

Community-based foster care agencies play a critical role in serving Washington's children and families.

Community-based foster care Placing Agencies (CPAs) certify and support a third of caregivers and serve one in five children placed in foster care in Washington. Click here to [learn more](#) about CPAs' role and how they partner with the Department of Children, Youth and Families to provide safe, stable and caring homes. CPAs across Washington have joined together as part of the [Washington Association for Children and Families \(WACF\)](#), representing almost 90% of all private agency caregivers, to share best practices and advocate for children and families.

WACF CPAs in 2021

1,980+

Children

1,510+

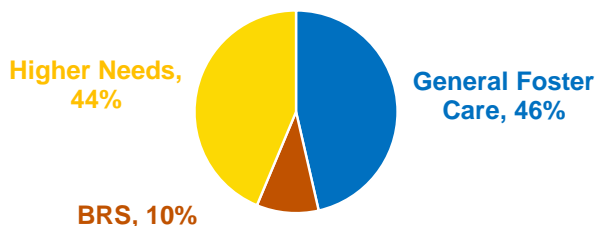
Caregivers

540+

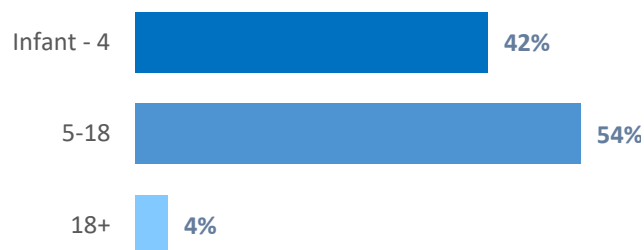
Children reunified with parents or kin

Meeting the needs of children in care

54% of children served have higher needs



58% of children were age 5 or older



Working to reunite children with families

Two-thirds of children who exited CPA care achieved permanency or kin placement



Foster families working to build connections with birth families:

400+

Testimonials from CPA Families

Jayden's foster family knew the separation was hard on him, so they invited his parents to join in walking Jayden home from school, and made goodnight calls every night. This helped maintain strong relationships. When Jayden was reunited, he told his foster parents they were his family too. The families are planning for future get togethers.

Aaron's perception of his role changed after the first child was placed in his home. "It's not my story it's their story. It's not my journey, it's their journey. When they were here my role was to be a supportive father. Now it's to be a supportive adult in their life, to remind them I care about them and how special they are, so that they can hear that from as many adults as possible."

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