

# Family Reconciliation Services (FRS) Community-Based Model

## 2025 DECISION PACKAGE AND AGENCY REQUEST LEGISLATION

This request would fund the implementation of a community-based Family Reconciliation Services (FRS) model. FRS is currently provided by DCYF caseworkers, providing services and supports to families in crisis with the goal of reunifying families. Many families in crisis are hesitant to engage with DCYF due to fear of CPS involvement and struggle to access services relevant to their needs, particularly culturally relevant services.

Over the past two years, DCYF has worked collaboratively with youth and families with lived experience, tribes, community providers, and other partners to create a new community-based FRS model utilizing co-design principles. DCYF believes this model will result in more families engaging in FRS and accessing services that meet their needs.

### COMPONENTS

Funding for implementation in three early implementing regions:

- ✓ Region 1 (North Central and Eastern WA including Wenatchee and Spokane)
- ✓ Region 3 (Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island County)
- ✓ Region 5 (Pierce and Kitsap County)

### COST

2025 BIENNIUM - \$15.01M

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**DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment**

- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity.
- Safely reduce the number/rate of children in out-of-home care.
- Improve quality and intention of our practice.

