



Provider Supports Subcommittee Feedback Loop

April 17, 2024

Recommendations, Input and Decisions Made, Status Updates

Follow Up Items from Previous Meetings

CHANGE OF DATE – June Provider Supports Meeting

Due to a scheduling conflict, there has been a change of date for the upcoming June Provider Supports meeting. The meeting will now be taking place on **Tuesday, June 11**, not Wednesday June 12 as originally scheduled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please reach out to dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov

Recruitment Announcement: Provider Supports Executive Committee

We are currently accepting nominations for co-chairs! Below we have included the Roles and Responsibilities, including time commitments, for the co-chair position. Please take a moment to review and reach out if you have any questions or would like to apply.

Co-Chair Roles and Responsibilities

- Serve as members of the Executive Committee.
- Lead and facilitate meetings in a way that ensures: that all Members and the public have opportunities to participate; that meeting actions and decisions are clear; and that PS provides meaningful, clear advice and recommendations to DCYF.
- Steward the consistent collaboration and alignment with ELAC and DCYF to ensure all expectations and directives are being met.
- Participate in regular planning meetings with DCYF to plan meetings and track work plan progress (approximate time commitment is 2-3 one-hour meetings per month).
- Represent PS in communications with DCYF.

If you are interested in being a co-chair for Provider Supports, please email us at dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov and share the following:

- *Why are you interested in being a co-chair for Provider Supports?*
- *What do you hope to contribute to the Executive Committee?*

Child Care Health Consultants

There are currently about 250 nurses registered with DCYF across the state as Child Care Health Consultants Consultation (CCHC and formally called infant nurse consults) . Garfield and Klickitat are the only counties where nurses haven't been identified. Through CCDF, a small amount of money has been allotted to begin on work on the creation of an online interface that is accessible by both nurses and child care providers, and should be completed in 2024. Until the systems is live, child care providers can get a referral for a local nurse by contacting Jennifer Helseth. Nurses who are interested in becoming a CCHC can also contact Jennifer for more information. The agency is experimenting with a pilot to use LPNs in addition to RNs to expand the workforce in communities where there is a nurse shortage. A training was created so that new nurses and child care providers can have a common understanding of what is expected from a CCHC. <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers/cchc>



Licensing Visit Provider Survey

During the February 14 Provider Supports meeting, Members requested an update on the development of a Provider Survey to provide feedback on their experience with licensing visits. The survey is currently in development and is expected to be available in the WA Compass Provider Portal by early 2025. Additional updates will be shared with the Provider Supports Subcommittee as they become available. If you have any questions, please reach out to travis.hansen@dcyf.wa.gov.