

The Foster Care Funding Collaborative (FCFC) is currently a collaborative project that includes 14 WACF members who provide foster care or treatment foster care services. Through intentional collaboration and coordination with other CPAs and with the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) and other stakeholders, these Washington CPAs have a goal of increasing the number of foster homes they license from 1,689 to 3,207 by 2020—an increase of 1,518—by strengthening their recruitment and retention practices and actively advocating for needed system level changes in Washington. The Child Placing Agencies engaged in this effort intend to be able to meet the demand for all children in need of care, ensuring the right ‘first’ placement, decreasing trauma, and promoting permanency.

The project consists of three areas: Market Research to Inform the Development of a Statewide, Strategic Recruitment Plan, Data Collection that is gathered from inquiry to licensure to help inform practice improvement and systemic change when needed and lastly, a web based portal that will filter inquiring families to the agency that is a best fit.

To participate in the FCFC project agencies paid an additional fee above their membership dues. Similar to how membership dues are calculated the additional fee was based on the amount of agency child welfare expenses.

If agencies aren’t currently part of the project, but are wanting to participate in the project they must provide foster care or treatment foster care services and pay the FCFC project fee.

The long term goal of this project is that we will be able to use the market research to inform workforce recruitment and to determine where children who are at risk of entering foster care are geographically located to meet the needs of those families.

The current participating agencies are:

Accelerator YMCA • Amara • Bethany Christian Services • Catholic Community Services of Western Washington • Community and Family Services Foundation • Community Youth Services • Comprehensive Life Resources • Friends of Youth • Lutheran Community Services Northwest • Olive Crest • Ryther • Youth Net • Secret Harbor and Skookum Kids

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