



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.

DCYF's Licensing Division oversees the certification of all licenses, whether State or CPA

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](https://www.alliancecarescommunity.org)
- [For more information on Amara CaRES visit: https://amarafamily.org/i-am/kinship-caregivers](https://amarafamily.org/i-am/kinship-caregivers)



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Child Placing Agencies Serving Region 1:

A CHILD'S HOPE SPOKANE

Contact: Melissa Pemberton

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Phone: (509) 879-8252

Website: www.achildshopespokane.org

CAMAS PATH

Contact: Shawna Brady

Email: sbrady@camashealth.com

Phone: (509) 789-7626 office

Website: <http://camaspath.org>

CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS

Contact: Cynthia Ayon

Email: cayon@casey.org

Phone: (509) 494-6426

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: Kathy O'Connell

Email: koconnell@fosterfirst.net

Phone: (509) 630-4899

Website: <https://fosterfirst.org>

FOSTERING SOLUTIONS

Contact: Anna Hernandez

Email: anna@thinkfosteringolutions.com

Phone: (509) 949-9698

Website: <https://thinkfosteringolutions.com>

K CONNECTIONS

Contact: Owen Barrios

E-mail: info@choosekconnections.com

Phone: (509) 888-2006

Website: www.choosekconnections.com

LIFE SERVICES

Contact: Sharon Hengy

Email: sharon@lifeservices.org

Phone: (509) 755-0775

Website: www.lifeservices.org

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES NORTHWEST

Contact: Aimee Shields

Email: arshields@lcsnw.org

Phone: (509) 343-5017

Website: <https://lcsnw.org/program/refugee-foster-care>

MORNING STAR BOYS RANCH

Contact: Micaela Cathey

Email: mcathey@msbranch.org

Phone: (509) 496-5116

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: Tawhneec@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: ahsfcs2017@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.adoptionsservicespokane.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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