



Washington Association for Children & Families

Family Preservation & Support Services Division Advocacy Agenda 2017-18

Administrative Priorities:

- **Work with Children's Administration to jointly update and improve statewide protocols for use of Evidence Based Practices and other in-home services in conjunction with visitation services.** Protocols were sent out at the Regional level in 2014 but were never adopted for statewide use and are not being followed today
 - Include clear protocols for how visitation services coordinate and communicate with in home services providers
 - Minimize cancellations and inconvenience for families and professional staff
- **WACF as a partner with DCYF in developing outcomes for performance-based contracts**
- **WACF as a partner with DCYF in developing new methods of assessing needed capacity for each service, and new funding/contracting methods. Outcome based capacity funding is preferred. A second choice would be risk sharing models that have a base level for capacity plus an element for fee-for-service**

Legislative Priorities:

- **Changing the funding/contracting model for in home services** (may need Legislative approval)
- **Other reimbursement/budget issues:**
 - Travel reimbursement (partially addressed in the 2017 Legislature)
 - Ongoing system for vendor rate increases
- **Extend the time limit for FAR cases beyond 90 days.** Most EBP's go longer than 90 days; 120 days is preferred.

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