

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.
- 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 at the Alliance CaRES Program.

- For more information visit: https://alliancecares.org
- You can also email: alliancecares@uw.edu



Child Placing Agencies Serving Region 5:

AMARA

Contact: Emily Sigler

Email: FosterInfo@amarafamily.org

Phone: (206) 260-1700

Website: https://amarafamily.org/programs-resources/

foster-care-services/

ANTIOCH ADOPTIONS

Contact: Sheryl Bullard

Email: foreverfamily@antiochadoptions.org

Phone: (425) 558-0921

Website: https://antiochadoptions.org/foster-to-

adopt/what-we-do

COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES FOUNDATION

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

COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES

Contact: Joyce Erickson

Email: jerickson@communityyouthservices.org or

fostercare@communityyouthservices.org Phone: (360) 791-7229 or 1 (888) R-FOSTER

Website: https://communityyouthservices.org

IMC – FOSTER FAMILIES

Contact: Joshua Kent Email: **jkent@jmckids.com** Phone: (360) 313-7658

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@gmail.com 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: www.olivecrest.org

OLIVE CREST WEST SOUND

Contact: Ashlynn McDonald

Email: Ashlynn-McDonald@olivecrest.org

Phone: (360) 979-4289

Website: www.olivecrest.org

PUYALLUP TRIBE CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Contact: Kate Colbert or Kaylena Satiacum Email: Kate.Colbert@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov or Kay.Satiacum@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov or FosterParentInfo@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: Laura McCormick

Email: fostercare@unitedindians.org

Phone: (206) 285-4425

Website: www.unitedindians.org/services/foster-care

YMCA OF GREATER SEATTLE

Contact: Jessica Kessler

Email: fosterparenting@seattleymca.org

Phone: (206) 507-5160

Website: https://www.seattleymca.org/

foster-parenting

YOUTHNET

Contact: Holland Wood

Email: hwood@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:

A CENTER FOR ADOPTION SERVICES

Contact: Dru Groves Email: dru@drugroves.org Phone: (206) 954-5253

Website: http://www.drugroves.org

A CHILD'S DREAM

Contact: Kristi Hoffman

Email: kristi@achildsdream.org

Phone: (360) 598-6533

Website: https://www.achildsdream.org

ADOPTION CONNECTIONS

Contact: Anne Moody

Email: moody.anne@gmail.com

Phone: (206) 842-2810 Contact: Patricia Beasley Email: frogrock85@aol.com

Phone: (206) 909-7575

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://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?

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