

A Guide to Caregiver Support Services

Caregiver Supports are 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, caregivers and provider 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: www.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 awards one contract per catchment area and caregiver support services providers are based on where in the State the caregiver lives. Please visit the project website for a list of providers by area.

What must contractors provide for caregivers?

- Outreach to caregivers following placement of DCYF youth.
- 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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