
2023 Session

DCYF Investment Overview

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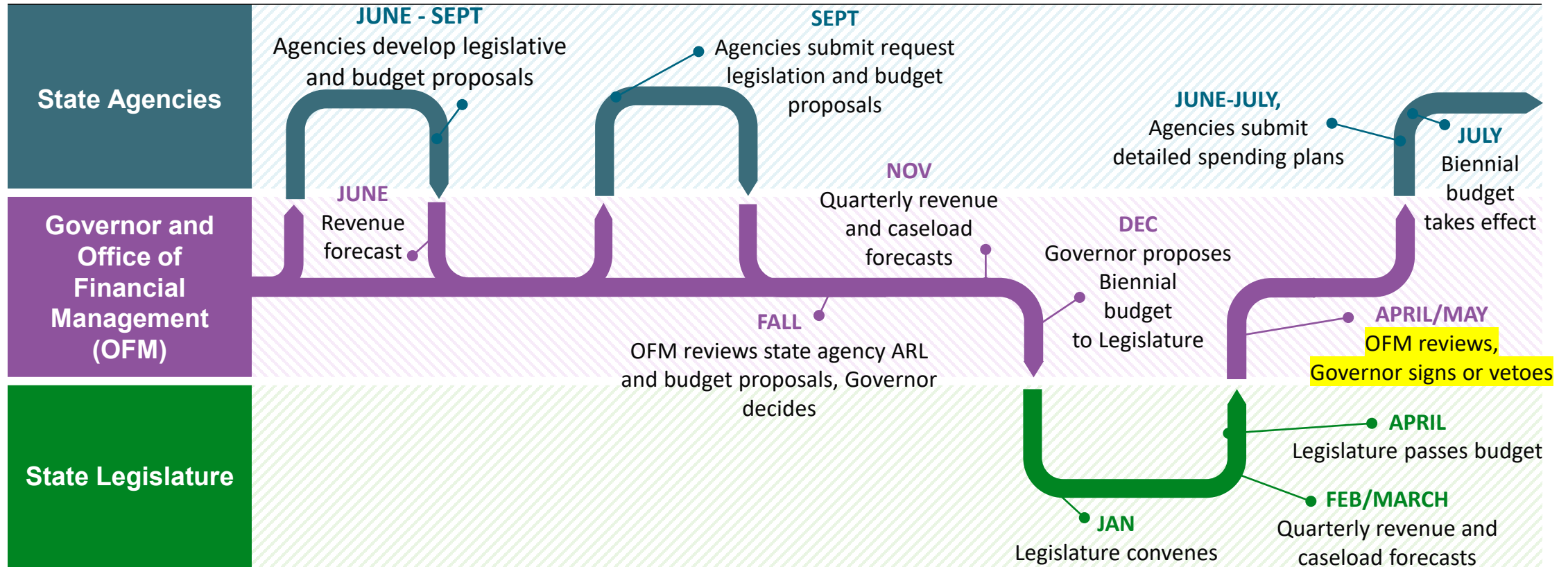
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Preparing for Legislative Session



Realities going into 2023 session

Budget Setting Session

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DCYF implementing significant investments and policy changes

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COVID impacts for clients and providers

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Mixed budget/economic realities

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Strong position for the Legislative Session



Partnership, Prevention, & Services Agency Request Legislation

Bill #	Title	Summary	Amount
1204	Family Connections	To maintain the Family Connections Program, to facilitate interactions between foster families and birth families when a child is dependent and in out-of-home care.	\$1.308M
5256	Housing Access and Supports	Funding is provided for implementation of Substitute Senate Bill 5256 (Child welfare housing), which makes the Child Welfare Housing Assistance Program pilot permanent and allows for eligibility expansion.	\$5.255M
5124	Guardianship Assistance Program	Funding is provided for implementation of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5124, which expands guardianship assistance subsidies to non-IV-E eligible children, certain nonrelative guardians, as well as expands placement options to suitable persons under voluntary placement agreements.	\$2.609M

