

Combined In-Home Services and Positive Indian Parenting

2025 DECISION PACKAGE

All families should have equitable access to quality and culturally responsive services in Washington state. DCYF seeks to improve the quality and availability of services for child welfare families by enhancing family preservation services with a new evidence-based practice, increased access to concrete goods, and implementation of a new culturally specific service, Positive Indian Parenting (PIP). DCYF also requests a rate increase for combined in-home service providers which is represented in the “Rate Adjustments” maintenance level decision package.

MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING

DCYF seeks to enhance family preservation services to include Motivational Interviewing (MI) and to allow an extended duration of services—up to six months when needed.

MI is a strength-based, evidence-based communication method used to support families involved in child welfare.

CONCRETE GOODS

DCYF seeks to expand concrete goods funding to allow providers to utilize concrete goods upfront. This would help engage families, covering transportation costs to deliver concrete goods to families as necessary.

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Improve quality and availability of provider services.
- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity.

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

PIP is a culturally specific parenting education program for families who identify as American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN). Offering PIP to all cases where federal and state Indian Child Welfare Acts (ICWA) apply would reduce the number of AI/AN children placed in out-of-home care.

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE CONSULTATION

A culturally responsive consultation and training contract would create resources for providers to gain knowledge/skills to adapt programs to the unique cultural needs of families receiving in-home services.

COST

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