



DCYF Decision Package Update*

*Decision packages are still in development, subject to change based on Tribal/Stakeholder input

Short Title	Description
<p>Prevention Decision Package</p>	<p>Home Visiting Expansion and Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued expansion of slots, prioritization of locales with highest rates of maltreatment Support for Home Visiting Workforce <p>Substance Use Disorder Treatment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted support for families at risk of further child welfare involvement, particularly infants and young children. <p>Strengthening Families Locally Expansion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted selection of communities to expand the Strong Community Network Strategy into, particularly those experiencing high levels of racial disproportionality in intakes
<p>Make Child Care Work</p>	<p>Increase Subsidy Reimbursement Rates to 85th Percentile of 2021 Market Rate Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase all licensed provider rates to the 85th percentile of the 2021 MRS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed Family Home providers rates are determined via Collective Bargaining Agreement Developing a cost-based rate model in conjunction with the Child Care Task Force <p>Copay Increases for Families in the 50-60% SMI Range to \$165</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copays will apply to families applying or reapplying beginning July 2023 Family of three 50-60% SMI range is \$3,748 to \$4,498 per month <p>Increase Income Eligibility to 75% SMI Beginning July 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning ahead family eligibility increases to 75% SMI in July 2025
<p>ECEAP Expansion to meet Entitlement - slots</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the 2023-24 school year, ECEAP will begin to need 3,200 slots per year to meet entitlement For the 2023-24 school year, ECEAP will ask for conversion from Part Day to School Day or Working Day to better meet the needs of families and communities.
<p>Elimination of Background Check Fees Decision Package</p>	<p>Eliminate Background Check Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal to eliminate all background check fees paid by individuals who must pass a background check to provide services, work with, or have unsupervised access to children and youth.



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	<p>The Impact of Background Check Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For Child Care Providers, the payment process can take up to five (5) days, which delays the start of the background check process• For Child Care Providers, delays caused by fee collection lead to loss of potential employees, and in some cases closed classrooms• Fees have a disproportionate impact on those who cannot afford to pay, but are qualified to work, provide services or have unsupervised access to children and youth
<p>Organizational License Pilot Continuation Decision Package</p>	<p>Pilot included in 2021-23 proviso to determine feasibility of a license for multi-site owners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proviso directed work to occur from July 1, 2021 – July 1, 2024; funding only provided through 2023• Funding needed for pilot’s third year, and for one year of implementation, including resources for training and marketing <p>Response to cumbersome and redundant licensing process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pilot created requirements and regulatory changes to create a license category for an organizational license that streamlines meeting requirements• Pilot explores how organizations with multiple sites and other organizational programs serving children are able to expand community-based services to all Washington state children

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