WHAT IS DCYF?

DCYF is an agency focused on the well-being of children, youth and families.
Desired Agency Outcomes

RESILIENCE
• Children and youth are supported by healthy relationships with adults
• Families are economically secure
• Parents and caregivers are supported to meet the needs of their children and youth

EDUCATION
• Kindergarten readiness
• Youth school engagement
• High school graduation

HEALTH
• Healthy birthweight
• Child and youth development
• Youth mental and behavioral health

MISSION
Protect children and youth and strengthen families so they flourish.

VISION
All Washington’s children and youth grow up safe and healthy — thriving physically, emotionally and educationally, nurtured by family and community.

VALUES
Inclusion • Respect • Integrity
Compassion • Transparency
Who We Are

**Child Welfare:** The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) provides services to reduce the risk of abuse and neglect, finds safe alternatives to out-of-home placement and assures safety and permanency for children in out-of-home care. Washington State's kinship placement is one of the highest in the nation. In 2018, there were 9,046 children in out-of-home-care.

**Early Learning:** DCYF offers services and information for families with children prenatal to age five that support healthy child development and school readiness. Through partnerships with communities across the state, DCYF offers a variety of services, including preschool's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP); home visiting, a family-focused service for expectant parents and families with new babies and young children to support the child's physical, social and emotional health; Working Connections Child Care, the state's licensed child care subsidy program; Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT), services for children birth to three with disabilities or development delays; and more. DCYF is committed to ensuring high-quality early learning programs and partners.

**Juvenile Rehabilitation:** Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) provides evidence and research-based programs and reentry-focused rehabilitation services to the highest-risk youth and young adults in the juvenile justice system committed to the state through county courts. Residential treatment is provided to 900 of the state's youth in three secure institutions and eight community facilities. JR also supervises youth receiving parole aftercare services. These services prepare young people for productive lives and a successful future when they leave JR, as well as assist families as they support integration into their home and community.

**Licensing:** Licensing provides services for safe out-of-home options for children in Washington State. Foster care licensing evaluates safety and risk to children, and licenses foster homes, group care facilities and child placing agencies. Foster care licensing also evaluates kin as potential placement options through the home study process. Additionally, DCYF licenses three types of child care facilities in Washington State: centers, family homes and school-age programs.

**Tribal Relations:** DCYF supports the delivery of services to the 29 federally recognized tribes in Washington State as well as the seven recognized American Indian Organizations (RAIOs). The Office of Tribal Relations works to ensure these services are high-quality, culturally sensitive and delivered in a timely manner. By honoring the unique government to government relationship with federally recognized tribes of Washington State, DCYF provides Child Welfare, Early Learning and Juvenile Rehabilitation services that reflect the values of each child's tribe. The Office of Tribal Relations works in partnership with the Tribal Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC), Indian Policy for Early Learning (IPEL) and the Indian Child Welfare Subcommittee.
For Families

- Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT)
- Home Visiting
- Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention Services (ECLIPSE)
- Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)
- Child Care Subsidy Program
- Child Care Check
- Children’s Trust of Washington
- Prevent Child Abuse America State Chapter
- 24/7 Child Abuse Hotline
- Abuse and Neglect Investigation (CPS)
- Family Assessment Response (FAR)
- Family Voluntary Services
- Kinship Care Services
- Foster Care
- Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- Washington State Indian Child Welfare Act (WSICWA)
- Outreach to support Tribal Early Learning Providers
- Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS)
- Adoption Services and Support
Services

For Youth
- Extended Foster Care
- Education for Foster Youth
- Family Reconciliation Services (FRS)
- HOPE Act
- Crisis Residential Centers (CRC)
- Independent Living Skills
- Mentoring and Peer Support
- MENTOR Washington
- LGBTQ+ Services
- Juvenile Rehabilitation
  - Residential Treatment
  - Milieu Supports
  - Youth and Family Focused Reentry Planning
  - Education and Vocational Training
  - Employment
  - Parole Aftercare
  - State Grants to County Courts for justice-involved youth

For Providers
- Early Achievers Quality Rating and Improvement System
- Licensing for Child Care, Foster Homes, Group Care and Child Placing Agencies
- Foster Care Training
- Home Studies
- Monitoring Visits
- Compliance Evaluation and Remediation
- Eligibility and Provider Supports
- Licensing Division Abuse and Neglect Investigation (CPS)
- Early Learning Professional Development and Training
- Managed Education and Registry Information Tool (MERIT)
Subsidy Programs

The Adoption Support Program assists in removing barriers for families adopting special needs children by providing ongoing medical and financial support.

The Relative Guardianship Assistance Program (R-GAP) provides a subsidy for children placed with a qualified licensed relative when it is determined during a shared planning meeting that a guardianship is in the child’s best interest.

The Seasonal Child Care Program pays for child care subsidies to eligible seasonally employed agricultural families who live in designated counties and are not receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits.

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) helps low-income families pay for child care while they work or meet WorkFirst participation requirements. When a family qualifies for child care subsidy benefits and chooses an eligible provider, the state pays a portion of the cost of child care. The parent is also responsible to pay a copayment to the provider each month.
DCYF BY THE NUMBERS

– The fourth largest state agency –
– Six regions with more than 85 facilities –
  – 86 Child Placing Agencies –
  – 152 Group Care Facilities –
  – More than 4,500 staff –
– More than 5,100 Licensed Foster Homes –
– 5,600 Licensed Child Care Facilities –