



\$6 million: Improving lives for foster children

All Washington's children deserve an opportunity to succeed. We're investing in resources to improve the lives of foster youth.

We need to:

- Increase the number of foster families in Washington state.
- Ensure every foster child is placed with a loving family.

Increase rates for agencies that place children in foster care: \$1 million

Over 20 percent of child placement agencies have closed, resulting in the loss of foster homes, due to low reimbursement rates.

Reduce foster care application backlog and completion of home studies: \$1 million

Current caseloads are creating a substantial backlog in applications.

Family Assessment Response (FAR): \$1 million

Implementation of FAR will bring long-term reduction in caseloads. Funding is allocated to continue toward statewide implementation.

Permanency enhancement: \$702,000

Continue funding for specially trained assistant attorneys general who are working to increase the number of dependency filings.

Performance based contracting: \$1.5 million *(plus private funds)*

Continue and expand performance-based contracting that ensures quality care and services for parents and children involved with child welfare.

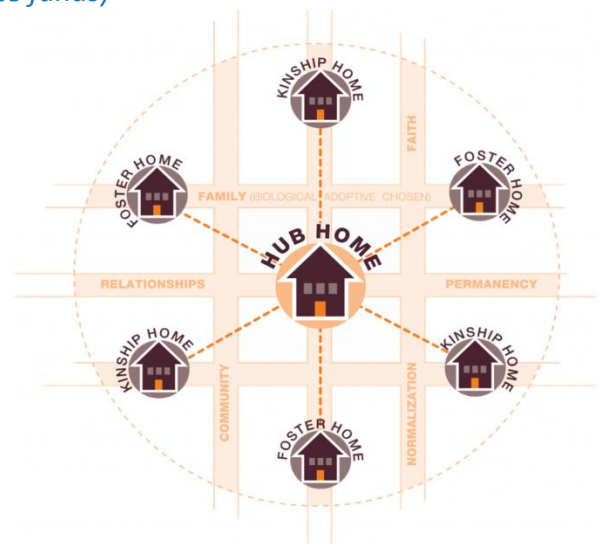
Dependency court improvement pilot: \$500,000

(matched with private funds)

A pilot to test early mediation for quicker reunification and reduced reliance on foster care.

Mockingbird Family Model Evaluation: \$150,000

The Mockingbird Family Model is a promising, award-winning model of foster care delivery. This funding will allow the state to study and report on the model's impact and cost effectiveness.



Mockingbird Family Model Diagram