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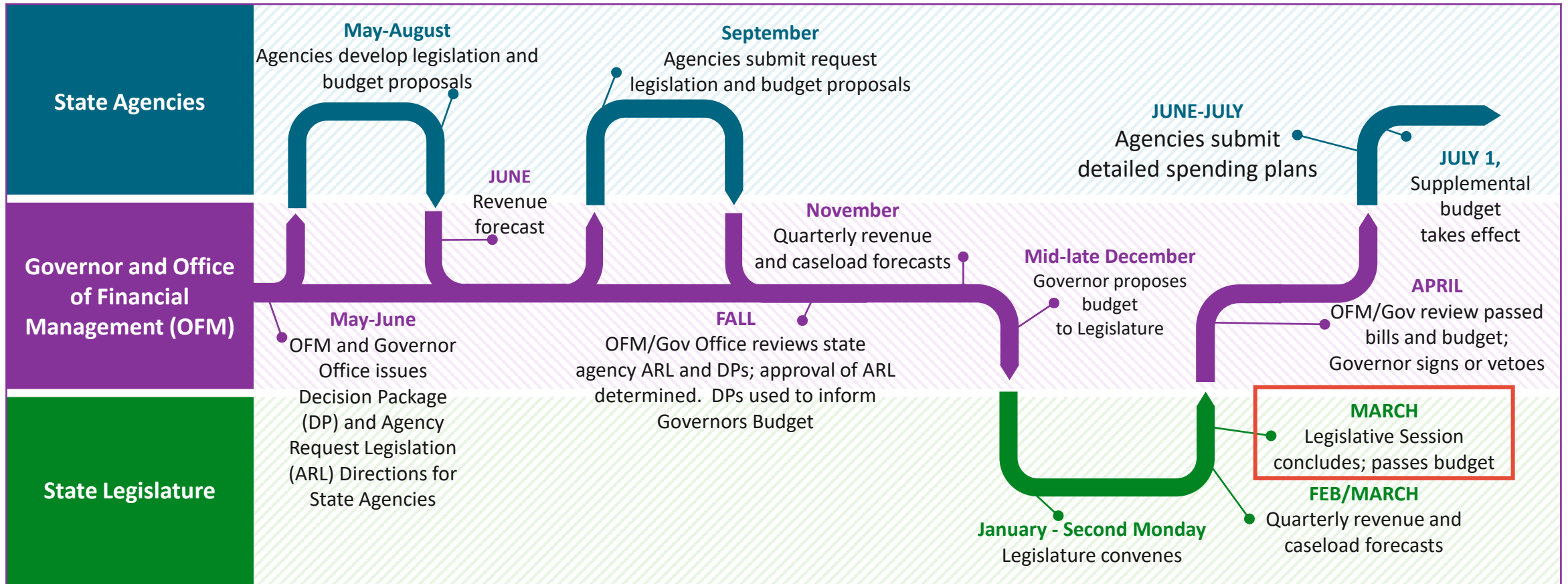
Agenda



- Legislative Session Update
- Current Bill Status
- Budget Overview



Preparing for Session Supplemental Budget Year Timeline



Realities

Supplemental budget year
+
DCYF implementing significant
investments and policy changes
+
Budget/Economic realities
=
Limited scope for requests session



Child Welfare - Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Description
5853	Behavioral crisis services/minors	Extending the crisis relief center model to provide behavioral health crisis services for minors.
6068	Dependency outcomes report	Requires Admin. Office of the Courts to report dependency outcomes
5908	Extended Foster Care	\$1.2M is provided for extended foster care services to youth ages 18 to 21.
6006	Victims of Human Trafficking	\$558K is provided to support victims of human trafficking and sexual abuse.
6109	Supporting Children and Families	\$6.7M is provided, clarifies dangers of fentanyl when assessing imminent risk of harm, includes judicial training improvements, and adds prevention/intervention services to support families.
1970	Caregiver Communication	\$197K is provided to establish a caregiver communication specialist within DCYF to focus on caregiver communication.
1205	Publication of Notice	\$1.2M is provided for DCYF to publish notice in dependency proceedings effective January 2026.

