Child Placing Agency Contact List

Region 5

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 5:

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

BEAUTIFUL BIRDS FAMILY SERVICES
Contact: Charles Carson
Email: charles@beautifulbirds.org
Phone: (253) 380-4440
Website: http://www.beautifulbirds.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

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

COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES
Contact: Nathan Lachine
Email: nlachine@CommunityYouthServices.org
Phone: (360) 701-7050 or 1 (888) R-FOSTER
Website: https://communityyouthservices.org

COMPREHENSIVE LIFE RESOURCES
Contact: Ashley Harris
Email: aharris@cmhshare.org
Phone: (404) 414-1433
Website: https://www.chance4children.org

JMC – FOSTER FAMILIES
Contact: Joshua Kent
Email: jkent@jmckids.com
Phone: (360) 210-1203
Website: https://www.jmckids.com

LORENE’S PLACE II
Contact: Jacqueline Tutt
Email: jacquiet@lplacekids.org
Phone: (253) 230-0647
Contact: Zena Galindo
Email: LP2fc@lplacekids.org
Phone: (253) 759-3650
Website: https://www.lplacekids.org

OLIVE CREST SOUTH SOUND
Contact: Anna Fields
Email: Anna-Fields@olivecrest.org
Phone: (253) 572-7888
Website: https://www.olivecrest.org/pacific-northwest

OLIVE CREST WEST SOUND
Contact: Angela Youtsey
Email: Angela-Youtney@olivecrest.org
Phone: (360) 621-7978
Website: https://www.olivecrest.org/pacific-northwest

PIERCE COUNTY ALLIANCE
Contact: Megan Toney
Email: toneyml@pc-a.org
Phone: (253) 502-5489
Website: https://piercecountyalliance.org

PUYALLUP TRIBE CHILDREN’S SERVICES
Contact: Mandy Morlin
Email: Mandy.Morlin@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov or ChildrenSvcs@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov
Phone: (253) 680-5532
Website: http://puyallup-tribe.com
THE HUB OF PIERCE COUNTY
Contact: Gregory May
Email: Gregorylmay@gmail.com
Phone: (253) 376-0954

UNITED INDIANS OF ALL TRIBES
Contact: Matthew Sam-Thornhill
Email: msamthornhill@unitedindians.org
Phone: (206) 285-4425
Website: https://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: hwood@youthnetnw.net
Phone: (360) 420-2206
Website: https://www.youthnetnw.net

AGAPE ADOPTIONS
Contact: Myriam Avery
Email: agape@agapeadoptions.org
Phone: (253) 987-5804
Website: https://agapeadoptions.org

FAITH INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS
Email: faith@faithadopt.org
Phone: (253) 383-1928
Website: https://faithadopt.org

JOY ADOPTION SERVICES
Contact: Kelsey Melvin
Email: kelsey@joyadoption.org
Phone: (253) 222-7733
Website: https://www.joyadoption.org

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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