Partnership, Prevention, & Services Bill Highlights

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Description	Amount
1168	Prenatal Substance Exposure	Providing prevention services, diagnoses, treatment, and support for prenatal substance exposure.	\$2.312M <i>(HCA)</i>
1188	Child Welfare Services/DD	Requires DDA to modify federal waivers in order to provide services to children with developmental disabilities who are dependent.	\$148K
5515	Child Abuse and Neglect	Protecting children from child abuse and neglect by expanding investigative authority and directing DCYF to develop licensing standards for residential schools.	\$831K
5683	Child Specific Licenses/Indian Children	Authorizes DCYF to provide child specific licenses for caregivers of Indian children in the care and custody of tribes.	\$3.47M
1580	Children in Crisis	Creating a system to support children in crisis. Creates a multi-system care coordinator position in the Governor's Office, allocates dollars to meet the needs of children and youth in crisis.	\$303K

Prevention

Decision Package

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Safely reduce the number of children and youth in out-of-home care by half

What?

Investment in prevention services and interventions to reduce the number of families entering into child welfare and to promote child and family well-being.

Why?

- Changing the trajectory of rates of child maltreatment and promoting well-being for children and families requires universal, targeted, and individualized approaches

	Description	Amount
SUD Prevention	For DCYF to connect pregnant people to voluntary prevention services before birth and at the time of birth, and connect all DCYF-involved families with SUD supports aimed at reducing child placements.	\$3.014M
Home Visiting Funding Increase	Provided for an average 20% rate increase effective January 1, 2024 based on the results of the home visiting cost study. The increase will support wage and cost increases and create more equity in contracting among the home visiting workforce.	\$8.56M
Home Visiting Slot Expansion	Provided solely for the expansion of visiting services.	\$1M

Rising Strong West

Decision Package & Other Investment

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Safely reduce the number of children and youth in out-of-home care by half

What?

Capital funding for the construction of a site for the Rising Strong model on the west side of the state. Rising Strong is a holistic, family-centered drug treatment and housing program supporting families in staying together while they begin to recover from addiction and heal from trauma.

Why?

- Substance use disorder is a top contributing factor for the placement of children into out-of-home care, especially young children
- Western Washington currently does not have any program where families can stay together while recovering from Substance Use Disorder

	Description	Amount
Rising Strong West	To construct supportive transitional housing to support no fewer than 24 households in western WA to receive comprehensive family services as well as treatment for substance use disorders while preserving the family unit.	\$13.356M
Rising Strong Operating & Sustainability <i>*Not included in DP</i>	One-time funding for a grant to a non-profit organization in Spokane with expertise in the Rising Strong model. One-time funding to lead development of a sustainable operating funding model for programs using the Rising Strong model that provides a family-centered drug treatment and housing program.	\$1.1M \$150K

Housing Access and Supports *Decision Package*

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Safely reduce the number/rate of children in out-of-home care
- Create successful transitions to adulthood for youth and young adults in our care

What?

Supportive housing services for youth exiting child welfare and juvenile rehabilitation, as well as statewide support for families to obtain housing when there is an imminent risk of an out-of-home placement or to aid in reunification.

Why?

- Young people exiting foster care and juvenile rehabilitation continue to enter homelessness within 12 months after exit, even after the passage of HB 6560
- Stable housing can support a speedier reunification and prevent entry to child welfare where housing instability is a factor in removal

	Description	Amount
Youth Housing Support Services	Funding is provided for housing support services for youth exiting foster care.	\$2.374M
	Funding is provided for housing support services for young people exiting juvenile rehabilitation.	\$1.1M
Housing Access and Supports (SB 5256)	Funding is provided for implementation of Substitute Senate Bill 5256 (Child welfare housing), which makes the Child Welfare Housing Assistance Program pilot permanent and allows for eligibility expansion.	\$5.255M

Combined In-Home & Transition Services

Decision Package

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Eliminate racial disproportionality and advance racial equity
- Safely reduce the number of children and youth in out of home care
- Improve quality and availability of provider services
- Create successful transitions to adulthood for youth and young adults in our care

What?

Investments in combined in-home and transition services allowing for increased access to services for DCYF clients across divisions.

Why?

