

DCYF Legislative Update: 2022 Session Wrap Up

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We will begin shortly. Thank you!

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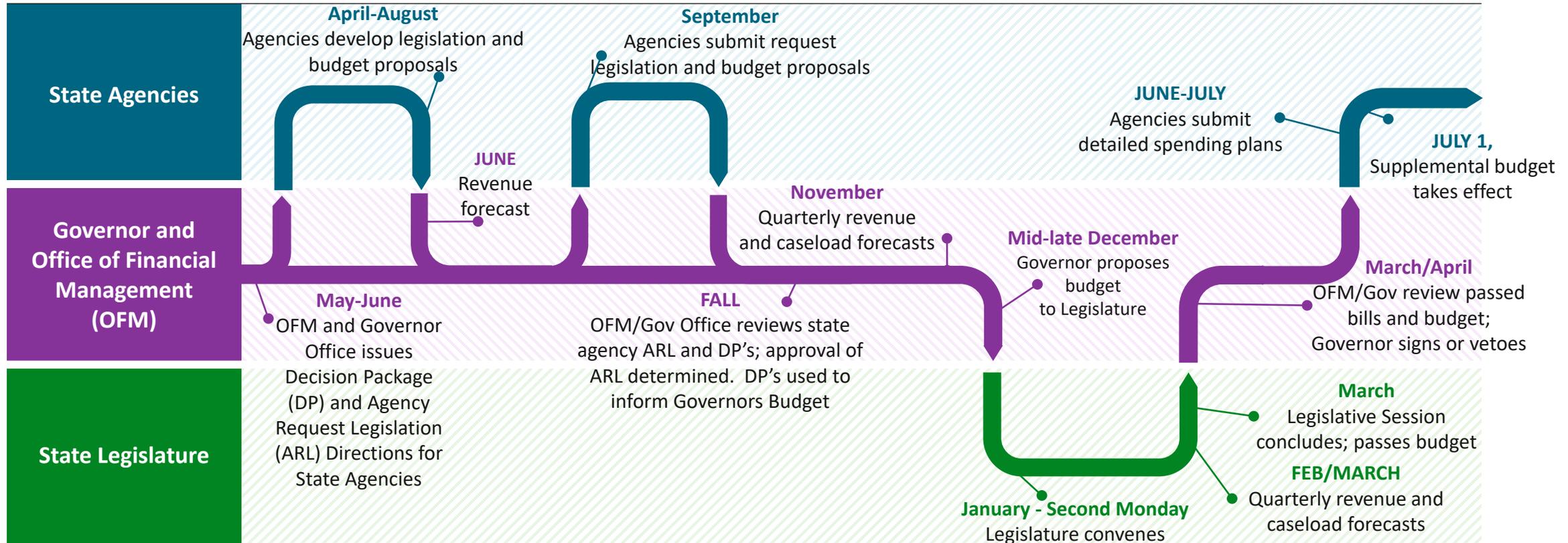
Agenda



- Timeline Overview
- Session Updates – The Wrap Up
- Implementation – What to Expect



Preparing for Session – Supplemental Year Timeline



2022 Legislative Session Wrap Up

Shorter Supplemental Legislative Session

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Hybrid/Remote session

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Significant 2021 Investments in DCYF

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Strong Economy in Washington State

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Strong and Positive Steps Forward



DCYF Decision Packages & Agency Request Legislation Recap



DCYF Decision Packages and Funded Amounts

	Summary	Amount
Indian Child Welfare Act Compliance	The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is a federal law that sets minimum standards for state court child custody proceedings involving Indian children. Recent decisions of the Washington State Supreme Court expanded the scope of cases in which ICWA applies, and clarified the active efforts required by the Department to prevent the breakup of the Indian family. Funding is provided for the Department to comply with the updated standards set forth by the court decisions, including staffing, training revisions, and IT system changes.	\$8.2M
Family Time Rates	Funding is provided to increase the hourly reimbursement rate for child visitation services to \$37.19, to reimburse mileage starting from the first mile, and to create an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) compliance contracting structure.	\$23.9M
Combined In-Home Services	Combined in-home services (CIHS) provide skill-based and therapy-based services to help families care for their children safely at home. Funding is provided to increase CIHS rates effective July 1, 2022, as recommended by a market rate study completed by a contracted vendor in calendar year 2021	\$8.44M
Kinship Caregiver Engagement	Funding for 15.0 FTEs is phased in beginning July 1, 2022, to provide for statewide implementation of the kinship caregiver engagement unit.	\$1.78M