Senate Bill 6109/Fentanyl Response Services

Abbrev. Title	Description
Public Health Nurse Pilot	\$1.35M is provided to establish a pilot for public health nurses to support caseworkers in engaging and communicating with child welfare-involved families about the risks of fentanyl and other child health and safety concerns.
Safety Plan Participants	\$1.5M is provided to establish a pilot program for third-party safety plan participants to support safety planning in child welfare cases.
Home Visiting Contracted Slots	\$1.6M is provided to start-up targeted contracts with existing home visiting programs in 4 locales with the historically highest rates of child welfare screened-in intake; targeted to families experiencing high-potency synthetic opioid-related substance use disorder.
Childcare Contracted Slots	\$1.6M is provided for contracted childcare slots for infants in child protective services in locales with the historically highest rates of child welfare screened-in intake due to the exposure or presence of high-potency synthetic opioids in the home, which may be used as part of a safety plan.
Intercept Evidenced-Based Pilot Program	\$972K is provided for two pilot programs to implement an evidence-based, comprehensive, intensive, in-home parenting services support model to serve children and families from birth to age 18 who are involved in the child welfare, children's mental health, or juvenile justice systems.
Legal Liaisons	\$875K is provided for at least one legal liaison in each DCYF region to work with both the department and the office of the attorney general for the purpose of assisting with the preparation of child abuse and neglect court cases.

Partnership, Prevention, & Services Investments

Abbrev. Title	Description
Independent Living Investments <i>DCYF DP</i>	<p>\$733K is provided for 4 Independent Living (IL) staff, including adolescent transition liaisons.</p> <p>\$1.984M is provided to backfill a declining federal Chafee Grant in order to maintain the IL program.</p>
Rising Strong	<p>\$1.4M is provided in FY2025 to provide a grant to a nonprofit organization in Spokane that has experience administering a family-centered drug treatment and housing program for families experiencing SUD.</p>
CSEC Receiving Centers	<p>\$694K is provided in FY2025 for DCYF to contract for two receiving centers as established in RCW 7.68.380, that serve youth who are, or are at risk of being, commercially or sexually exploited.</p> <p><i>*This funding is in addition to a \$1M investment in 2020</i></p>
Family Preservation Services	<p>\$1.75M is provided in FY2025 to increase the rates paid to family preservation services providers, effective July 1, 2024.</p>

Child Welfare Investments

Abbrev. Title	Description
D.S. Settlement <i>DCYF DP</i>	\$5.397M is provided to improve Family Team Decision Making meetings, quality assurance in shared planning meetings, plaintiff fees, stakeholder engagement, rate modeling for placement settings pursuant to the D.S. Settlement. Additional funding is also provided for Hub Homes.
Emergent Placement Needs <i>DCYF DP</i>	\$2.786M is provided to increase the rate for Emergent Placement Services (EPS), effective July 1, 2024. The rate increases to \$13,413 per bed.
Rate Increase Basic Foster Care <i>DCYF DP</i>	Beginning July 1, 2025 (FY 26), monthly rates per child will increase from \$722 to \$895 for children ages 0-5; from \$846 to \$1,100 for children ages 6-11; and from \$860 to \$1,034 for youth ages 12 and above. <i>Not funded in current biennium.</i>
CHERISH Program	\$330K is provided to contract with an entity to provide educational and therapeutic services for children ages three through five years old in the child welfare system with developmental delays, disabilities, and behavioral needs.

