



Child Placing Agencies play a critical role in serving Washington's children and families.

Child Placing Agencies (CPAs) certify and support 34% of caregivers and serve one in five children placed in foster care in Washington State. Click here to [learn more](#) about CPAs' role and how they partner with the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) to provide safe, stable and caring homes. CPAs across Washington State 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 2020

1770+

Children

1540+

Caregivers

250+

Children reached permanency*

*Permanency count reflects children who exited CPA care to reunify with family or were adopted.

Focus on Reunification

In 2020, two-thirds of children that exited WACF CPA care **achieved permanency** through **reunification, adoption** or were placed with **kin**. Of those, over half were reunified with their families.

Adoption, 20%

Kinship Placement,
28%



Reunification, 52%

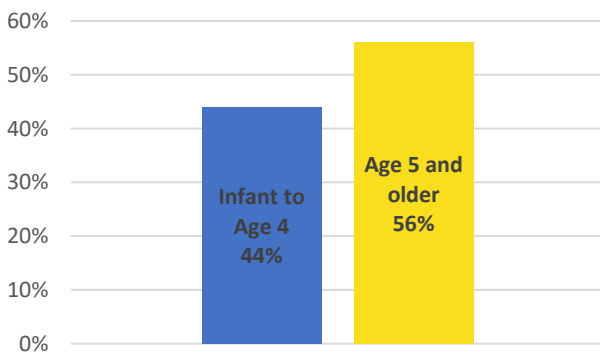
Focus on Caregiver Support

CPAs provide **360-degree support** for caregivers from dedicated staff and through trainings, support groups and peer mentoring. CPAs have high caregiver retention.

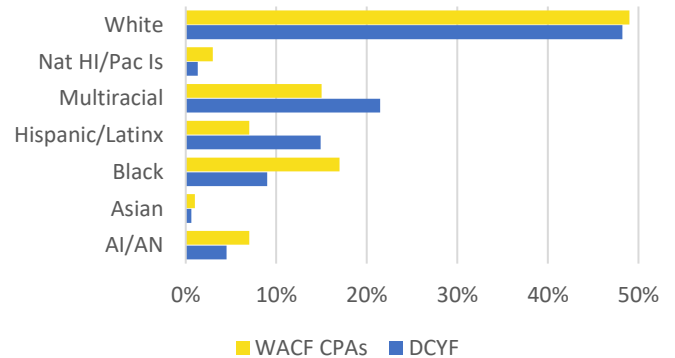
85% Caregiver Retention

Who Do We Serve?

56% of children served by WACF CPAs are **five years or older**, consistent with the state.



WACF CPAs serve a higher percentage of **Black and Indigenous** children compared to the [state](#).



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