

Support for Trafficking Survivors: CSEC and Victim Advocacy

2025 DECISION PACKAGE

The Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) requests funding to support a thorough implementation to SB 6006 (2024) and improve DCYF's ability to identify and respond to trafficking in all forms. According to the Washington Office of Crime Victim Advocacy, reports of human trafficking increased by 400% between 2022 and 2023, indicating a need for improvements in identification, outreach, and response to trafficking survivors.



SERVICES FOR TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

- **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Receiving Centers** – Additional funding is needed for two CSEC receiving centers as established by HB 1775 (2020) to attract and retain qualified providers.
- **Victim Advocacy Services** – Contracted community-based services for young people identified as trafficking victims, to help support them through their healing process.

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Improve the quality and intention of our practice.
- Improve quality and availability of provider services.

SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT

Funding would support a robust and consistent statewide system of screening and assessment for all reports to DCYF regarding all forms of human trafficking, consistent with policy changes made through SB 6006 (2024).

This work will require integrating labor trafficking screening, which includes investigations/response and training, in addition to commercial and sexual exploitation screening and will utilize four additional FTEs.



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MISSING TRIBAL YOUTH LOCATOR

Piloting a tribally focused missing from care locator out of DCYF's Office of Tribal Relations to work with tribes in locating missing tribal youth.

COST

2025 BIENNIUM - \$10.432M

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