



Agency Recommendation Summary

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Program Recommendation Summary

010 - Children and Families Services

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Fiscal Summary

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	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Staffing						
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 001 - 1	\$11,425	\$11,425	\$22,850	\$11,425	\$11,425	\$22,850
Fund 001 - A	(\$11,425)	(\$11,425)	(\$22,850)	(\$11,425)	(\$11,425)	(\$22,850)
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue						
001 - 0393	(\$11,425)	(\$11,425)	(\$22,850)	(\$11,425)	(\$11,425)	(\$22,850)
Total Revenue	(\$11,425)	(\$11,425)	(\$22,850)	(\$11,425)	(\$11,425)	(\$22,850)

Decision Package Description

The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) was signed into law on February 9, 2018. FFPSA allows for federal Title IV-E reimbursement for prevention services under the state’s Family First Prevention Plan, which was approved by the federal government in October 2020.

The enacted 2019-21 and 2021-23 biennial budgets appropriated federal authority with a corresponding reduction in general-fund state funding, under the assumption DCYF would begin claiming federal FFPSA. However, to claim FFPSA, service level information is required for submission to the federal government, which DCYF’s current child welfare case management system, FamLink, does not contain. In addition, the FamLink system does not comply with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Office of the Administration for Children & Families (ACF) Final Rule on Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS); therefore, the agency is unable to achieve the federal funding previously anticipated in the budget. A Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) is a case management information system that state and tribal title IV-E agencies may develop to support their child welfare program needs. If a title IV-E agency elects to build a CCWIS, the federal government will provide a more favorable reimbursement than is provided for non-CCWIS systems if the system meets federal requirements. DCYF is currently in the process of developing a CCWIS, which is projected to be completed by June 30, 2029. Once the CCWIS is implemented, DCYF will then be able to claim FFPSA.

With suppressed spending the pandemic and social worker vacancies, the state reduction was manageable within DCYF’s budget. However, with the passage of the Keeping Families Together Act (HB1227), DCYF is experiencing an increase in prevention services. In addition, DCYF has been able to fill social worker positions, leaving no room in DCYF’s budget to absorb the general fund-state transferable reduction. Therefore, DCYF requests the backfill of FFPSA funding until the agency is able to claim FFPSA.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

This request for a funding swap will align with the agency's available funding. No additional staff or funding is requested.

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

This funding swap is requested because FFPSA federal reimbursement will not be available until the CCWIS system is completed. Refer to the chart below.

Workforce Assumptions:

Not Applicable.

Historical Funding:

Recommendation Summary	Funding Type	YR1	YR2
PSA-FFPSA Prevention Services	State	(7,460,000)	(7,460,000)
PSA-FFPSA Prevention Services	Federal	7,460,000	7,460,000
PSA 21-23 Biennial Budget	State	(2,283,000)	(3,965,000)
PSA 21-23 Biennial Budget	Federal	2,283,000	3,965,000
23-25 CFL	State	(1,682,000)	
23-25 CFL	Federal	1,682,000	
Base FFPSA funding	State	(11,425,000)	(11,425,000)
Base FFPSA funding	Federal	11,425,000	11,425,000

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

This request is in support of the Governor's Results Washington goal area of an: Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government.

Performance Outcomes:

This request supports the Governor's Results Washington Goal 5: Efficient, Effective & Accountable Government.

Equity Impacts

Community Outreach and Engagement:

Not Applicable.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

The alignment of funding will provide additional supports to families at risk of system involvement, families reunifying, and young people exiting systems of care.

Target Communities and Populations:

The alignment of fund sources will allow DCYF to continue funding necessary supports for children, youth and families.

Community Inputs and Incorporation:

Not Applicable.

Other Collateral Connections

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

Not Applicable.

Puget Sound Recovery:

Not Applicable.

State Workforce Impacts:

Not Applicable.

Intergovernmental:

Not Applicable.

Stakeholder Impacts:

Not Applicable.

State Facilities Impacts:

Not Applicable.

Changes from Current Law:

Not Applicable.

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

Not Applicable.

Governor's Salmon Strategy:

Not Applicable.

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

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