- DCYF is seeking to lay the foundation for a robust continuum of services and move toward service integration
- Recent legislation and court cases continue to create demand for additional services to be provided to DCYF clients

	Description	Amount
Combined In-home Services	Funding is provided to expand Combined In-Home Services to meet the anticipated increase in families needing services and for DCYF to build on its expansion of culturally relevant in-home services in partnership with tribes and recognized Indian organizations.	\$9.693M
YV LifeSet	Funding is provided to expand the current LifeSet program and teams.	\$4.176M ((\$2.75M in State Funding, \$1.416M in private funding)

Caregiver Placement Supports

Decision Package

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Advance racial equity and reduce racial disproportionality
- Reduce the number of children in out of home care by half

What?

Support for kinship caregivers and family foster homes to meet the needs of children/youth in foster care. This will result in more equitable redistribution of financial assistance and support services to kinship caregivers.

Why?

- The current foster care rate system directs more resources to non-relative, mostly white family foster homes
- A root cause of placement instability in the foster care placement continuum is inadequate supports for caregivers, particularly when children have high levels of behavioral and mental health support needs

	Description	Amount
Caregiver Placement Supports	Funding is provided for caregiver placement supports, expanded maintenance payments, research & data, and project management related to a new 7-level foster care system, that includes placement supports for all levels and case aides for levels 3 through 7. Implementation date of Jan 1, 2024.	\$21.9M

Family Time

Decision Package

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Safely reduce the number/rate of children in out-of-home care by half
- Improve quality and availability of provider services

What?

Resources to support frequent and regular family visitation when children are placed out of home. In addition, DCYF will expand the Network Administrator model statewide for Family Time contracts.

Why?

- Frequent and regular family visits result in stronger attachment, lower levels of depression and higher a likelihood that a child will be reunified with parents
- Without additional funding to cover certain costs, families will experience disruptions in their visit plans and DCYF may face potential non-compliance with court-ordered visitation

	Description	Amount
Family Time	For contracted visitation services for children in temporary out-of-home care. Funding is provided to reimburse providers for certain services, including work associated with missed or canceled visits and reporting.	\$16.332M

D.S. Compliance Decision Package

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Reducing the number of children in out-of-home care by half
- Improving quality and intention of practice

What?

Investment to meet obligations under the settlement agreement in the D.S. lawsuit on behalf of youth experiencing placement instability through night-to-night placements and hotel and overnight stays in offices.

Why?

- In June 2022, DCYF reached a settlement agreement which DCYF to make system improvements and offer services and supports to class members

	Description	Amt.
Adolescent Transitional Housing	For supported housing programs for hard-to-place foster youth age 16 and above, including case management and supports	\$4.962M
Implementation and Monitoring	Implementation and monitoring, which includes receiving recurring updates, requesting data on compliance, reporting on progress, and resolving disputes that may arise.	\$1.207M
Hub Home Model	To develop and adapt the existing hub home model to serve youth as described in the settlement agreement.	\$4.496M
Licensing Standards	To establish a negotiated rule-making method to align & update foster care & group care licensing standards.	\$1.65M
Referrals and Transitions	For revised referral & transition procedures for youth entering foster care.	\$4.543M
Therapeutic Foster Care	To develop and implement a professional therapeutic foster care contract and licensing category.	\$5.263M
Qualified Residential TX	To update assessment and placement procedures prior to placing a youth in a QRTP, as well as updating the assessment schedule to every 90 days.	\$2.125M

Licensed Kinship Placements

Decision Package

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Improve the quality and intention of practice
- Improve the quality and availability of provider services

What?

Resources to support increased licensed kinship placements. Placements with licensed kin are increasing and will continue to increase with the implementation of the Keeping Families Together Act (HB 1227) and various court cases. This package lays out the first phase of a strategy to accomplish these goals.

Why?

- Relative placement promotes stability, decreases likelihood of re-abuse and institutional abuse, and leads to better behavioral and mental health outcomes. Relatives/kin need supports to care for unexpected household members
- The D.S. settlement and advocacy from stakeholders are pushing DCYF to reframe its approach to placing children with kin and supporting those kin families through the life of the placement

	Description	Amount
Licensed Kinship Placements - Staffing	Kinship Caregiver Engagement Unit: Funding is provided to increase the kinship caregiver engagement unit staffing by 7 FTE to support statewide implementation.	\$1.826M
	Maintain Licensing Staff Ratios: Additional 10 licensing FTEs funded to implement HB 1227.	\$2.97M
Initial License Maintenance Payment	Funding issue foster care maintenance payments for up to 90 days to those kinship caregivers who obtain an initial license.	\$14.664M

CCWIS and SSPS Replacement *Decision Packages*

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Improve quality and intention of our practice

What?

