



## WACF LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND CALL FOR ACTION

### 2/16/16 General Membership Meeting

#### **Child Placing Agency Division (CPA)**

RATE RESTORATION FOR CHILD PLACING AGENCIES: We are asking the legislature to restore the CPA fee including an inflationary increase.

**2/16/16 Call to Action:** Contact your legislator and ask them to contact the heads of their budget committees: Rep. Hans Dunshee (D) House Appropriations Committee and Senator Andy Hill (R) Senate Ways and Means Committee. **ASK THEM TO SEND LETTER STATING THEY SUPPORT THIS ITEM BEING INCLUDED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. MAKE SURE THEY INCLUDE THE 'INFLATIONARY INCREASE' IN THEIR REQUEST.**

#### **Family Preservation and Support Services Division (FPSS)**

1) CONTRACTED PAYMENT OF FULL RATE FOR TRAVELING TO CLIENT HOMES. Currently travel time is funded at 50%.

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#### **Behavioral Rehabilitative Services Division (BRS)**

RETURN BRS TO THE FOSTER CARE CASELOAD FORECAST. Currently BRS is a separate budget item and monies are restricted to the specific budget allocation. If returned to the forecast, funding would be available to better ensure provision of appropriate care for the state's highest need youth in the child welfare system.

**2/16/16 UPDATE:** The BRS Forecasting issue as a stand-alone item will not be proceeding in this session.

**COMMENT/ACTION:** Due in part to WACF efforts and actions, some behind the scenes work is being done along the lines of forecasting and when/if the matter becomes ripe for membership action we will let you know immediately what needs to be done. **FOR NOW IT IS ENOUGH TO KEEP LETTING YOUR LEGISLATORS KNOW ABOUT BRS SERVICES AND THE FUNDING NEEDS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN 2017-19 BUDGET IF NOT THIS YEAR.**

**Working protocol:** Brian Carroll, Charlotte Booth and Jeff Clare are coordinating the current legislative activities on behalf of WACF. Members are encouraged to work with their own district legislators and should route any other possible actions through Brian. Members should not contact our lobbyists or key legislators directly about strategy or positions on behalf of the Association. We have been very successful in obtaining significant support for our issues and we have significant voice in current activities related to the budget.