

# Network Administrators

## Family Time (FT) and Combined In-Home (CIH)

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# Network Administrator (NA)

It is an expectation of the legislature DCYF will expand the coverage area of network administrators to encompass the entire state. (RCW 74.13B.020)

- The current procurement and contract for NA expires on June 30, 2023, requiring a new procurement and contract.
- DCYF needs to expand to the west side to continue compliance with the RCW.
- DCYF wants to increase service delivery to meet the needs of our children, youth, and families.



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By contracting with Network Administrators, DCYF believes it will:

- Improve outcomes for children, youth and families
  - Prevent placement in out-of-home care
  - Increase timely reunification
  - Minimize and address impacts of trauma
- Greatly increase service availability
  - Reduce service gaps
  - Eliminate wait times
  - Streamline referral process
- Create community-based service organizations
  - Connected to the community they serve
  - Supports culturally responsive services
  - Required to accept all referrals in their service area



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By contracting with Network Administrators, DCYF believes it will:

- Reduce barriers for small community-based agencies to be service providers
  - Moving the oversight and administrative management to the NA will reduce barriers for new providers within the community to deliver services
- Strengthen oversight and support of services provided
  - Services meet the same standards of delivery statewide
  - Families receive higher quality services
  - Providers are supported to deliver higher quality services
  - Supports an infrastructure for consistent training, onboarding, and support of providers

# Network Administrator – Decisions Made

- DCYF will move forward with expanding Network Administrators statewide
- Network Administrator contracts for regions 1 & 2 (Eastern Washington) will go into effect 7/1/2023 and will include Family Time and Combined In-home services
- Network Administrator contracts for regions 3,4,5 & 6 (Western Washington) will cover Family Time only. Contracts will go into effect 7/1/2023 with delayed implementation for 10/1/2023

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Additional decisions:

- Each region will be a catchment area
- Network Administrators will not be required to be service providers
- Network Administrators will be able to serve more than one catchment area



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## Next steps

- Coordinate meetings with providers and FIN to obtain additional input and feedback regarding NA implementation
- Family Time and Combined In-home program managers will continue to work with contractors related to the specific services
- Finalize and communicate Network Administrator procurement process and timeline