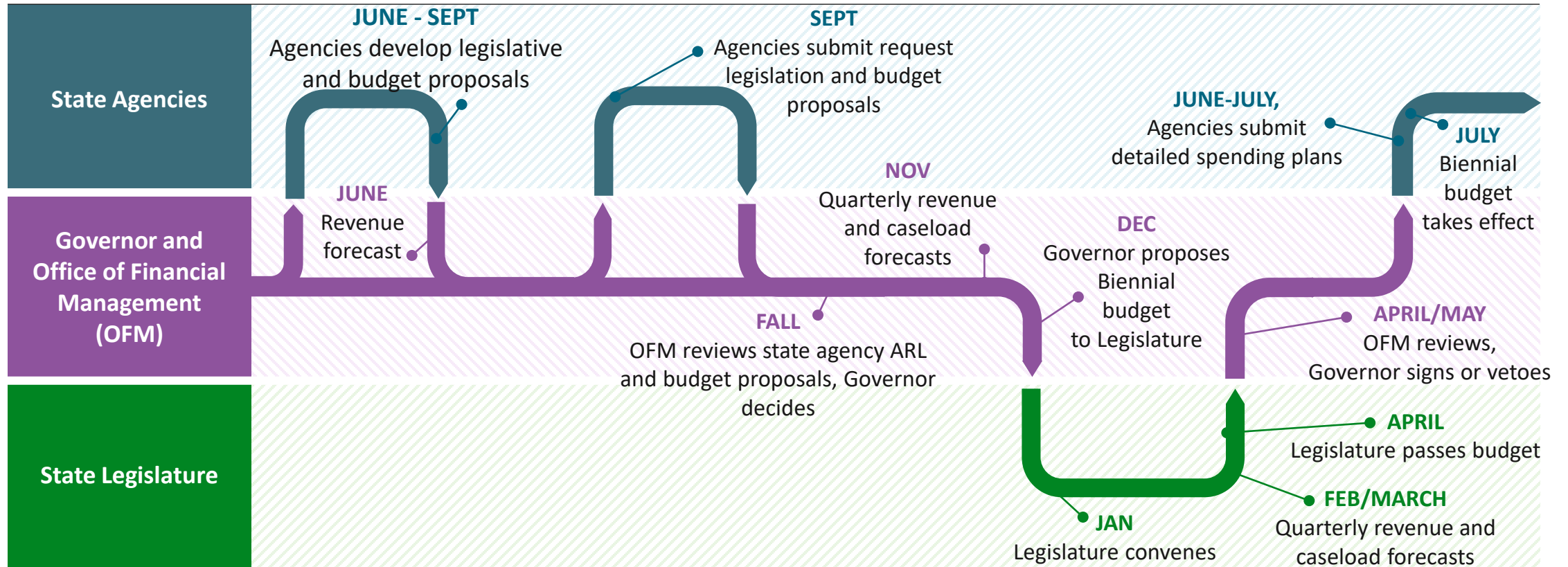
Agenda



- 2023 Legislative Session Update
- Current Bill Status
- Proposed Budget Overviews - Senate and House, including Bills of Note



Preparing for Legislative Session



2023 Legislative Session Update

Budget Setting Session

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DCYF implementing significant investments and policy changes

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COVID impacts for clients and providers

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Mixed budget/economic realities

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Strong position for the Legislative Session



Child Welfare - Bills

	Senate	House	Governor
Family Connections <i>HB 1204</i>	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	To maintain the Family Connections Program, to facilitate interactions between foster families and birth families when a child is dependent and in out-of-home care. \$1.308M	\$1.308M
Housing Access and Supports <i>SB 5256</i>	Funding is provided for implementation of Substitute Senate Bill 5256 (Child welfare housing), which makes the Child Welfare Housing Assistance Program pilot permanent and allows for eligibility expansion. \$7.225M	<i>Not included in House Budget.</i>	\$8.470M
Guardianship Assistance Program <i>SB 5124</i>	Funding is provided for implementation of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5124, which expands guardianship assistance subsidies to certain nonrelative guardians, as well as expands placement options under voluntary placement agreements. \$2.609M	<i>Not included in House Budget.</i>	\$2.609M