Investment to implement the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS), a CW case management information system, and to replace the Social Service Payment System (SSPS).

Why?

- FamLink does not meet the business needs of CW programs and complexity causes problems that make it hard for staff to serve families.
- The current SSPS is a mission critical, complex legacy system which runs on a Unisys mainframe, which has reached its 'end of life'

	Description	Amount
CCWIS	For a feasibility study to develop an implementation plan and determine costs for a new child welfare information system.	\$3.77M
SSPS Replacement	One-time funding and staff are provided for a feasibility study for a replacement project to determine implementation costs and a project plan.	\$2.646M

Prevention & Child Welfare – Other Investment

Title	Description	Amount
Continue Prevention Pilot	One-time funding is provided for DCYF to contract with a nonprofit organization with early childhood expertise to extend the pilot project with the purpose of preventing child abuse and neglect in Pierce County.	\$1.742M
Foster Youth Mentoring Pilot	One-time funding is provided for a pilot program to mentor foster youth.	\$750K
Children’s Advocacy Centers	Funding is provided for children's advocacy centers.	\$750K
Child Placing Agency Incentive Rate	Funding is provided to increase the new foster home licensing incentive payment for child-placing agencies to \$1,000 per family licensed, effective July 1, 2023.	\$538K
Modify SSI Reimbursement Process	Funds are provided to work on a plan to discontinue the practice of using any benefits, payments, funds, or accrual paid to or on behalf of a child or youth to reimburse itself for cost of care by the earliest date feasible. <i>(HB 1405 - Did not pass and was converted to a proviso)</i>	\$159K

Prevention & Child Welfare – Other Investment

Title	Description	Amount
Foster Care Maintenance Payment Increases	Funding is provided to increase the basic foster care maintenance payment for children in all age groups and the supervised independent living payment for youth in extended foster care each by \$50 per month per youth.	\$5.161M
Independent Living Services	Provided for DCYF to increase rates for independent living service providers.	\$1.5M
Child Benefits Feasibility Study	One-time funding is provided for DCYF to study the feasibility of implementing a universal child allowance, universal child care, universal baby boxes, the feasibility of a social wealth fund, and to study the current cash and cash-equivalent benefits available for residents who are non-workers.	\$300K
Foster Care Educational Outreach	One-time funding is provided for a contract with an education advocacy provider with expertise in foster care educational outreach.	\$920K

Juvenile Rehabilitation Bill Highlights

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Description	Funding
1169	Legal Financial Obligations	Eliminates the crime victim penalty assessment for juveniles. Prohibits courts from imposing any fine, fee, cost, or surcharge against a juvenile or their parent or guardian in a juvenile offender proceeding.	---
1324	Prior Juvenile Offenses	Concerning the scoring of prior juvenile offenses in sentencing range calculations.	---
1394	Sexual Offenses by Youth	Creating a developmentally appropriate response to youth who commit sexual offenses.	\$280K
1701	Institutional Education	Concerning the delivery of Institutional Education programs.	---

JR Community Capacity Expansion

Capital Decision Package

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity
- Create successful transitions to adulthood for youth and young adults in our care
- Improve quality and intention of our practice

What?

Expansion of JR's community capacity and support of a trauma-informed, culturally relevant, racial equity-based, developmentally appropriate, community-based approach with therapeutic supports to support the successful reentry of youth and young adults into the community.

Why?

- Reduce bottleneck of youth/young adults in DCYF's JR institutions, and enhance community-based, less restrictive options
- Address gap in JR continuum
- Increase community capacity for independent living transitions for improved reentry outcomes for individuals up to 25
- Serve increasing number of youth with acute behavioral health needs

	Description	Amount
Minimum Security Transitional Living Centers	Green Hill Spruce Living Unit Renovation Minimum Security	\$1.27M <i>\$7.46M</i> <i>projected for</i> <i>future biennia</i>

Echo Glen Security Enhancements

Capital Decision Package

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What?

Funds for security improvements to ensure the safety of staff and young people at Echo Glen Children's Center

Why?