Early Learning - Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Description
1916	Early Supports for Infants and Toddlers <i>DCYF ARL</i>	\$4.3M is provided to adjust funding eligibility criteria to reflect a child is receiving early intervention services if the child has received services within the same month as the monthly count day.
2111	Reorganization of Subsidized Child Care Statutes	This bill reorganizes several RCW pertaining to Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Eligibility. These changes do not change the eligibility or requirements impacting WCCC and repeals 2 expired statutes.
1945	WCCC Eligibility	Establishes that families receiving basic food benefits are eligible for WCCC (Nov 1, 2024), Early ECEAP (Nov 1, 2024), and ECEAP (required Aug 1, 2030)
2124	WCCC Expand Approved Activity	\$1.2M is provided to support and expand access to child care and early learning programs by expanding WCCC approved activities to include Early ECEAP and Early Head Start and adding WCCC eligibility for ECEAP and Head Start Providers.
5774	Fingerprint Access in DCYF offices	\$254K is provided to increase the capacity to conduct timely fingerprint-based background checks for prospective child care employees and other programs by establishing capacity in DCYF offices.
2195	Early learning Facilities (ELF) Program Modifications	Makes a few changes to the ELF program implementation.



Early Learning – Rate Adjustments

Abbrev. Title	Description
Non-Standard Hours Rate	\$778K is provided to increase the rate from \$135 to \$150 effective July 1, 2024.
Infant Rate Enhancement	\$6.2M is provided to increase the rate from \$90 to \$300 effective July 1, 2024.
ECEAP Rate Increase	\$8.3M is provided to increase school day slots by 5% and working day slots by 9% effective July 1, 2024.



Early Learning Investments

Abbrev. Title	Description
Professional Development	\$2.5M is provided to contract with an entity for expanding the number child care providers.
Coordinated Recruit and Enroll (CRE)	\$1.4M is provided to contract with an entity to support coordination on recruitment and enrollment.
Early Child Mental Health	\$1.75M is provided, to include \$150k specifically to support rural schools and rural communities with consultation.
Spokane Focused Workforce	\$250K is provided to pilot a program to increase the child care workforce and capacity in the greater Spokane area.
Snohomish County Planning	\$200K is provided for the early learning coalition to develop a leadership team to strengthen the Early Learning community in Snohomish.
Inclusion Mentorship Contract	\$650K is provided for mentorship to providers to develop skills and knowledge to effectively care for and educate children with disabilities, developmental delays, or challenging behaviors.
Imagination Library	\$500k is provided in FY 2025 for the Imagination Library. <i>*This funding is in addition to a \$1m investment in 2023</i>

Juvenile Rehabilitation Investments

Abbrev. Title	Description
Class Action Settlement – Administrative Hearings	\$2.1M is provided to implement settlement agreements for hearings for JR youth transferring to DOC or from a Community Facility to an institution.
Body Scanners	\$967K is provided for one body scanner at Echo Glen and two at Green Hill to comply with the new DOH WAC chapter 246-230 (security screening systems).
Gender Responsive Funding	\$200K is provided for antibias training for girls, youth stipends for girls, and facilitation for girls in JR.
Echo Glen Security Services	\$17.9M is provided for enhanced security services at the Echo Glen Children’s Center.
Juvenile Block Grant Funding Increase	\$1M additional funding is provided to implement evidence- and research-based programs through community juvenile accountability grants, administration of the grants, and evaluations of programs funded by the grants.

Juvenile Rehabilitation Capital Investments

Abbrev. Title	Description
Echo Glen Security Enhancements <i>DCYF DP</i>	\$4.504M is provided for security enhancements at Echo Glen to ensure staff safety, community safety, and the safety of youth and young adults at the facility
Green Hill School HVAC Upgrades	\$5.446M from the Climate Commitment Account and State building Construction Account is provided for HVAC upgrades at Green Hill School
Echo Glen Academic School Walkway Roofing & Lighting	\$500K from the state building construction account is provided for improvements to the roofing and lighting in the academic school

