Child Placing Agency Contact List

Region 4

What is a Child Placing Agency?

A Child Placing Agency (CPA) is an agency licensed by DCYF to complete home studies and supervise children and youth placed in the care of the families licensed by the agency. These agencies share DCYF's goal to reunify families, and they can assist families when a different permanent plan like adoption is needed. Washington is home to many Child Placing Agencies! We encourage you to learn more about the agencies listed in this resource. Here is some quick guidance to get you started!

1. Review this list and learn more about the agencies by visiting their websites.
2. Identify 2-3 agencies that you would like to know more about.
3. Contact the agencies and ask questions about their services to help you figure out which is the best fit for you! See a list of suggested agency interview questions at the end of this document as a helpful guide.

Path Toward Licensure

- There is no right or wrong path.
- All paths lead to the same place - caring for children and youth experiencing foster care.
- Consider all options and the best fit for your family.

DCYF's Licensing Division oversees the certification of all licenses, whether State or CPA

State Licensing

- Families work directly with the local Licensing Division.
- Foster families make placement decisions independently.
- Foster parents work directly with DCYF staff.
- Families self-advocate for specific needs, services, and resources.

Child Placing Agency

- Families work directly with a local private agency.
- CPA and caregiver coordinate placement decisions.
- CPA provides advocacy for family and child needs, services, and resources.
- Services are provided or coordinated by agency.
- Families receive individualized support and case management from the CPA.

All Families

Foster families receive support from DCYF's contracted partners at the Alliance CaRES Program.

- For more information visit: **https://alliancecares.org**
- You can also email: **alliancecares@uw.edu**

Child Placing Agencies Serving Region 4:

AMARA
Contact: Emily Sigler
Email: **FosterInfo@amarafamily.org**
Phone: (206) 260-1700
Website: **https://amarafamily.org/programs-resources/foster-care-services/**

ANTIOCH ADOPTIONS
Contact: Sheryl Bullard
Email: **foreverfamily@antiochadoptions.org**
Phone: (425) 558-0921
Website: **https://antiochadoptions.org/foster-to-adopt/what-we-do**

CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS
Contact: Nikia Mahomes
Email: **nmahomes@casey.org**
Phone: (206) 709-2110
Office Email: **joffice@casey.org**
Office Phone: (206) 322-6711
Website: **https://www.casey.org**

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES (Refugee and Immigrant Youth Served)
Email: **fostercareinfo@ccsww.org**
Phone: (253) 502-2745 or 206-328-5696 (office)
Website: **https://ccsww.org/services/international-foster-care**

CITY MINISTRIES
Contact: Christie Lolohea
Email: **christie@citymin.org**
Phone: (425) 739-1191
Website: **http://citymin.org/child-placement-agency**

COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES FOUNDATION
Contact: Shelly Genuardi
Email: **gera@cfsf.net**
Phone: (360) 895-7889
Website: **https://cfsf.site**

FRIENDS OF YOUTH
Contact: Nicolas Rodriguez
Email: **fostercare@friendsofyouth.org**
Phone: (425) 761-0595
Website: **https://www.friendsofyouth.org**

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES NORTHWEST (Refugee and Immigrant Youth Served)
Email: **fostercare@refugeesnw.org**
Phone: (206) 694-5780
Website: **https://refugeechildren.net**

MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE
Contact: Sukara Grandberry
Email: **sukara.grandberry@muckleshoot.nsn.us**
Phone: (253) 876-3240 or (253) 325-2172 (cell)
Website: **http://www.muckleshoot.nsn.us/services/human-services/indian-child-welfare.aspx**

OLIVE CREST
Contact: Galena Smith
Email: **inquiry-northsound@olivecrest.org**
Phone: (425) 462-1612
Website: **www.olivecrest.org**

SYNERGY FOSTER SUPPORT SERVICES
Contact: Duane Ott
Email: **contact@synergyfss.org**
Phone: (425) 280-2093
Website: **https://synergyfss.org**

UNITED INDIANS OF ALL TRIBES
Contact: Laura McCormick
Email: **fostercare@unitedindians.org**
Phone: (206) 285-4425
Website: **https://www.unitedindians.org/services/foster-care**

YMCA OF GREATER SEATTLE
Contact: Jessica Kessler
Email: **fosterparenting@seattleymca.org**
Phone: (206) 507-5160
Website: **https://www.seattleymca.org/foster-parenting**

YOUTHNET
Contact: Holland Wood
Email: **hwood@youthnetnw.net**
Phone: (360) 420-2206
Website: **https://youthnetnw.net**

ADOPTION ONLY CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

Services include international and/or domestic private adoptions. These agencies do not have foster care licensing programs:

HOLT WASHINGTON
(International Adoptions)
Email: **oregonwashington@holtinternational.org**
Phone: (206) 575-4550
Website: **www.holtinternational.org**

OPEN ADOPTION AND FAMILY SERVICES
Contact: Lori Maas
Email: **lori@openadopt.org**
Phone: (503) 226-4870
Website: **https://www.openadopt.org**

OPEN ARMS ADOPTION
Contact: Sam Barnes
Email: **Sam@openarmsadoptionagency.com**
Phone: (206) 492-4196
Website: **https://openarmsadoptionagency.com**

YOUR ADOPTIVE FAMILY
(home study and post-placement services)
Contact: Jill Dziko
Email: **jilldz@youradoptivefamily.com**
Phone: (206) 408-7219
Website: **www.youradoptivefamily.com**

AGENCY INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- What locations do you serve?
- What kind of support do you provide to foster families? (e.g. assigned worker/case manager, support groups, trainings, etc.)
- What kind of additional training and enrichment opportunities are provided for foster parents?
- How will you help me navigate my relationship with a child's parents, siblings, and other family members?
- What is the licensing process through your agency? How long on average does it take to get licensed? Does your agency require any additional steps outside of DCYF's requirements?
- What do you consider when matching or placing children in a foster home? (e.g. What criteria does the agency use to match families with children?)
- Have you worked with other families like ours?
- What are your expectations of me as a foster parent?
- Does your agency charge fees? If so, what expenses do I need to plan for? When are they due?
- How do you support families when a child moves out of our home?
- Can you connect me directly with current foster parents as a reference to learn more?

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