

Child-Specific Recruitment Services in Washington State

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) utilizes child-specific recruitment to identify permanent homes for dependent children or youth as quickly as possible and decrease the amount of time a child or youth spends in foster care. The service requirements vary based on whether or not the child or youth is legally free (LF), or if the primary plan has been changed to adoption and the court approves recruitment services, or **both** parents consent to recruitment services.



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<p>Northwest Adoption Exchange (NWAE)</p>	<p>The photo listing website featuring youth in the Pacific Northwest who are seeking permanency. Photo listing sites do not include direct contact with youth.</p> <p>NWAE offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A specific login for home studied Washington State families and Washington State caseworkers. • A way for potential adoptive families to learn more about children and youth from Washington and Oregon. • Help with screening families and posting to AdoptUSKids; a national photo listing website. 	<p>Prior to becoming LF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption is primary legal plan and • Child or youth are not in an identified adoptive home and • There is a court order allowing for this recruitment service or written permission from both parents or legal guardians using the form <i>Release and Consent for Child Specific Recruitment</i> (DCYF 09-611) available online at www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/forms/09-611.pdf <p>LF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption is the primary legal plan and • Child or youth is not in an identified adoptive home 	<p>Visit: www.nwae.org/apply/workers</p> <p>After creating a caseworker profile or logging in as a caseworker, download and complete the form for registering youth through the link and send to nwae-wa@nwresource.org.</p>	<p>Help with completing the form or needing professional photos of the child or youth, call 1-800-927-9411 or nwae-wa@nwresource.org.</p>



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<p>Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK)[®]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child-focused and evidence-based recruitment model • Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A thorough review of the case file – An assigned recruiter who conducts monthly in-person contact with the children or youth and involve the youth's voice – Searches youth's existing network – Monthly contact with assigned caseworker – Identification of potential adoptive or guardianship families and additional supports through diligent search – Assessment of adoption readiness for the child or youth – Adoption preparation of the child or youth and the family 	<p>To qualify for the program, the children <i>must</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be in the public foster care system. • Not currently have an identified permanent family. <p>In addition, they <i>may</i> be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legally free or have an open dependency case. • Have a primary or concurrent plan for adoption, guardianship, or another permanent living arrangement. • Between ages 9 and 17, or younger than 9 if they have special needs or are part of a sibling group. <p>Cases are carried out from referral to legal finalization and/or a youth's 18th birthday.</p>	<p>Email Bryonna Henry at bryonna.henry@dcyf.wa.gov with the name of the child(ren)/youth and the case number. The case will be reviewed for eligibility. If eligible and current case openings are available, a referral meeting will be scheduled to discuss case assignment with the primary caseworker, supervisor, specialized recruiter, and the specialized recruitment supervisor (Bryonna Henry).</p> <p>A court order is not required for a referral</p>	<p>Direct questions about the referral or recruitment services to Bryonna Henry at 509-342-8900 or bryonna.henry@dcyf.wa.gov.</p>
<p>Adoption Consortium</p>	<p>Interactive presentation of children and youth in need of a permanent placement and families who want to adopt.</p> <p>The presentation is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held via Zoom every other month on the third Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. • Completed by the caseworker or someone who knows the youth • May include the family themselves • Only involves DCYF employees, home-study writers (private and Licensing Division), and licensed families. It does not include the youth. 	<p>Prior to becoming LF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption is the primary legal plan and • Not in an identified adoptive home and • There is a court order allowing for this recruitment service or written permission from both legal parents by using the form <i>Release and Consent for Child Specific Recruitment</i> (DCYF 09-611) available online at www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/forms/09-611.pdf <p>LF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption is primary legal plan and • Child or youth is not in an identified adoptive home 	<p>If you would like to present a youth during consortium, please fill out the registration form online at https://airtable.com/shr1ld4NUzggRGZvl and someone from NWAEE will be in touch.</p> <p>If the youth need to be registered with NWAEE, please contact the team at nwae-wa@nwresource.org or log into your NWAEE account to download the youth registration form or ask direct questions.</p> <p>Register for the event to receive the Zoom information at https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qfuuorTlrEt1ZAoCTpTdbFIIDcyrfcl0#/registration.</p>	<p>*If you are unable to present the child or youth at the scheduled time on the day of consortium, ensure someone will present on Zoom and be able to respond to questions.</p>

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<p>In-Depth Profiles</p>	<p>Interactive youth-led program run by NWAE. The benefits of this allow the child or youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be creative on how they want to present themselves to potential families rather than just using a photo and written profile on NWAE • To have some control over their lives • To be engaged in their recruitment <p>Profile possibilities are endless. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry • Art • Podcasts • Videos of the child or youth doing something they love, e.g., fishing, make-up tutorials, cooking tutorials, etc 	<p>Prior to becoming LF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption is the primary legal plan and • Child or youth is not in an identified adoptive home and • There is a court order allowing for this recruitment service or written permission from both legal parents by using the form <i>Release and Consent for Child Specific Recruitment</i> (DCYF 09-611) available online at www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/forms/09-611.pdf • and registered with NWAE <p>LF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption is the primary legal plan and • Child or youth is not in an identified adoptive home and • Registered with NWAE 	<p>Reach out to the team at indepthprofiles@nwresource.org.</p>	<p>Reach out to the team at indepthprofiles@nwresource.org.</p>