Child Welfare - Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Description	Senate	House
1168	Prenatal substance exposure	Providing prevention services, diagnoses, treatment, and support for prenatal substance exposure.	---	\$1.375M
1188	Child Welfare Services/DD	Concerning individuals with developmental disabilities that have also received child welfare services.	---	\$148K
5515	Child abuse and neglect	Protecting children from child abuse and neglect by expanding investigative authority and directing DCYF to develop licensing standards for residential schools.	\$831K	---
5683	Child Specific Licenses/Indian Children	Authorizes CSL for the placement of Indian Children	\$3.476M	---
1405	Public benefit payments/DCYF (SSI)	Preserving public benefit payments to people in the care of the department of children, youth, and families.	---	\$321K
1580	Children in Crisis	Creating a system to support children in crisis.	---	\$303K

Prevention

	Senate	House
SUD Prevention	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	To connect pregnant people to voluntary prevention services before birth and at the time of birth, and connect all DCYF-involved families with substance use disorder (SUD) supports aimed at reducing child placements. \$3.014M
Home Visiting Funding Increase	Funding is provided for an average 20% rate increase, uses new federal MIECHV to buy down the state amount needed. \$9.3M	House funds an estimated 20% rate increase for providers beginning Jan. 1, 2024. \$8.56M
Home Visiting Slot Expansion	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	House budget funds an increase in HV slots by 101-133 new slots (funded 2/3 of Gov's budget). \$1M
Continue Prevention Pilot	One-time funding is provided for DCYF to contract with a nonprofit organization with early childhood expertise to extend the pilot project with the purpose of preventing child abuse and neglect in Pierce County. \$1.742	One-time funding is provided for DCYF to contract with a nonprofit organization with early childhood expertise to extend the pilot project with the purpose of preventing child abuse and neglect in Pierce County. \$2M

Child Welfare

DP Title	Senate	House
D.S. Compliance	Investment to meet obligations under the settlement agreement in the D.S. lawsuit on behalf of youth experiencing placement instability through night-to-night placements and hotel and overnight stays in DCYF offices. \$24.247M	Investment to meet obligations under the settlement agreement in the D.S. lawsuit on behalf of youth experiencing placement instability through night-to-night placements and hotel and overnight stays in DCYF offices. \$24.247M
Combined In-home Services	To expand CIHS to meet the anticipated increase in families needing services and for DCYF to build on its expansion of culturally relevant in-home services in partnership with tribes and recognized Indian organizations. \$9.693M	To expand CIHS to meet the anticipated increase in families needing services and for DCYF to build on its expansion of culturally relevant in-home services in partnership with tribes and recognized Indian organizations. \$9.693M
YV LifeSet	Funding is provided to expand the current LifeSet program to include new sites. \$3.45M <i>*Not including private funding</i>	Funding is provided to maintain the current LifeSet program at existing sites. \$2.76M <i>*Not including private funding</i>

Child Welfare

	Senate	House
Family Time	For contracted visitation services for children in temporary out-of-home care. Intended to reimburse providers for certain services, which may include work associated with missed or canceled visits and reporting. \$16.332M	For contracted visitation services for children in temporary out-of-home care. Intended to reimburse providers for certain services, which may include work associated with missed or canceled visits and reporting. \$16.332M
Licensed Kinship Placements - staffing	<p>Kinship Caregiver Engagement Unit: Funding is provided to increase the kinship caregiver engagement unit staffing by 7 FTE to support statewide implementation. \$1.826M</p> <p>Maintain Licensing Staff Ratios: Additional 10 licensing FTEs funded to implement HB 1227. \$2.97M</p>	<p>Kinship Caregiver Engagement Unit: Funding is provided to increase the kinship caregiver engagement unit staffing by 7 FTE to support statewide implementation. \$1.826M</p> <p>Maintain Licensing Staff Ratios: Additional 20 licensing FTEs funded to implement HB 1227. \$7.26M</p>
Initial License Maintenance Payment	Funding issue foster care maintenance payments for up to 90 days to those kinship caregivers who obtain an initial license. \$14.664M	Funding issue foster care maintenance payments for up to 90 days to those kinship caregivers who obtain an initial license. \$14.664M