- The existing open nature of the campus makes implementation of new security protocols difficult and necessitates a shift in the campus's level of security to ensure the safety of staff and young people.

	Description	Amount
Echo Glen Security Enhancements	Echo Glen Secure Facility Improvements.	\$8.05M

JR Improve Educational Outcomes

Decision Package

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Create successful transitions to adulthood for youth and young adults in our care
- Improve quality and intention of our practice

What?

Implementation of the recommendations set forth in the HB 1295 report.

Why?

- Challenges in institutional education marginalize and negatively impact BIPOC children and youth with CW involvement, children and youth experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and LGBTQIAA+ youth
- The recommendations of HB 1295 outline a bold and innovative pathway that will lead to a more just, trauma-informed, research-based, and developmentally appropriate system of education for students learning in JR facilities across the state

	Description	Amount
	For staffing to support educational work for students as recommended in the HB 1295 (2021) report for institutional education system reform.	\$4.624M
JR Institutional Education	For recommended institutional education staffing investments to support the institutional education system, including state-wide collaboration and oversight as well as hands-on support for students accessing education in residential facilities and transitioning out to the community.	\$786K

Juvenile Rehabilitation – Other Investment

	Description	Amount
Housing Youth Exits SOC	Component of the DCYF Housing DP: For contracted services for youth exiting the juvenile rehabilitation system. This includes funding for an average of one-third of those youth releasing.	\$1.01M
Naselle Youth Camp Warm Closure	One-time funding is provided to cover costs to maintain a warm closure of the facility. The department will execute an agreement with the Department of Social and Health Services to operate the warm closure.	\$3.545M
Reinvestment from Naselle Closure	\$16.7M in savings was realized from the warm closure of Naselle Youth camp. Echo Glen (\$1.5M) and Green Hill (\$939K) both received reinvestments.	\$2.439M
Kitsap County Mentorship	One-time funding is provided for an organization that provides gang intervention, drug diversion activities, and other intervention services that assist to build relationships and mentorships (through the use of credible messenger mentorships in Kitsap County) with youth and families who are at high risk to perpetrate violence and who reside in areas with high rates of violence.	\$500K

Juvenile Justice – Other Investment

	Description	Amount
Therapeutic Gaming Rehabilitation Services	One-time funding for grants to an organization providing therapeutic gaming rehabilitation at juvenile residential facilities. <i>*Funded through the Secretary of State</i>	\$150K
Secretary of State startup funds for the Green Hill School library	Provided solely to establish a Washington state library branch at Green Hill school. <i>*Funded through the Secretary of State</i>	\$352K
WA-PCJJ Juvenile Justice Study	Provides funding for the Washington Partnership Council for Juvenile Justice (WA-PCJJ) to provide recommendations regarding juvenile justice policy projects, including establishing a state-funded community compensation program (report by 10/31/24); juvenile court records (report by 10/31/24); and expanding juvenile court jurisdiction (report by 6/30/25).	\$600K
Team Child	Funding is increased for TeamChild to provide legal services for youth.	\$1.4M
The Breakfast Group	One-time funding is provided for an all-male, African American organization to provide youth ages 12 through 19 with educational activities and mentoring services.	\$250K

Early Learning Bill Highlights

Bill #	Title	Summary	Amount
5225	Working Conn. Child Care	Increasing access to the working connections child care program.	\$13.329M
5316	Background Check	Concerning background check and licensing fees for programs administered by the department of children, youth, and families. <i>*Licensing fee waiver not included</i>	\$3.142M
1525	Apprenticeships /Child Care	Concerning eligibility for working connections child care benefits for persons participating in state registered apprenticeships.	\$2.7M
1550	Transitional Kindergarten	Established the Transition to Kindergarten program by making changes to current transitional kindergarten programming and funding.	---
1199	Child Care/ Communities	Addressing licensed child care in common interest communities.	---

Early Learning Grants

Decision Packages & Other Investment

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Improve quality and availability of provider services
- Improve quality and intention of our practice
- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity
- Create a high-quality integrated B-8 system

What?

DCYF is proposing to simplify some administrative processes to reduce the burden for providers who participate in subsidy and to provide targeted supports to make it feasible for providers to serve specific populations of children.

Why?

Access to high-quality child care for families can be limited by structural constraints on providers. This is especially true for providers serving children on WCCC and those serving infants/toddlers.

