

A Guide to the Caregiver Supports Contract



The Caregiver Supports Contract is for all caregivers taking care of DCYF children and youth. This includes relatives and kin.

The type and level of support each caregiver gets is based on the child's documented Caregiver Supports Resource Level (www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/CWP_0038.pdf). The level is decided on when a child or youth enters foster care.

What can caregivers expect from the provider in their area?

- Automatic referral to support services with regular communication.
- A request to schedule a Caregiver Support Plan meeting. At this meeting, you will talk about needs and create a plan.
- Partnership between the provider and the child or youth's DCYF Caseworker.
- Behavioral case aide service coordination is available for resource levels 3-7.

Caregivers can find more information about their provider at <https://dcyf.wa.gov/services/foster-parenting/caregiver-supports-project>

What does support look like?

- Education advocacy
- Coordinating medical and health related appointments
- Child care support
- Care that is appropriate for children and youth's culture and stage of development
- Ways to support children as they become adults
- Creating strategies to manage behavioral health
- Help during crisis and emergencies
- Pre-authorized Case Aide hours for children with a support level of 3 -7.

When will this support be available in my area?

DCYF will award one contract per catchment area. The full-service schedule is available by scanning the QR code in this document. **Tribes have three options:**

- Serve their own children
- Have the area provider serve their children
- Opt out of services



What must contractors provide for caregivers?

- An introduction to **voluntary** services within **72 hours** of receiving placement information (this doesn't include weekends and holidays).
- Creation of a **Caregiver Support Plan (CSP)** within **60 days** of outreach. This includes working with people the caregiver picked as support persons. This plan is updated every three months.
- Ongoing and on-call placement support services.

Note: Contractors must provide the completed plan to the assigned DCYF Caseworker to file for case records.

Catchment Area Implementation Schedule

Scan QR Code for complete schedule



<https://dcyf.wa.gov/services/foster-parenting/caregiver-supports-project/phase-two>

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