

Prevention – Community Pathways

2025 DECISION PACKAGE

The Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is requesting funding to implement community-based prevention services through Family Resource Centers (FRC) and the Plan of Safe Care work. Recent child welfare reforms have had the intended impact of reducing removals; however, increased front-end prevention services are needed to support moderate and high-risk families.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

FRCs are place-based organizations that provide a single point of entry to a range of support services for families. DCYF is proposing direct funding to five FRCs in high needs areas. Funding would allow for the following:

- Family navigation to conduct assessments and make referrals.
- Concrete supports to engage families and meet material needs.
- Evidence based practices such as parenting education or therapies.

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Safely reduce the number/rate of children in out of home care
- Improve quality and availability of provider services.

PLAN OF SAFE CARE

Plans of Safe Care are pathways where infants with prenatal substance exposure and pregnant people with substance use can access community-based supports to help keep families and children safe. DCYF is proposing the following:

- Expansion of service navigation and care coordination for pregnant people with substance use, reaching a total of nine counties.
- Expansion of services and infrastructure support for providers and hospitals serving newborns with prenatal substance exposure.
- Concrete supports for Plan of Safe Care involved families.



CENTRALIZED SUPPORTS TO PREPARE FOR TITLE IV-E PREVENTION CLAIMING

DCYF requests needed funding to develop a pathway for future claiming under the Family First Prevention Services Act including:

- A data feasibility study to determine the possibility of implementing a data collection and reporting system that would meet requirements for Family First claiming.
- Motivational Interviewing training for FRC and Plan of Safe Care providers, a claimable evidence-based practice.

COST

2025 BIENNIUM - \$9.622M

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