Exceptional Placement Continuum Funding

	Summary	Amount
Adolescent Housing Program Pilot	For the department to expand its housing pilot to two additional sites. The housing pilot will serve hard-to-place foster youth who are at least 16 years old with housing and intensive case management.	\$1.29M
Increase Case Aide Hourly Rate	Funding is provided to increase the hourly rate paid for Case Aide services from \$26 to \$30, effective April 1, 2022.	\$220K
Increase BRS Facility Rates	Funding is provided to increase the monthly rate paid to BRS facilities from \$12,803.72 per youth to \$16,861.91 per youth effective April 1, 2022. It is the intent of the legislature that funding be used to increase direct care worker wages with the goal of reaching a \$25 hourly wage. An inflation adjustment is added to the rate in the 2023-25 biennium.	\$13.375M
Increase BRS Treatment Foster Care Rates	Funding is provided to increase the monthly rate paid for BRS Treatment or Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) from \$8,226.48 per youth to \$10,126.92 per youth effective April 1, 2022. The increased funding shall be used to increase the amount passed through BRS vendors to TFC parents. An inflation adjustment is added to the rate in the 2023-25 biennium.	\$4.511M
Shared Planning Meetings Staff	Staff are provided to organize and facilitate shared planning meetings and Family Team Decision Making meetings for child welfare cases.	\$1.144M

ECEAP Decision Package Overview

	Summary	Amount
ECEAP Slot Expansion	Funding is provided to increase the number of Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) slots by 366 slots in fiscal year 2023 . One-time funding for 40 flexible slots.	\$4.7M
ECEAP Slot Conversion	Funds are provided to convert 777 part day slots to school day slots in fiscal year 2023. Conversion continues at the same level through FY 24 and 25.	\$2.66M
ECEAP Quality Support Rate	Funding is provided to continue the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) quality support rate that has historically been funded with a private grant, which expires in FY 2022. The funding provided is solely for a \$54 per slot quality support rate, which will increase by 1.5 percent annually beginning in fiscal year 2024.	\$1.268M



DCYF Staffing and Salary Highlights

	Summary
Cost of Living Salary Increase	General wage increase of 3.25%, effective July 1, 2022 is provided for all staff, represented and non-represented state employees.
Lump Sum Payment	A graduated lump sum payment for represented employees making \$99,000 or less and who were employed continuously starting on or before July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
SEIU 1199 General Government	The collective bargaining agreement includes a general wage increase of 3.25% for fiscal year 2023 and a retention bonus payable in two equal installments; \$1,000 on July 25, 2022 and \$1,000 on June 25, 2023. Part time nurses will receive a retention incentive that is proportionate to the number of hours worked.
Classification Base Salary Adjustments (OFM)	Funding provided to OFM, solely for implementation of classification-based salary adjustments for state employees whose jobs are difficult for the state to recruit and retain a competitive workforce. No further details are available at this time.
JR Staffing Maintenance	Provided solely for maintaining staffing levels at juvenile rehabilitation facilities independent from fluctuating caseloads.

Safely Reduce Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Policy and Budget Highlights

	Summary	Amount
Hub Home Foster and Kinship Constellations and Long-term Implementation	For the costs of hub home foster and kinship families that provide a foster care delivery model that includes a hub home, for a contract with an organization with expertise in implementing the hub home model with fidelity to provide technical assistance to hub home families and the department, and to support long-term implementation of the hub home model. The department shall submit a preliminary report to the governor and appropriate legislative committees by Dec. 1, 2022, and a final report to the governor and appropriate legislative committees by June 30, 2023, that details its progress and plans for long-term implementation of the hub home model.	\$269K
Family Reconciliation Services	For DCYF and families to partner with the department of commerce to codesign community-based FRS to assess and stabilize youth and families in crisis through primary prevention services. Preliminary recommendations from the codesign team must be submitted to the governor and appropriate legislative committees no later than December 1, 2022, with the annual family reconciliation services data required under RCW 13.32A.045.	\$100K

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Child Welfare Housing Pilot	For the child welfare housing assistance pilot program authorized in RCW 74.13.802	\$767K
Prenatal Substance Exposure	To contract with a clinic that treats prenatal substance exposure in children up to age 13 and that primarily serves families from Snohomish and King counties. It is the intent of the legislature that the department's contract with the clinic prioritize children for services who are at risk of being removed from their family home, who were recently reunified with their family following an out-of-home placement, who have experienced multiple out-of-home placements and are at risk of additional placements, and any other priority populations identified by the department.	\$300K
Grays Harbor SafeCare	For the provision of SafeCare, an evidence-based parenting program, for families in Grays Harbor county.	\$100K