	Description	Amount
Child Care Complex Needs	Funding is provided to expand the current complex needs fund for child-care providers.	\$15.396M
Equity Grants	Funding is provided to increase the current equity grants fund for early learning providers.	\$5.248M
Tribal Early Learning Grants	One-time funding is provided for tribal early learning grants to be distributed to providers with tribal children enrolled in Early Learning programs. <i>*Not part of the original DP</i>	\$7.5M

Early Learning WCCC

Decision Package & Other Investment

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity
- Create a high-quality integrated B-8 system
- Improve quality and availability of provider services

What?

Funds to increase child care provider subsidy rates, modify the co-pay schedule for some families, and increase subsidy income eligibility in the out biennium.

Why?

- Meet the mandates of the Fair Start for Kids Act of 2021 (SB 5237)
- Align rates with the 2021 market rate study
- Keep family copays less than 7% of gross family income

	Description	Amount
WCCC Rate Increases	Both budgets fund the rate increase for child care centers up to the 85th percentile of market rates based on the 2021 Market Rate Survey MRS (at ML and in CBA).	\$332.5M
WCCC Hold Harmless over 85th	For a small subset of providers who were paid a subsidy childcare rate over the 85th percentile of market based on the 2022 Supp 16% increase, but made one-time.	\$2.262M
Homeless Grace Period Changes	Removing 12-month restriction on Homeless Grace Period.	\$908K
Nonstandard Hours Rate Bonus	Funding is provided to increase the non-standard hours bonus for child care providers to \$135 per month per child. <i>*Not part of the original DP</i>	\$4.724M

Family Child Care 925 Collective Bargaining Agreement

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity
- Create a high-quality integrated B-8 system
- Improve quality and availability of provider services

What?

Provided to implement the 2023-2025 collective bargaining agreement covering family child care providers.

	Description	Amount
Family Child Care 925 CBA	<p>Funding is provided for the cost-of-care enhancement, background check applications, and fingerprint fees included in the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 925 2023-25 collective bargaining agreement (CBA).</p> <p>General Fund-State (GF-S) savings are achieved through an ongoing fund swap of federal Child Care Development Funds (CCDF) for GF-S dollars as part of the WCCC rate increases.</p> <p>The federal government provided an increase to the CCDF in December 2022.</p>	\$142.5M

Early Learning ECEAP

Decision Package & Other Investment

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity
- Create a high-quality integrated B-8 system
- Improve quality and intention of our practice
- Improve quality and availability of provider services

What?

Increased investments to continue building a flexible, responsive, and robust system that better supports ECEAP and other early learning providers to meet entitlement.

Why?

- ECEAP is proven to get kids furthest from opportunity ready for kindergarten.
- Enables the next phase of ECEAP expansion toward meeting entitlement in the 2026-27 school year as required by FSKA.

	Description	Amount
ECEAP Rate Increase	For a 18% ECEAP rate increase for full day rates For a 9% increase for extended day rates For a 7% increase for part day rates, beginning in FY 2024	\$50.059M
ECEAP Entitlement & Expansion	To convert 1,000 part day ECEAP slots to full day slots in both FY 2024 and FY 2025, and to add 500 school-day slots in each year from FY 2024 through FY 2027.	\$29.587M
ECEAP Complex Needs	One-time funding is provided to expand the current complex needs fund for the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP).	\$5.787M
Early ECEAP	To continue the Early ECEAP program at the current slot level. Funding also supports a 20% rate increase beginning July 1, 2023, and a 1.8% rate increase beginning July 1, 2024. <i>*Not part of the original DP</i>	\$4.785M

Organizational License Pilot Continuation

Decision Package

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Create a high-quality integrated B-8 system
- Improve quality and intention of our practice
- Improve quality and availability of provider services

What?

The 2021-23 operating budget funded the first two years of a three-year pilot project to determine the feasibility of a child care license category for multi-site programs. Funding is needed to continue the pilot in the third year and for one year of implementation activities.

Why?

- Current licensing processes make it difficult for organizations with multiple child care center and school-age sites to license and maintain new programs due to inefficiencies and redundancies in the system.

