

## Recommendations Matrix for PCG Engagement

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		<b>4.10 KINSHIP ENGAGEMENT</b>		
<b>Supportive Networks</b>		<b>Parent and Caregiver</b>		
	1	Develop and implement policies and procedures to ensure kin and fictive kin are identified and engaged on the day of removal, when decisions are made, and throughout the life of the youth's case	"When decisions are made" (for Class Members), "throughout the life of the case" (for Class Members). Pgs. 42, 44, 45, 47	A child is out of Class on day of removal, but could become a Class Member by 2nd day if they spend 1st night in a hotel and a dependency action has been filed. For broader consideration, the recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
	2	DCYF should bear a responsibility to strengthen its relationship with tribes and continue engagement to keep children and youth connected to their culture	Pg. 42	For broader consideration, the recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
	3	DCYF should implement information collection and sharing practices and tools that gather youth and family input about themselves including their cultural, supportive, and resource needs, and allow them to make choices about their own vital social supports and placement decisions at the time of removal and on an ongoing basis.	Pg. 41	For broader consideration, the recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
		<b>Professional Partner</b>		
	4	Based on input provided by stakeholders, PCG recommends that DCYF provides ongoing training to social workers about the resources available		For broader consideration, the recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
<b>Resources</b>		<b>Parents and Caregivers</b>		

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	5	Stakeholders recommended DCYF ensure social workers understand and implement Washington State laws	Pgs. 43, 44	For broader consideration, the recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
	6	Participants voiced resources such as bus passes, gas cards, and transportation assistance would provide the most relief to parents during a reportedly stressful period. DCYF should provide resources and supports specific to supporting LGBTQIA+ young people, their families and caregivers		Recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
		<b>Professional Partners</b>		
	7	According to the stakeholders, DCYF should continue to use the CHET, BRS, and CHIPR tools; however, a more frequent update schedule should be established to ensure all parties have the most current information.		There is no plan to discontinue use of the tools and that the recommendation will be shared with the responsible program staff/division.
	7.1	DCYF should consider allowing input from the young person in care	Pg. 41	
<b>Communication</b>		<b>Parents and Caregivers</b>		
	8	Parents and caregivers reported DCYF should improve communication frequency and quality	Pgs. 41, 43	For broader consideration, the recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
	9	Respondents recommended that DCYF communicate with empathy and support	Pgs. 43, 47, 48	For broader consideration, the recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.

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	10	Continue positive communication practices to communicate information on any youth or parent who is transgender and/or has different pronouns than the referral source indicates	Pgs. 43, 44	For broader consideration, the recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
		<b>Professional Partner</b>		
	11	Professional partners recommended reengaging the practice of mutual sharing of information with partnering agencies		Recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
		<b>4.11 FAMILY GROUP PLANNING</b>		
		<b>Parents and Caregivers</b>		
<b>Opportunities to Participate</b>				
	12	During the listening sessions, most parents responded that they would have liked the meetings to occur more often and with more notice provided	Pgs. 54, 55	
	13	Based on the input provided by parents and caregivers, PCG recommends that decisions be made through a collaborative process with the parents, caregivers, and multidisciplinary team	Pg. 55	
	14	DCYF should allow foster parents to attend the full shared planning meetings, as well as include child counselors		DCYF invites caregivers to share about the youth, however, caregivers may need to exit the meeting if the parent(s) do not give consent to share private information with the caregivers
	14.1	Stakeholders suggest involving young people by allowing them to voice their opinions and express their wishes, especially regarding their identify, cultural needs, and wellbeing and safety	Pg. 55	
		<b>Professional Partners</b>		

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	15	Based on the input obtained, PCG recommends that parents and caregivers are provided notice of upcoming court hearings		Upcoming court hearings may be discussed at SPM, but notice is out of the scope of the meeting purpose. This recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
	16	Stakeholders recommend Shared Planning Meetings occur routinely and with more than one-day notice	Pg. 55	
	17	Professional partners recommend that DCYF develop and implement standard rules and guidelines to be implemented across all shared planning meetings	Pg. 55	
<b>Effectiveness</b>		<b>Parents and Caregivers</b>		
	18	Based on the information provided, PCG recommends the parents, caregivers, and relevant multi-disciplinary team members are included in the Shared Planning Meetings	Pg. 55	Also included in 4.10, Pg. 44
	19	Shared planning meetings should have an assigned facilitator with an experienced family-centered, trauma-informed skillset who maintains a consistent presence through the entirety of the case	Pg. 55	This system improvement incorporates the training and skill set for the facilitators. Staffing and structure recommendations will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
	20	Based on the input provided by stakeholders, PCG recommends Shared Planning Meeting participants consider family and young people’s cultural needs while making decisions about services and placement	Pg. 55	Also included in 4.10, Pg. 44
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	21	Based on input from stakeholders, shared planning meetings should have a facilitator who has a family-centered, trauma-informed skillset and maintains a consistent presence through the entirety of the case	Pg. 55	This recommendation regarding facilitator skill set is integrated into this system Improvement. Recommendations regarding program structure will be shared with the responsible program manager/division for consideration.
		<b>4.12 REFERRALS AND TRANSITIONS</b>		
<b>Communication</b>		<b>Parents and Caregivers</b>		
	22	DCYF should allow young people and caregivers the opportunity to meet prior to placement.	Pgs. 58, 63	
	23	Caregivers recommend having a living document about the young person’s culture, identity, and well-being needs, informed by young people, and shared with caregivers and other relevant parties	The pre-placement narrative can be part of this living document, but would not be the whole document. Youth will have choice about some of the information that is shared. Pg. 58	The parts of this recommendation that are not able to be addressed through this system improvement will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
		<b>Professional Partners</b>		
	24	Professional partners recommended that social workers understand the roles and resources of partnering agencies by providing cross-agency trainings to ensure referrals and transitions are in the best interest of the child		This recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.

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	24.2	DCYF representatives should communicate with partnering agencies timely and routinely		This recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
<b>Resources</b>		<b>Parents and Caregivers</b>		
	25	Ensure foster parents receive sufficient information on available resources to allow their time served to be devoted towards caring for the children, rather than searching for referral agencies and other sources of assistance		This will partially be addressed with the Caregiver Support project. It is also addressed in SI 4.10, Pgs. 46, 47, 48. This recommendation will also be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
	26	Caregivers recommend providing resources consistently in every region throughout the state		This will partially be addressed with the Caregiver Support project. It is also addressed in SI 4.10, Pgs. 46, 47. This recommendation will also be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
	27	Caregivers recommend providing services consistently in every region throughout the state		This will partially be addressed with the Caregiver Support project. It is also addressed in SI 4.10, Pgs. 46, 47. This recommendation will also be shared with the responsible program manager/division.
		<b>Professional Partners</b>		
	28	Ensure agencies are working with counterparts and not in silos by facilitating frequent conversations and cross-agency conversations		This recommendation will be shared with the responsible program manager/division.