## **DCYF** Combined In-Home Services 2022 Decision Package

Combined In-Home Service (CIHS) are tailored services that increase a parent's ability to safely parent their child. An average of 2,800 families receive CIHS every year. The Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) has identified significant gaps in the CIHS service line due to an inadequate rate structure. This program is crucial for both the prevention of out-of-home placement and the facilitation of successful family reunification, contributing to widespread service inadequacy. In many parts of the state, families are forced to delay or forego these pivotal services due to limited supply, preventing them from using this powerful tool to learn to safely parent their children. Request for a rate increase in CIHS (\$8.4 million for the second half of the 2021-23 biennium, \$16.8 million in the next biennium).



## **INCREASING CIHS RATES WILL:**

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- Stabilize services and increase service capacity and availability by allowing providers to offer a living wage.
- Improve service in regions where a high number of cases apply Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).
- Deliver resources to families to prevent out-of-home placement and support reunification.
- Reduce racial disproportionality in service provision.

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## HOW COMBINED IN-HOME SERVICES PREVENT OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT AND SUPPORT REUNIFICATION

## **Preventing Out-of-Home Placement Supporting Family Reunification** Safety assessment indicates a Safety assessment indicates a threat to the child's safety. threat to the child's safety. The permanency plan is for The permanency plan is for the child to remain in home. the child to return home. CFWS caseworker develops CFWS caseworker develops a safety plan with CIHS a safety plan with CIHS to facilitate reunification. to facilitate reunification. If CIHS service does not exist or is not reliable in community, it cannot be put into the caseworker's plan. CIHS are deployed to help the CIHS are deployed to Disruptions in this service line family safely parent the child can lead to delayed or deterred facilitate successful reunification safety plan with and keep the family together. family reunification. CIHS to facilitate reunification. **Combined In-Home Services:**

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