



Washington Association for Children & Families

WACF Child Placing Agencies Division 2018 Advocacy Agenda

Administrative Priorities:

- Access to FAMLINK (or any other subsequent Child Welfare Case Management system), both to easily obtain documents and information that Child Placing Agencies are required to have, as well as enter information that would benefit CA social workers in our work with children and families.
- Work with Children's Administration/DCYF to identify solutions to licensing issues that specifically impact the recruitment and retention of foster families. This includes:
 - Communication that negatively impacts foster parent satisfaction
 - Heightened risk management culture
 - Areas to improve "customer service" best practices
- Work with Children's Administration/DCYF to reform Parent/Child visitation best practices as well as a more equitable reimbursement rate for Child Placing Agencies

Legislative Priorities:

- Participate with Children's Administration/DCYF in a collaborative rate study to address the ongoing protocol for regular vendor rate increases. Fund full cost of care by 2019.

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