Child Welfare

	Senate	House
Housing Access and Supports	Funding is provided for housing support services for youth exiting foster care. \$2.374M	Funding is provided for housing support services for youth exiting foster care. \$2.374M
Caregiver Placement Supports	To expand maintenance payments from a 4-level to a 7-level foster care support system, beginning January 1, 2024. To expand foster care support services (placement, case aide, after-hours support, training, coaching, child care, and respite coordination). Funding is provided for a contract with the DSHS RDD to track program outcomes through monitoring and analytics. \$57.705M	To expand maintenance payments from a 4-level to a 7-level foster care support system, beginning January 1, 2024. To expand foster care support services (placement, case aide, after-hours support, training, coaching, child care, and respite coordination). Funding is provided for a contract with the DSHS RDD to track program outcomes through monitoring and analytics. \$35.08M <i>*The House did not fund case aide support for levels 1 and 2, but only 3 to 7.</i>
Foster Care Maintenance Payment Increases	<i>Not included in the Senate budget.</i>	To increase the basic foster care maintenance rate for all age groups and the supervised independent living subsidy for youth in extended foster care each by \$50 per youth per month effective July 1, 2023. \$5.161M

Child Welfare

	Senate	House
Foster Youth Mentoring Pilot	<i>Not funded in Senate Budget.</i>	One-time funding is provided for a pilot program to mentor foster youth. \$750K
Children's Advocacy Centers	Funding is provided for children's advocacy centers. \$4M	Funding is provided for children's advocacy centers. \$750K
Child Placing Agency Incentive Rate	<i>Not funded in Senate Budget.</i>	Funding is provided to increase the new foster home licensing incentive payment for child-placing agencies (CPAs) to \$2,105 per family licensed, effective July 1, 2023. \$1.076M
Rising Strong Operating	<i>Not funded in Senate Budget.</i>	One-time funding is provided for a grant to a non-profit organization in Spokane with expertise in the Rising Strong model. \$1.1M One-time funding is provided to lead the development of a sustainable operating funding model for programs using the Rising Strong model that provides a family-centered drug treatment and housing program. \$150K
Treehouse Graduation Success	Increased funding is provided for a non profit entity to provide expanded individualized education services to middle school students experiencing homelessness. \$3M	Funded at OSPI: Funding is provided to expand the Treehouse Graduation Success Program to up to 50 percent of middle school students experiencing foster care statewide by June 2025. \$1.105M

Program Support

	Senate	House
CCWIS	One-time funding is provided for a feasibility study to develop an implementation plan and determine costs for a new child welfare information system. \$3.77M	<i>Not included in House Budget.</i>
SSPS Replacement	Fully funds the feasibility study to replace the Social Service Payment System (SSPS). \$2.646M	Fully funds the feasibility study to replace the Social Service Payment System (SSPS). \$2.646M
CCDF Audit Resolution	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	Funding and FTEs are provided for DCYF to conduct cost allocation at the child-level in order to correct the current accounting practice that led to the State Auditor's recent \$271 million audit finding of the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) program. \$2.583M
Culturally Relevant Language Access Program	Funding and staff are provided to implement DCYF's language access plan. \$2.254M	Funding and FTE are provided to implement DCYF's language access plan. \$2.706M

Program Support

	Senate	House
The Breakfast Group	<i>Not included in Senate budget.</i>	For the department to contract with an all-male, African American organization to mentor youth ages 12 through 19 in south King county. \$500K
Team Child	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	Funding is increased for TeamChild to provide legal services for youth. \$1.4M
Independent Living Services	<i>Not included in Senate budget.</i>	Provided for DCYF to increase rates for independent living service providers. \$3.5M
Studies for Future Planning	<i>Not included in Senate budget.</i>	To contract with an entity for three separate studies: (a) The feasibility of implementing a universal child allowance, universal child care, and universal baby boxes; (b) The feasibility of a social wealth fund for Washington state; and (c) The current cash and cash-equivalent benefits currently available for WA state residents who are nonworkers. \$300K