Create Successful Transitions to Adulthood

Policy and Budget Highlights

	Summary	Amount
Extended Foster Care Transition Stipends	Funding is provided for DCYF to contract with a community organization to administer monthly stipends to young adults who were impacted by the federal moratorium that prohibited states from discharging them from extended foster care due to age through Sept. 30, 2021, and young adults who age out of extended foster care between Oct. 1, 2021, and June 30, 2023. To the extent feasible, the organization must administer the monthly stipends at consistent amounts per young adult each month.	\$10.6M
Systems Assessment of Extended Foster Care	To contract for a systems assessment of state and federally funded services and benefits for young adults enrolled in or exiting extended foster care and make recommendations to improve the continuum of supports for the extended foster care population to support successful transitions to independent adulthood. A status update must be submitted to the governor and appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature by Nov. 30, 2022. A final report must be submitted by June 30, 2023.	\$200K
Youth Financial Capability	For improving the financial capability of dependent youth. DCYF shall develop a report with recommendations of how to improve access to private, self-controlled bank accounts for dependent youth ages 14 and up as well as other strategies for improving financial capability of dependent youth. The analysis and recommendations are due to the legislature by December 1, 2022, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036.	\$325K
Foster Care Educational Outreach	For a contract with an educational advocacy provider with expertise in foster care educational outreach. The amounts in this subsection are provided solely for contracted education coordinators to assist foster children in succeeding in K-12 and higher education systems and to assure a focus on education during the department's transition to performance-based contracts. Funding must be prioritized to regions with high numbers of foster care youth, regions where backlogs of youth that have formerly requested educational outreach services exist, or youth with high educational needs.	\$460K

Create Successful Transitions to Adulthood

Policy and Budget Highlights

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JR Education Security	For two juvenile education security staff positions for juvenile rehabilitation's GED education programs. One education-security position must be located at the Echo Glen children's center to assist with the open doors program and one education-security position must be located at the Green Hill school. The goal of the education-security positions is to provide dependable, daily education opportunities for students participating in the GED programs located at the respective institutional facilities. The education-security positions are responsible for providing daily escort to and from the classroom for students attending school and for providing classroom management during the period while students are attending classes.	\$196K
JR Peer Navigators	For the juvenile rehabilitation administration to contract with a peer navigator program that currently mentors and assists with the needs of justice-involved youth and young adults who are from the city of Federal Way and who are currently residing at the Green Hill school. The mentorship program must provide peer coaching and support by aiding in the personal and professional development of incarcerated youth and young adults through life skills, job readiness, youth leadership, and results-based projects.	\$100K
Naselle Youth Camp	The Department of Children, Youth, and Families—juvenile rehabilitation must cease new placements at the Naselle youth camp, with the goal of closing the camp by June 30, 2023. It is the intention of the legislature after the closure to transfer management of the Naselle youth camp land and facilities to the department of natural resources in the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium and develop the facilities into an outdoor school. The department must assist the department of natural resources and the office of the superintendent of public instruction with the proposal on the use of the Naselle youth camp for an outdoor school as needed pursuant to section 310 of this act.	



Create a High-Quality, Integrated B-8 System Policy and Budget Highlights

	Summary	Amount
Summer ECEAP	For DCYF to provide early childhood education and assistance program services during summer 2022 to 2,212 part day program slots, including 2,011 slots in an in-person learning program and 201 slots provided other additional services.	\$5.97M
Mental Health Consultation	Provided solely for infant and early childhood mental health consultation.	\$185K
Tribal Mental Health Consultation	To implement an infant and early childhood mental health consultation initiative to support tribal child care and early learning programs. Funding may be used to provide culturally congruent infant and early childhood mental health supports for tribal child care, tribal early childhood education and assistance program, and tribal head start providers. The department must consult with federally recognized tribes which may include round tables through the Indian policy early learning committee.	\$260K
WA Communities for Children	For the Washington communities for children for costs to complete its work pursuant to a federal preschool development grant that expires at the end of calendar year 2022. Allowable costs are only those incurred from January 2023 through June 2023.	\$900K
FFN Play and Learn Groups	For DCYF to help expand and support family, friend, or neighbor caregivers with a focus on the provision of play and learn groups. \$50k is specific for Grays Harbor County.	\$640K

