



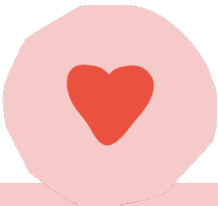


**Washington's Family Resource Centers:
Building Strong Families and Communities**
Accessible hubs providing critical support for families
2025 Fact Sheet

- Family Resource Centers (FRCs) are welcoming, accessible hubs offering services and opportunities to strengthen families and communities, often at little or no cost.
 - Responsive to local cultures and informed by unique community needs.
 - Help families navigate complex government programs for additional supports.
 - Provide resources to any and all people, with no specific eligibility requirements! Families are guided by a Family Navigator for a comprehensive and warm handoff to desired resources and programs.
- Supported by the Washington Family Support Network (WFSN) through standards training, data collection, and collaboration.

FRCs positively impact families by:

<p>Offering essential assistance: Basic goods, transportation, rent/utility aid, job training</p>	<p>Supporting economic stability; fostering family resilience</p>	<p>Promoting child development</p>	<p>Providing parenting guidance; encouraging leadership</p>
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Why invest in FRCs?

 <p>50% reduction in out-of-home placements</p>	 <p>63% reduction in child abuse cases</p>	 <p>Every \$1.00 invested saves \$3.85 in child welfare costs</p>
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SOURCE: Social Return on Investment Study: Washington State Legislature, "HB 1237"

By supporting families before challenges escalate, FRCs prevent crises that might lead to child welfare intervention, high-cost behavioral health services, or community displacement.

A 2024 statewide survey of 47 WFSN members representing 82 FRCs located across 19 different counties demonstrates the diversity of needs met by FRCs:

32%

**Involved in
criminal justice
system**

48%

**Families
impacted by
domestic violence**

58%

**Families of
children with
special needs**

58%

**Families
involved in
child
welfare**

58%

**Families involved
in substance
abuse**

74%

**Families impacted
by homelessness**

2025 FRC Budget Request

Targeted Investment

\$7.4M/biennium through DCYF to support five FRC pilots with the goal to achieve future federal match funding

- Prioritizes regions with highest CPS screened-in intakes and the highest placements of Native and Black Children.
- Directly partners with families providing increased access to concrete supports and customized services to meet their unique needs.
- Increases access to evidence-based programs that have been proven to decrease child abuse and neglect rates.

Funding also includes staff training and data collection to demonstrate impact.

Core Infrastructure

\$6.5M/biennium through the Department of Commerce to support FRCs statewide

- Funding for 30 FRCs at \$100k/year to provide critical infrastructure to support all families, including those experiencing substance abuse, addiction, homelessness, domestic violence and other crises.
 - ◇ Previous funding has increased outreach to rural communities and populations previously underserved.
- \$500k in funding toward the Washington Family Support Network to support more than 50 FRC organizations representing nearly 100 FRC locations with staff training, data collection, impact evaluation, shared learning, and outreach.

Testimonials

“Thank you for making access to resources easier. I love volunteering at the FRC. I get help – and serve others at the same time.”

-A Parent Participant

“We moved here seven years ago and did not know anyone. Since then we have had two children and the Family Center ‘folks’ have become our family.”

-Bethany

“It is just good to know there is a place we can go if we need something; whether help with ‘stuff’ or meeting others. Thank you for making that space.”

-A Parent Participant



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