

Dual License Pilot Project Overview



The Project

The Dual License Pilot Project is creating a streamlined process that supports individuals in becoming dually licensed by the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) in both foster care and child care.

The Purpose

- To develop systems and policies that will increase accessibility for individuals to receive a combined foster care and child care license.
- To increase accessibility of child care in areas where child care has been identified as a barrier for foster care placement.

The Scope

- State licensed foster care family homes and state licensed family home child care.
- Licensee must already hold one license (foster care or family home child care) in good standing for minimum of one year.
- Licensee must be 21 years of age and older.
- Foster care placement of children not to exceed six children.
- Foster care placement to exclude placement of children receiving Behavioral Rehabilitation Services while in the pilot. If rated for Behavioral Rehabilitation Services while in placement, the dual license team will evaluate continued pilot participation.
- Foster care placement to exclude placement of children with a rate assessment of level four, if known at placement. If the rate assessment is raised to level four while in placement, the dual license team will evaluate continued pilot participation.

- Child care license not to exceed 12 children.
- Child care hours to not exceed the hours of 6 am. to 6 p.m. to allow for sufficient family time. Exceptions may be granted on an individual basis. Not to include overnight care.
- There will be a cap of 20 dually licensed participants during the duration of the pilot.

The Team

DCYF has an enthusiastic team working together, which includes: research manager, program manager, 1 foster care supervisor, 1 child care supervisor, 1 foster care licenser and 3 child care licensers.

The Future

The project is expected to end June 2022 and we will be presenting recommendations to the Washington State Legislature based on what we learn throughout the pilot.

The Ask

If you are aware of family home foster care or family home child care licensees who are interested in becoming a Dual License participant, please direct them to the appropriate orientation to get a head start on the process. We hope to begin recruiting Dual License providers in mid-December 2020.

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