

Family Reconciliation Services (FRS) Community Based Model

2024 DECISION PACKAGE

This request would fund the implementation of a community-based FRS model. FRS provides services and supports to families in crisis with the goal of reunifying families and is currently provided by DCYF caseworkers. Many families in crisis are hesitant to engage with the agency due to fear of CPS involvement and struggle to access services relevant to their needs, particularly culturally relevant services.

Over the last year, DCYF has worked collaboratively with youth and families with lived experience, tribes, community providers, and stakeholders, utilizing co-design principles and approaches to create a new community-based FRS model. DCYF believes that transitioning FRS to a community-based model will result in more families likely to engage in FRS and more families accessing services that meet their specific needs.

COMPONENTS

- ✓ Three early implementation sites in King, Pierce, and Yakima counties, with community-based (contracted) FRS providers.
- ✓ Funding for the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) to evaluate early implementation sites.

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity.
- Safely reduce the number/rate of children in out-of-home care.
- Improve quality and intention of our practice.

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