Early Learning - Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Description	Senate	House
5225	Working conn. child care	Increasing access to the working connections child care program.	\$13.329M	---
5316	Background Check	Concerning background check and licensing fees for programs administered by the department of children, youth, and families.	\$4.493M	---
1550	Transitional Kindergarten	Established the Transition to Kindergarten program by making changes to current transitional kindergarten programming and funding	---	\$11M
1525	Apprenticeships/child care	Concerning eligibility for working connections child care benefits for persons participating in state registered apprenticeships.	---	\$4.561M



Early Learning - Grants

	Senate	House
Child Care Complex Needs	Funding is provided to expand the current complex needs fund for child-care providers. \$15.4M	Funding is provided to expand the current complex needs fund for child care providers. \$12.316M
Tribal Early Learning Grants	One-time funding is provided for tribal early learning grants to be distributed to providers with tribal children enrolled in Early Learning programs. \$10.279M	One-time funding and 1.0 FTE are provided for tribal early learning grants to provide culturally appropriate early learning opportunities for tribal children and to facilitate tribal cultural connection in their classrooms. \$5.14M
Equity Grants	Funding is provided to increase the current equity grants fund for early learning providers. \$10M	Funding is provided to increase the current equity grants fund for early learning providers. \$5.248M

Early Learning - WCCC

	Senate	House
WCCC Rate Increases	Both budgets fund the rate increase for child care centers up to the 85th percentile of market rates based on the 2021 Market Rate Survey MRS (at ML). \$219.242M <i>*Additional \$113.7M for LFH rate increase in CBA</i>	Both budgets fund the rate increase for child care centers up to the 85th percentile of market rates based on the 2021 Market Rate Survey MRS (at ML). \$219.242M <i>*Additional \$113.7M for LFH rate increase in CBA</i>
WCCC Hold Harmless over 85th	For a small subset of providers who were paid a subsidy childcare rate over the 85th percentile of market based on the 2022 Supp 16% increase, but made one-time. \$2.262M	For a small subset of providers who were paid a subsidy childcare rate over the 85th percentile of market based on the 2022 Supp 16% increase, but made one-time. \$2.262M
Homeless Grace Period Changes	Removing 12-month restriction on Homeless Grace Period. \$908K	Removing 12-month restriction on Homeless Grace Period. \$908K
Nonstandard Hours Rate Bonus	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	House budget funds an increase to the non-standard hours bonus to \$180 per month. \$9.414M

Early Learning – SEIU 925 CBA

	Senate	House
Family Child Care 925 CBA	<p>Rate increases up to the 85th percentile for Licensed Family Homes and Family, Friends, and Neighbor providers, the waiver of background check fees, and the cost of care enhancement at \$2,100 per provider enhancement per the CBA. \$256.186M</p> <p><i>*The total amount for the cost of care enhancement is higher than in the Governor’s Budget based on updated projections.</i></p>	<p>Rate increases up to the 85th percentile for Licensed Family Homes and Family, Friends, and Neighbor providers, the waiver of background check fees, and the cost of care enhancement at \$2,100 per provider enhancement per the CBA. \$256.186M</p> <p><i>*The total amount for the cost of care enhancement is higher than in the Governor’s Budget based on updated projections.</i></p>

Early Learning - ECEAP

Category	Senate	House
ECEAP Rate Increase	Funds 18% rate increase for school day and working day slots with a 9% increase for part day slots. \$56.381M	Funds 17% rate increase for school day slots with a 3% increase for working day and part day slots. \$39.937M
ECEAP Entitlement & Expansion	Funds an additional 1,000 school day slots per year and 100 working day slots per year. \$44.589M	Funds an additional 500 school day slots in FY24 and FY25. \$19.302M
ECEAP Slot Conversion	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	House budget funds the conversion of 1,000 slots from part day to school day in FY24 and FY25. \$10.285M
ECEAP Complex Needs	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	Funding is provided to expand the current complex needs fund for the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP). \$8.867M
Early ECEAP	Provides funding to maintain Early ECEAP and funds a 20% rate increase. \$4.785M	Provides funding to maintain existing Early ECEAP. \$3.4M