Program Support Investments

Abbrev. Title	Description
CCWIS <i>DCYF DP</i>	<p>\$20M is provided for the procurement and initial stages of the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) implementation. DCYF currently uses a child welfare case management system, FamLink, the state's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System.</p>
SSPS Replacement <i>DCYF DP</i>	<p>\$1.3M is provided to complete the feasibility study for an updated Social Service Payment System (SSPS) to determine project implementation costs and a project plan. The SSPS provides authorization and payment processing for services delivered to DCYF clients.</p>
Staff Safety and Supports <i>DCYF DP</i>	<p>\$2.2M is provided to support staff safety needs, hire peers to train and support crisis response volunteers, and facilitate intervention and support to staff involved in traumatic incidents.</p>



Other Agency Investments - Early Learning

Abbrev. Title	Description	Agency
Essential Workers Analysis	\$250K is provided for a feasibility analysis of expanding or modifying program inclusion of essential workers, including but not limited to child care workers.	Office of the Insurance Commissioner
Early Achiever Scholars TA	\$801K is provided for community college staff to recruit, advise, and support early achiever scholars completing their early childhood qualifications.	Board of Community and Technical Colleges
Coordination	\$150K is provided for staffing and administrative costs necessary to provide interdepartmental coordination and engagement with stakeholders with respect to the program authorized in chapter 420, Laws of 2023 (transition to kindergarten).	Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

Other Agency Investments – Early Learning – Department of Commerce

Abbrev. Title	Description
Early Learning Facilities Competitive Grants	<p>\$4.5M is provided for assistance in designing, constructing, purchasing, expanding, or modernizing public or private early learning education facilities for eligible organizations.</p> <p><i>Up to 4% of this funding may be used DCYF to provide technical assistance to providers interested in applying for the early learning facility grant or loan program.</i></p>
Early Learning Facilities Minor Renovation Grants	<p>\$2.35M is provided for assistance for non-expansion minor early learning facilities renovations.</p>
Construction Onsite/Near Site Pilot Program	<p>\$325K is provided to contract for and implement a pilot program for onsite or near-site child care facilities to serve children of construction workers.</p>

Other Agency Investments – PPS & CW

Abbrev. Title	Description	Agency
Prenatal Substance Exposure (HB 1168, 2023)	<p>\$1M additional funding is provided solely for implementation of Second Substitute House Bill No. 1168 (prenatal substance exposure). *Funded at \$796,000 in 2023.</p>	Health Care Authority
Shelter Care Early Engagement	<p>\$400K is provided to pilot a program that provides indigent parents with voluntary access to an OPD social service worker beginning at a shelter care hearing. The pilot program described in this section must be provided in at least two counties.</p>	Office of Public Defense
Concrete goods - OPD	<p>\$50K is provided for emergency assistance and other urgent needs for clients served by the parents representation program: short-term housing, utilities, transportation, food assistance, and other urgent needs.</p>	Office of Public Defense

Other Agency Investments – Complex Youth

Abbrev. Title	Description
<p>Complex Kids Proposal - DCYF</p>	<p>DCYF shall collaborate with DSHS to identify, place, and assist in the voluntary transition of adolescents aged and older who have complex developmental, intellectual disabilities, or autism spectrum disorder, alongside potential mental health or substance use diagnoses, into a leased facility for specialized residential treatment at Lake Burien operated by DSHS. The partnership is dedicated to transitioning individuals to community-based settings in a seamless and voluntary manner that emphasizes care in less restrictive community-based environments.</p>
<p>Complex Kids Proposal - DSHS</p>	<p>\$15.252M is provided for DSHS to operate a staff-secure, voluntary, and transitional treatment facility specializing in services for adolescents over the age of 13 who have complex developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, or autism spectrum disorder and may also have a mental health or substance use diagnosis. These individuals require intensive behavioral supports and may also be in need of behavioral health services. Services must be provided at a property in lake Burien, serve no more than 12 youth at one time, and be implemented in a way that prioritizes transition to less restrictive community-based settings. Youth shall enter the facility only by their own consent or the consent of their guardian.</p>

Other Agency Investments - JR

Abbrev. Title	Description	Agency
JR Audit	\$400K is provided for an audit of the Juvenile Rehabilitation program by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee.	JLARC



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