Child Placing Agency Contact List

Region 4

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

DCYF’s Licensing Division oversees the certification of all licenses, whether State or CPA
Child Placing Agencies Serving Region 4:

AMARA
Contact: Emily Sigler
Email: FosterInfo@amarafamily.org
Phone: (206) 260-1700
Website: https://amarafamily.org/programs-resources/become-a-foster-parent

ANTIOCH ADOPTIONS
Contact: Sheryl Bullard
Email: foreverfamily@antiochadoptions.org
Phone: (425) 558-0921
Website: https://antiochadoptions.org/foster-to-adopt/what-we-do

CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS
Email: joffice@casey.org
Phone: (206) 322-6711
Website: https://www.casey.org

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
Contact: Leah Barkell
Email: leahb@ccsww.org
Phone: (253) 502-2745
Website: https://ccsww.org/get-help/child-youth-family-services/foster-care/

CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY
Contact: Courtney Angeles
Email: Courtney.Angeles@chs-wa.org
Phone: (253) 278-3745
Website: http://www.childrenshomesociety.org

CITY MINISTRIES
Contact: Christie Lolohea
Email: christie@citymin.org
Phone: (425) 739-1191
Website: http://citymin.org/child-placement-agency

COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES FOUNDATION
Contact: Shelly Genuardi
Email: gera@cfsf.net
Phone: (360) 895-7889
Website: https://cfsf.site

FRIENDS OF YOUTH
Contact: Missy Rios
Email: melissar@friendsofyouth.org
Phone: (208) 252-6479
Website: https://www.friendsofyouth.org

LIFE LINE CHILDREN’S SERVICES
Contact: Allison Reeves
Email: Allison.Reeves@lifelinechild.org
Phone: (206) 694-5780
Website: https://refugeechildren.net

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES NORTHWEST (Refugee and Immigrant Youth Served)
Email: fostercare@refugeesnw.org
Phone: (206) 694-5780
Website: https://refugeechildren.net

MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE
Contact: Alana Begay
Email: Alana.Begay@muckleshoot.nsn.us
Phone: (253) 833-8782
Website: http://www.muckleshoot.nsn.us/services/human-services/indian-child-welfare.aspx

OLIVE CREST
Contact: Maia Anderson
Email: Maiana-Anderson@olivecrest.org
Phone: (425) 462-1612
Website: https://www.olivecrest.org/pacific-northwest

SYNERGY FOSTER SUPPORT SERVICES
Contact: Duane Ott
Email: contact@synergyfss.org
Phone: (425) 280-2093
Website: https://synergyfss.org
UNITED INDIANS OF ALL TRIBES  
Contact: Matthew Sam-Thornhill  
Email: msamthornhill@unitedindians.org  
Phone: (206) 285-4425  
Website: https://www.unitedindians.org/services/foster-care

YMCA OF GREATER SEATTLE  
Contact: Katie Judson  
Email: kjudson@seattleymca.org  
Phone: (206) 538-7524  
Website: https://www.seattleymca.org/foster-parenting

YOUTHNET  
Contact: Holland Wood  
Email: asiefert@youthnetnw.net  
Phone: (360) 420-2206  
Website: https://youthnetnw.net

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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES  
Contact: Carol Ryan  
Email: carolr@ccsww.org  
Phone: (206) 328-5921  
Website: https://ccsww.org/get-help/child-youth-family-services/foster-care

HOLT WASHINGTON  
(International Adoptions)  
Email: info@holtinternational.org  
Phone: (206) 575-4550  
Website: www.holtinternational.org

HOPE 4 KIDS  
Contact: Terry Stephens  
Email: terrys@hope4kids.com  
Phone: (425) 307-1055  
Website: https://www.hope4kidswa.com/services/adoption

OPEN ADOPTION AND FAMILY SERVICES  
Contact: Maria Villegas  
Email: maria@openadopt.org  
Phone: (206) 782-0272  
Website: https://www.openadopt.org

OPEN ARMS ADOPTION  
Contact: Sam Barnes  
Email: Sam@openarmsadoptionagency.com  
Phone: (206) 492-4196  
Website: https://openarmsadoptionagency.com

YOUR ADOPTIVE FAMILY  
Contact: Jill Dziko  
Email: jilldz@youradoptivefamily.com  
Phone: (206) 408-7219  
Website: www.youradoptivefamily.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.