**Child Placing Agency Contact List**

**Region 1**

**What is a Child Placing Agency?**
A Child Placing Agency (CPA) is an agency licensed by DCYF to complete home studies and supervise children and youth placed in the care of the families licensed by the agency. These agencies share DCYF’s goal to reunify families, and they can assist families when a different permanent plan like adoption is needed. Washington is home to many Child Placing Agencies! We encourage you to learn more about the agencies listed in this resource. Here is some quick guidance to get you started!

1. Review this list and learn more about the agencies by visiting their websites.
2. Identify 2-3 agencies that you would like to know more about.
3. Contact the agencies and ask questions about their services to help you figure out which is the best fit for you! See a list of suggested agency interview questions at the end of this document as a helpful guide.

**Path Toward Licensure**
- There is no right or wrong path.
- All paths lead to the same place – caring for children and youth experiencing foster care.
- Consider all options and the best fit for your family.

**State Licensing**
- Families work directly with the local Licensing Division.
- Foster families make placement decisions independently.
- Foster parents work directly with DCYF staff.
- Families self-advocate for specific needs, services, and resources.

**Child Placing Agency**
- Families work directly with a local private agency.
- CPA and caregiver coordinate placement decisions.
- CPA provides advocacy for family and child needs, services, and resources.
- Services are provided or coordinated by agency.
- Families receive individualized support and case management from the CPA.

**All Families**
Foster families receive support from DCYF’s contracted partners the Alliance and Amara CaRES.
- For more information on the Alliance visit: https://www.alliancecarescommunity.org
- For more information on Amara CaRES visit: https://amarafamily.org/i-am/kinship-caregivers

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DCYF’s Licensing Division oversees the certification of all licenses, whether State or CPA.
Child Placing Agencies Serving Region 1:

**CAMAS PATH**
Contact: Shawna Brady  
Email: sbrady@camashealth.com  
Phone: (509) 789-7626 office  
Website: http://camaspath.org

**CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS**
Contact: Jorge Sanchez  
Email: jsanchez@casey.org  
Phone: (509) 457-8197  
Website: https://www.casey.org

**CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY**
Contact: Penny Wheatcroft  
Email: penny.wheatcroft@chs-wa.org  
Phone: (509) 423-2353  
Website: http://www.childrenshomesociety.org

**COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES FOUNDATION**
Contact: Cory Chism  
Email: chco@cfsf.net  
Phone: (509) 989-2966  
Website: https://cfsf.site

**CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COLVILLE**
Contact: Crystal Marchand  
Email: crystal.marchand.cfs@colvilletribes.com  
Phone: (509) 634-2645  
Website: www.colvilletribes.com

**EXCELSIOR WELLNESS CENTER**
Contact: Chris Wherity  
Email: Chris.wherity@excelsiorwellness.org  
Phone: (509) 559-3170  
Website: www.excelsiorwellness.org

**FOSTER FIRST**
Contact: Greg Reichenberger  
Email: greichenberger@fosterfirst.net  
Phone: (509) 965-5310  
Website: www.fosterfirst.net

**FOSTERING SOLUTIONS**
Contact: Anna Hernandez  
Email: anna@thinkfosteringsolutions.com  
Phone: (509) 949-9698  
Website: https://thinkfosteringsolutions.com

**K CONNECTIONS**
Contact: Owen Barrios  
E-mail: info@choosekconnections.com  
Phone: (509) 888-2006  
Website: www.choosekconnections.com

**LIFELINE CHILDREN’S SERVICES**
Contact: Heather Cain  
Email: Washington@lifelinechild.org  
Phone: (509) 328-2700  
Website: www.lifelinechild.org

**LIFE SERVICES**
Contact: Sharon Hengy  
Email: sharon@lifeservices.org  
Phone: (509) 755-0775  
Website: www.lifeservices.org

**LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES NORTHWEST**
Contact: April Gaskon-Stricker  
Email: april.gascon-stricker@lcsnw.org  
Phone: (509) 747-8224  
Website: https://lcsnw.org/program/refugee-foster-care

**MORNING STAR BOYS RANCH**
Contact: Kim Gilbert  
Email: kgilbert@msbranch.org  
Phone: (509) 710-1957  
Website: https://morningstarboysranch.org
SERVICE ALTERNATIVES
Contact: Mari Stucker
Email: Mari.Stucker@servicealternatives.com
Phone: (701) 955-2614
Website: www.servicealternatives.com/foster

SPokane TRIBE OF INDIANS
Contact: Sara Carle
Email: Sara.Carle@spokanetribe.com
Phone: (509) 258-7502
Contact: Tawhnee Colvin
Email: Tawhnee@spokanetribe.com
Phone: (509) 258-7502
Website: https://spokanetribe.com

ADoPTION ONLy CHILD PLACING AGENCIES
Services include international and/or domestic private adoptions. These agencies do not have foster care licensing programs:

ADoPTION HOME STUDY & FAMILY COUNSELING
Contact: Cindi Fuller
Email: ahscfs2017@gmail.com
Phone: (509) 863-4637
Website: www.adoptioncounselingspokane.com

ADoPTION SERVICES OF SPOKANE
Contact: Nancy Johnson
Email: Nancy@AdoptionServicesSpokane.com
Phone: (509) 863-4640
Website: https://www.adoptionservicesspokane.com

COMPREHENSIVE ADOPTION SERVICES
Contact: Ladonna Remy
Email: ldremy1@msn.com
Phone: (509) 475-1315
Website: www.perspectiveontrauma.com

CONNECTED BY LOVE ADOPTIONS
Contact: Heather Pincelli
Email: heather@connectedbyloveadoptions.com
Phone: (321) 355-2010
Website: www.connectedbyloveadoptions.com

AGENCY INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
• What locations do you serve?
• What kind of support do you provide to foster families? (e.g. assigned worker/case manager, support groups, trainings, etc.)
• What kind of additional training and enrichment opportunities are provided for foster parents?
• How will you help me navigate my relationship with a child’s parents, siblings, and other family members?
• What is the licensing process through your agency? How long on average does it take to get licensed? Does your agency require any additional steps outside of DCYF’s requirements?
• What do you consider when matching or placing children in a foster home? (e.g. What criteria does the agency use to match families with children?)
• Have you worked with other families like ours?
• What are your expectations of me as a foster parent?
• Does your agency charge fees? If so, what expenses do I need to plan for? When are they due?
• How do you support families when a child moves out of our home?
• Can you connect me directly with current foster parents as a reference to learn more?

If you would like copies of this document in an alternative format or language, please contact DCYF Constituent Relations (1-800-723-4831 | 360-902-8060, ConstRelations@dcyf.wa.gov). For the most recent contact information for Child Placing Agencies in your area, please visit: www.dcyf.wa.gov/become-a-foster-parent.
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