	Description	Amount
Organizational License Pilot Project	<p>One-time funding is provided to continue the organization license pilot in the third year of work, and for 1 year of implementation activities.</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to determine the feasibility of a child care license category for multi-site program. The 2021-23 operating budget funded the first 2 years of the 3-year pilot project.</p>	\$324K

Early Learning Facilities (ELF) Fund Expansion

Capital Decision Package

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity
- Create a high quality integrated B-8 system
- Improve the quality and availability of provider services

What?

Additional resources for the ELF program, to help ECEAP contractors and WCCC providers expand, remodel, purchase, or construct early learning facilities and classrooms necessary to support early learning opportunities for children from low-income households. DCYF is submitting this DP on behalf of Commerce, who runs the program.

Why?

- To increase access in child care “deserts,” low-income neighborhoods, and rural communities

	Description	Amount
Early Learning Facilities Competitive Grants <i>*Funded at Commerce</i>	To provide state assistance for designing, constructing, purchasing, expanding, or modernizing public or private early learning education facilities for eligible organizations. Up to 4% of the funding in this subsection may be used DCYF to provide technical assistance to providers interested in applying for the early learning facility grant or loan program.	\$42.05M
Minor Renovation Grants <i>*Funded at Commerce</i>	Non-Expansion minor renovation grants.	\$5M

Early Learning – Other Investment

Title	Description	Amount
Imagination Library	Funding and 1.0 FTE are provided to provide up to 50 percent state match for the Imagination Library program.	\$2M
Early Supports for Infants and Toddlers Rate Enhancement	One-time funding is provided in FY 2024 for a rate enhancement for Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) program providers.	\$2.438M
Regional Data Tools	One-time funding is provided for public-facing data tools that DCYF will use to track equity goals and outcomes related to early learning investments.	\$300K
WA Communities for Children	One-time funding is provided to continue Washington Communities for Children (WCFC) services.	\$2M

Early Learning - Other Investments

Title	Description	Amount
Child Care Access and Living Wage	One-time funding is provided in FY 2024 for DCYF to submit an implementation plan to the Legislature by June 30, 2025, for expanding access to Washington's mixed-delivery child care system.	\$533K
Early Learning Workforce Programs	One-time funding is provided for DCYF to contract with an entity to expand the number of child care businesses through a peer mentorship program.	\$500K
King County Childcare Access	One-time funding is provided to help close the gap in childcare access in the King County region by providing pandemic recovery support funding to the Launch learning organization.	\$400K

Culturally Relevant Language Access Program

Decision Package

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity
- Improve quality and intention of our practice
- Improve quality and availability of provider services

What?

Funding to begin implementing an enterprise-level language access plan (LAP) and to improve how federal requirements are met. Items in this package represent the first phase of work needed.

Why?

DCYF needs agency infrastructure to implement needed improvements to how DCYF supports the language access needs of all providers and clients.

	Description	Amount
Culturally Relevant Language Access Program	<p>For DCYF to implement a language access plan, which will include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translation of department materials • Hiring staff to form a centralized language access team to provide language access supports and coordination • Outreach to community organizations serving multilingual children and families • Webinars and other technical assistance provided in multiple languages • Training for department staff on language access resources • Other means of increasing language access and equity for providers and caregivers 	\$1.948M

DCYF Staffing

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Improve quality and intention of services

What?

Investments in state employees

Components for all state employees:

- Effective July 1, 2023, all ranges and steps of the General Service Salary Schedule will be increased by 4%
- Effective July 1, 2024, all ranges and steps of the General Service Salary Schedule will be increased by 3%
- Employees who show verification of up-to-date COVID 19 vaccination boosters will receive a one-time \$1000 lump sum payment.
- For recognition and retention, employees will be eligible to receive a one-time lump sum payment of \$1,000 if they were hired before 7/1/2022 and are still employed on 7/1/2023 with no break in service.

Components for some represented staff:

- Shift premiums go from \$1 per hour to \$2.50 per hour effective July 1, 2023.
- 10% assignment pay for Social Services Specialists performing visits in unregulated environments, such as private residences, to conduct investigations for allegations of abuse and/or neglect to assess the safety of vulnerable children.
- A 5% Premium Pay will be provided to employees who work in the 24/7 facilities and provide direct care to residents, patients and/or clients and whose duties are required to be performed on location.

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