

Join Hands for Children
Advisory Committee on Legal and Practice Issues
Preliminary Service Array

The services described in the Advisory Committee on Legal and Practice Issues' "Service Array" is intended to be a list of services that should be available and accessible to all children and families in the child welfare system. This list is not intended to be a list of services that every child and family would get, but rather a menu of services available to the department or supervising agencies. This is a list of recommended services and best practice standards determined by the collective input of members of the Advisory Committee and does not create a right or entitlement to any particular services or practices not currently provided by applicable state or federal statute or regulation or to eliminate any existing program or services. This list remains preliminary and advisory only until such time it, or any of the services and practices listed herein, are incorporated into performance based contracts pursuant to RCW 74.13.360.

Preliminary Service Array – Services	Federally and/or State Mandated
<i>Case Management and Planning</i>	
24/7 capacity to accept and respond to CPS referrals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 26.44.030(4) requires that in emergency cases, when a child’s welfare is endangered, DSHS must notify LE within 24 hrs of a report. Thus, while 24/7 intake may not be mandatory, it would likely be difficult to comply with this requirement without it.</i> 	Best Practice
Concurrent planning	Best Practice
Safety planning and needs assessment of child	Federal and State
Assessment of parental capacity and functioning	Federal and State
Family team decision making	Best Practice
Discharge planning (Supporting services for transition home, permanent placements, ILS)	Federal and State
Managing dependencies	Federal and State
Knowledge of and compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), WAC 388-70, the CA ICW Policy Manual, and tribal-state and local agreements	Federal for the ICWA (Not for all of WAC, Policy)
<i>Recruitment, Placement, and Permanency Services and Support</i>	
Family search and engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 13.34.065(5)(c) requires reasonable efforts to locate a relative if a child regarding whom a dependency has been filed is not placed with a relative.</i> • <i>RCW 74.13.600 requires the Dept. to implement strategies to prioritize relative placement, including relative search procedures.</i> 	Federal and State

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<p>Foster family services (recruitment, training, support, supervision, retention)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 74.13.310 requires the Dept. to develop training that assists foster parents in “caring for emotionally, mentally, or physically handicapped children.”</i> • <i>RCW 74.13.325 requires the Dept. to increase the number of adoptive and foster homes through a recruitment and retention program.</i> • <i>RCW 74.13.650 requires the Dept. to implement the foster parent critical support and retention program for children with high-risk behaviors.</i> • <i>RCW 74.15.030(7) requires the Dept. to inspect agencies (foster homes, group homes, CPAs, etc.) periodically to ensure compliance with minimum licensing requirements.</i> 	Some functions are State requirements
<p>Kinship family and guardianship services (recruitment, training, support, supervision, retention)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 74.13.600 requires the implementation of strategies and procedures for relative search and “outreach”.</i> • <i>RCW 74.15.030(3) requires the Dept. to investigate any person including relatives for character, suitability and competence in the care of children.</i> 	State has also opted into the Federal Relative Guardianship Subsidy
<p>Adoption services (recruitment, training, support)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 74.13.031(2) requires the Dept. to recruit an adequate number of adoptive homes.</i> • <i>RCW 74.13.325 requires the Dept. to increase the number of adoptive and foster homes through a recruitment and retention program.</i> • <i>Federal law requires recruitment of adoptive homes that reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of the children in the state. Federal matching is available for adoption support services, so if the state receives this money, services that encourage or expedite adoptions may be federally required if the state receives federal funding for them.</i> 	Some functions are Federal and State
<p>Targeted recruitment (tribal and cultural)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 74.13.031(2) requires the Dept. to “recruit an adequate number of prospective adoptive and foster homes, both regular and specialized, i.e. homes for children of ethnic minority, including Indian homes for Indian children, sibling groups, handicapped and emotionally disturbed, teens, pregnant and parenting teens....”</i> • <i>Federal law requires the states to recruit foster and adoptive homes that reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of the state.</i> 	Federal and State
Foster care placement (including receiving care)	Federal and State
Reunification support	Federal and State
Diligent recruitment (MEPA)	Federal

