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Policy Memo

February 10, 2026

TO: Child Welfare Division (CWD) employees

FROM: Natalie Green, Assistant Secretary of Child Welfare Division

SUBJECT: Changes to [1740. Child Protection Teams \(CPT\) Policy](#) and Procedures

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 10, 2026

REVIEW DATE: February 10, 2027

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide guidance to CWD employees regarding changes to [1740. Child Protection Teams \(CPT\)](#) policy which includes changing the term and CPT requirements to Youth and Family Meetings (YFMs).

The following requirements are in effect as the 1740. Child Protection Teams (CPT) policy is being archived and incorporated into the new YFM policy.

Policy

Department of Children, Youth and Families is required to:

1. Consult the expertise of community-based Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) when a YFM is not possible and there is:
 - a. A risk of serious or imminent harm to children six years or younger.
 - b. Serious professional disagreement if out-of-home placement is appropriate.

Questions

If you have any questions, contact Alissa Copeland, Administrator of Child Welfare Programs, Alissa.Copeland@dcyf.wa.gov and 206-276-7644.

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