Improve Quality and Availability of Provider Services

Policy and Budget Highlights

	Summary	Amount
CBA – SEIU 925 Cost of Care Rate Enhancement	Provided solely for the implementation of an agreement reached between the governor and the service employees international union local 925 for a cost of care rate enhancement for family child care providers under the provisions of chapter 41.56 RCW for fiscal year 2023 as provided in section 940 of this act.	\$45.35M
Enrollment-Based Pay	Provided solely for enrollment based payments from April 2022 through June 2022.	\$21.2M
Subsidy Base Rate Enhancement – Child Care Centers	For a 16 percent subsidy base rate enhancement for child care centers for fiscal year 2023. It is the intent of the legislature to continue to rebase child care provider subsidy base rates to the 85th percentile of market in subsequent fiscal biennia.	\$45.9M
Background Check Fee Assistance	For DCYF to pay the application and fingerprint processing fees on behalf of child care providers to reduce the time involved to complete background checks.	\$1.267M
WCCC Co-pay Waiver Adjustment	One-time funding is provided for WCCC household copayments, which the Department waived for families receiving WCCC services from July through September 2021.	\$9.5M

Improve Quality and Intention of Practice Policy and Budget Highlights

	Summary	Amount
Child Support Foster Care	Funding is provided for the Department to refer child welfare cases for child support collection in cases where a child has been abandoned rather than automatically referring all cases. This includes one-time funding in FY 2022 for Information Technology (IT) system changes to turn off the automatic case referral to the Department of Social and Health Services' Division of Child Support, as well as ongoing funding for 2.0 FTE staff to conduct case evaluations effective April 1, 2022. Funding is provided in FY 2023 and beyond to backfill the reduction in child support collections used towards a child's cost of care.	\$2M
Child Welfare Workload Study	One-time funding is provided to enter into a contract with an outside entity to conduct a child welfare workload study that examines how changes to state and federal laws have impacted the workloads of case-carrying child welfare workers and how recent state Supreme Court decisions relating to ICWA have impacted the workloads of case-carrying workers.	\$1M
BRS New Vancouver Facility	One-time funding is provided for start-up costs, administrative and program positions, and basic equipment at a new 30-bed Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS) facility that is anticipated to open in the Vancouver area in FY 2023.	\$1.513M

DCYF Agency Request Legislation

	Summary	Amount
Parent Pay Repeal (HB 2050)	Funding is provided to implement Substitute House Bill 2050 (parent pay/child detention) that repeals the parent pay statutes, cancels all outstanding debts owed by the parents or other legally obligated persons, and terminates all pending actions or proceedings against the parents or other legally obligated persons to recover the debt owed.	\$1.56M
Child Welfare Investigations (HB 1920)	Concerning investigations of child abuse or neglect at residential facilities.	Did not pass



DCYF Tracked Bills Highlights that Passed

Bill #	Title	Summary
<u>HB 1747</u>	Child relative placements	Supporting relative placements in child welfare proceedings.
<u>HB 1890</u>	Children behavioral health	Concerning the children and youth behavioral health work group
<u>HB 1905</u>	Homelessness/youth discharge	Reducing homelessness for youth and young adults discharging from a publicly funded system of care.
<u>HB 1955</u>	Dependency/education	Creating uniformity in education requirements for students who are the subject of a dependency proceeding.
<u>HB 2068</u>	Imagination library	Creating the imagination library of Washington program.
<u>SB 5793</u>	State boards, etc./stipends	Concerning stipends for low-income or under represented community members of state boards, commissions, councils, committees, and similar groups.
<u>HB 1735</u>	Peace officers/use of force	Modifying the standard for use of force by peace officers. Bill clarifies law enforcement role in child welfare statutes. Addresses DCYF concerns related to 1310.
<u>HB 2037</u>	Peace officers/use of force	Modifying the standard for use of force by peace officers.



Implementation Process 2022



Government Affairs will schedule and facilitate the first scoping meeting on each bill, proviso or like cluster of bills and provisos.

Scoping meetings will occur within the next months.

What to expect :

Walk through of bill sections, key elements and deliverables to create shared understanding on implementation planning.

Identification of the following for the bill/bill sections:

- Who's in charge
- Timeline
- Funding
- Rules and policy needs
- IT changes and updates
- Communications plans
- Stakeholder engagement

Discuss any unresolved concerns (legal or otherwise) that everyone needs to be aware of.

Decide frequency of check-ins (if needed) and next steps.

Implementation Meetings will cover questions such as:

- What are **major milestones** mandated in the bill or are necessitated by requirements of the bill?
- How may the **funding** be spent?
- Who are the internal and external audiences, what are the **types of information** which need to be shared about the implementation of the bill?
- What **stakeholders** need to be involved in the implementation, to what degree (informed, consulted, co-creators, etc.) and who's in charge of this work?



Thank you!

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