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<i>Skill-Building, and other Services designed to Enhance Parenting</i>	
Parent education and support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 74.13.031(14) requires the Dept. to offer “preventive services” to families with children, within amounts appropriated for the purpose.</i> • <i>RCW 26.44.195(1) doesn’t require, but authorizes the Dept. to offer services that ameliorate the conditions that led to the child’s endangerment. Federal law lists this as a type of family preservation service, for which federal matching is available – so if the state is receiving this, it’s required to offer coordinated services in this area.</i> 	If services are ordered as “preventive” then Federal and State
Home-based services	Best Practice
Family-to-family support (support groups, mentors for birth, relative, foster)	Best Practice
Crisis stabilization and in-home crisis response	Federal and State
Family preservation services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If the state receives federal matching for family support services (along with reunification services and preservation services), then it’s required to operate coordinated programs of family preservation services in its state. Dept. to offer “preventive services” to families with children, within amounts appropriated for the purpose.</i> • <i>RCW 26.44.195(1) doesn’t require, but authorizes the Dept. to offer services that ameliorate the conditions that led to the child’s endangerment.</i> • <i>Federal law lists this as a type of family preservation service, for which federal matching is available – so if the state is receiving this, it’s required to offer c If the state receives federal matching for family support services (along with reunification services and preservation services), then it’s required to operate coordinated programs of family preservation services in its state coordinated services in this area.</i> 	Dependent upon Funding
Intensive family preservation services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Dept. is required to offer remedial services under RCW 13.34.025 (and federal law). Again, if the state receives federal matching for family support services, then IFPS is called out as an area the state most offer coordinated services in.</i> 	Dependent upon Funding
Therapeutic services for families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 13.34.024(2)(a) lists therapeutic services for families as one type of remedial service, so for those families for which this would be an appropriate time-limited reunification service, it is mandated. Federal matching is available for this, as well, as it’s defined as a type of family preservation service.</i> 	Federal and State if part of reunification plan
<i>Additional Services to Support Children, Youth, and Families</i>	
Interpretation and translation services	Best Practice

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Child care subsidies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 13.34.025(2)(a) defines payment for childcare as a possible remedial service.</i> • <i>RCW 74.13.315 authorizes, but doesn't require, the Dept. to pay for childcare for foster parents attending DSHS-sponsored training.</i> • <i>Federal matching is available for this, as well, as it's defined as a type of family preservation service (to the extent the transportation is to services and activities meant to assist in reunifying the family).</i> 	Best Practice
Respite care (birth, foster, relative, adoptive) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 74.13.270 requires the Dept. to design a program of respite care. If the state is receiving federal matching funds for family support and preservation services, then respite is one type of family preservation service</i> 	State; can be Federal, dependent upon funding
Routine medical care	Federal and State
Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 13.34.025(2)(a) defines payment for transportation to services as a possible remedial service.</i> 	State
Visitation services and supports	Visitation: Federal and State
Educational assessment and support services, including afterschool programs	Assessment only - Federal and State
Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS)	State provides authorization, but does not mandate
Healthy relationship skills training	Best Practice
Crisis residential services	State provides authorization, but does not mandate
Independent living/transitional living services	Federal and State
Responsible living skills	Federal and State
Budget and financial management	Best Practice
Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY) treatment	State provides authorization, but does not mandate
Street youth services	State provides authorization, but does not mandate
Network Management, Coordination and Planning	
Community assessment and building	Best Practice

Preliminary Service Array – Services through Referrals	Federally and State Mandated
<i>Linkage and Coordination with community service and tribal agencies</i>	
Infant/toddler/early child intervention and education	Best Practice
Civil legal services (birth, relative, youth)	Best Practice
Housing assistance (assistance and referrals to housing)	State
Public health/medical services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>For issues not directly related to the dependency.</i> 	Best Practice
Food banks	Best Practice
General emergency services	Best Practice
Domestic violence intervention services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>For issues not directly related to the dependency.</i> 	Best Practice
Sexual assault intervention programs	Best Practice
Immigration and citizenship services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Notification to the consulates of children who are foreign nationals is mandated under the Vienna Convention.</i> 	Best Practice
Individual, group and family counseling/therapy	Reasonable Efforts
Education/vocational training	Best Practice
Child care (birth, foster, relative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 13.34.025(2)(a) defines payment for childcare as a possible remedial service.</i> • <i>RCW 74.13.315 authorizes, but doesn't require, the Dept. to pay for childcare for foster parents attending DSHS-sponsored training.</i> 	Best Practice
Employment services	Best Practice
Faith-based and cultural community services	Best Practice
Professional and business training services	Best Practice
<i>Linkages and coordination with state and tribal programs or their local counterpart</i>	
Community Service Office (TANF, food stamp, etc.)	Best Practice
Developmental disabilities	Case specific
Vocational rehab/training	Best Practice
Mental health assessment/counseling	Reasonable efforts
Drug and alcohol assessment/counseling	Reasonable efforts
WorkSource	Best Practice
Health and Recovery Services or Medical Assistance Administration	Best Practice

Practice Standards	Federally and State Mandated
Ensure necessary staffings occur (CPT, LICWAC, etc.)	CPT's are mandated by an Executive Order
Placing siblings together	Federal and State, whenever possible/best interests
Placement priorities in best interest of child (relative, ICWA, etc.)	Federal and State
Knowledge of and compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), WAC 388-70, the CA ICW Policy Manual, and tribal-state and local agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Federal law mandates compliance with the Act, but not with the WAC, the CA ICW policy, etc.</i> 	Federal
Engagement of Indian child's tribe with case plan	Federal
Child health and educational screening/tracking	Federal and State
Culturally competent services	Federal and State
Reasonable efforts	Federal and State
Reducing racial disproportionality	Best Practice
Maximum caseload size	Best Practice
Positive Youth Development	Best Practice
Evidence-based services	Encouraged by State