Early Learning - Other

	Senate	House
Organizational License Pilot Project	One-time funding is provided to continue the Organization License Pilot for a third year, and for one year of implementation activities. \$324K	One-time funding is provided to continue the Organization License Pilot for a third year, and for one year of implementation activities. \$324K
Imagination Library	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	Funding and 1.0 FTE are provided to provide up to 50 percent state match for the Imagination Library program. \$4M
On-Line Pre-K for Kindergarten Readiness	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	Contract with a nonprofit organization to implement a technology-based kindergarten readiness program. The department must award the contract on a competitive basis to a service provider that is a 501(c)(3) organization that has demonstrated previous success in conducting technology-based school readiness programs through independent, valid, and reliable evaluations. \$2M



Early Learning Other Investments

Category	Senate	House
Early Supports for Infants and Toddlers funding	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	House budget increases rates to match a House policy decision to add an additional inflationary increase to BEA rates (by statute, ESIT per caps are tied to the special ed BEA rates). \$4.058
Early Learning Dashboards	One-time funding to contract with a nonprofit organization to produce public data dashboards. \$300K	One-time funding to contract with a nonprofit organization to produce public data dashboards. \$300K
WA Communities for Children	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	One-time funding is provided to continue Washington Communities for Children (WCFC) services. \$3M

Early Learning Other Investments

Category	Senate	House
Child Care Access and Living Wage	To submit an implementation plan to the Legislature by September 1, 2025, for expanding access to Washington's mixed-delivery child care system. \$533K	To submit an implementation plan to the Legislature by September 1, 2025, for expanding access to Washington's mixed-delivery child care system. \$1.029M
Child Care Special Needs Rate	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	To propose an updated rate model and process for the child care special needs rate. \$273K
Early Learning Workforce Programs	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	To contract with an entity to expand the number of child care businesses through a peer mentorship program. \$500K
King County Childcare Access	One-time funding to help close the gap in childcare access in King County by providing pandemic recovery support funding to the Launch learning organization. \$400K	<i>Not included in House Budget.</i>

Juvenile Rehabilitation - Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Description	Senate	House
1394	Sexual offenses by youth	Creating a developmentally appropriate response to youth who commit sexual offenses.	---	\$280K
1701	Institutional Education	Concerning the delivery of Institutional Education programs.	---	\$143k
1405	Public benefit payments/DCYF (SSI)	Preserving public benefit payments to people in the care of the department of children, youth, and families.	---	\$321K

Juvenile Rehabilitation

Category	Senate	House
JR Institutional Education	18 FTEs, in support of institutional education system reform per E2SHB 1295. This work includes state-wide collaboration and oversight as well as hands-on support for students accessing education in residential facilities and transitioning out to the community. \$4.642M	18 FTEs, in support of institutional education system reform per E2SHB 1295. This work includes state-wide collaboration and oversight as well as hands-on support for students accessing education in residential facilities and transitioning out to the community. \$4.642M
Housing Youth Exits SOC	Fully fund, contracted housing support services, including housing navigation as young people exit JR and re-enter into their communities. \$1.01M	Fully fund, contracted housing support services, including housing navigation as young people exit JR and re-enter into their communities. \$1.01M

Juvenile Rehabilitation

	Senate Amount	House Amount
Legal Financial Obligations Study	Increases funding and expands the scope for the Partnership Council for Juvenile Justice (WA-PCJJ) to consider and provide recommendations regarding juvenile justice policy projects, including LFOs (report by 10/31/24); juvenile court records (report by 10/31/24); and expanding juvenile court jurisdiction (report by 6/30/25). \$600K	Provides \$150,000 in one-time funding to the Administrative Office of the Courts to study LFOs imposed on juveniles. Report to Leg by 11/30/23. \$150K
Kitsap County Mentorship	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	One-time funding for an organization that provides gang intervention, drug diversion activities, and other intervention services that assist to build relationships and mentorships (through use of credible messenger mentorships in Kitsap County) with youth and families who are at high risk to perpetrate violence and who reside in areas with high rates of violence. \$500K

Juvenile Rehabilitation

	Senate Amount	House Amount
County Juvenile Court Funding	Allows funding for grants to county juvenile courts to be used for effective, community-based programs focused on supporting positive youth development rather the programs identified in WSSIP's "Inventory of Evidence-based, Research-based, and Promising Practices for Prevention and Intervention Services for Children and Juveniles in the Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, and Mental Health Systems." \$5.682M	<i>Not included in House budget.</i>
Therapeutic Gaming Rehabilitation Services	One-time funding for grants to an organization providing therapeutic gaming rehabilitation at juvenile residential facilities. \$150K <i>*Funded through the Secretary of State</i>	<i>Not included in House budget.</i>
Secretary of State startup funds for the Green Hill School library	<i>Not included in Senate budget.</i>	Provided solely to establish a Washington state library branch at Green Hill school. \$352K <i>*Funded through the Secretary of State</i>

Juvenile Rehabilitation Capital Investments

	Senate	House
Minimum Security Transitional Living Centers	Echo Glen: \$0 Green Hill: \$8.773M	Echo Glen: \$9.218M Green Hill: \$1.27M <i>(pushes out \$7.46M to future biennia)</i>
JR Community Facilities Assessment	<i>Not included in Senate Budget.</i>	<i>Not included House Budget.</i>
Echo Glen Security Enhancements	Echo Glen Secure Facility Improvements: \$8.05M	Echo Glen Secure Facility Improvements: \$8.05M
Approaches to Naselle Youth Camp Closure	<p>One-time funding is provided to cover costs to maintain a warm closure of the facility. \$3.545M</p> <p>Funding for DCYF to maintain the facility, property, and assets, and for OFM to convene a task force to make recommendations regarding the use of the former NYC. \$298K</p>	<p>One-time funding for JR to contract with DSHS to maintain a warm closure of the vacant Naselle Youth Camp facility and grounds. \$3.545M</p> <p>DSHS must study the feasibility of using the former Naselle Youth Camp for inpatient services in order to create additional forensic bed capacity for individuals in jails awaiting admission to the state hospitals that are class members of <i>Trueblood</i>. Report by 11/15/23.</p>

Capital Investments – Other Agency

	Senate	House
Early Learning Facilities Fund Expansion	<p>Early Learning Facilities Competitive Grants: \$25.05M</p> <p>Non-Expansion minor renovation grants: \$7.5M</p> <p><i>*Funded through Commerce’s budget</i></p>	<p>Early Learning Facilities Competitive Grants: \$54.5M</p> <p>Non-Expansion minor renovation grants: \$5M</p> <p><i>*Funded through Commerce’s budget</i></p>
Rising Strong West	<p>To construct supportive transitional housing to support at least 24 households in western WA to receive comprehensive family services as well as treatment for substance use disorders while preserving the family unit. \$13.356M</p> <p><i>*Funded through Commerce’s budget</i></p>	<p>To construct supportive transitional housing to support at least 24 households in western WA to receive comprehensive family services as well as treatment for substance use disorders while preserving the family unit. \$13.356M</p> <p><i>*Funded through Commerce’s budget</i></p>

DCYF Staffing

House and Senate Funded at the same level as the Governor's budget

What?

Investments in state employees

Components for all state employees:

- **Effective July 1, 2023, all ranges and steps of the General Service Salary Schedule will be increased by 4%**
- **Effective July 1, 2024, all ranges and steps of the General Service Salary Schedule will be increased by 3%**
- **Employees who show verification of up-to-date COVID 19 vaccination boosters will receive a one-time \$1000 lump sum payment.**

Components for some represented staff:

- Shift premiums go from \$1 per hour to \$2.50 per hour effective July 1, 2023.
- DCYF positions with a LNI Risk Class 7200 or 7201 assignment will receive \$500 payment each year on July 1.
- 10% assignment pay for Social Services Specialists performing visits in unregulated environments, such as private residences, to conduct investigations for allegations of abuse and/or neglect to assess the safety of vulnerable children.
- A 5% Premium Pay will be provided to employees who work in the 24/7 facilities and provide direct care to residents, patients and/or clients and whose duties are required to be performed on location.
- For recognition and retention, employees will be eligible to receive a one-time lump sum payment of \$1,000.00 if they were hired before 7/1/2022 and are still employed on 7/1/2023 with no break in service.

Thank you!

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