



Washington State Policy Agenda

2026 and beyond: A multi-year focus

The following State of Washington policy actions will move Washington closer to a state where all families flourish, nurtured by the strength of community.

Family Resource Centers (FRCs)

[Family Resource Centers](#) are community-based family support entities operating throughout Washington—One key part of a multifaceted approach to supporting families raising children. Access to FRCs correlates to improvements in family health, lower rates of child maltreatment, and improvements in parental resilience, social connections, nurturing, and attachment.

Akin supports state policy and investments that contribute to robust and sustainable operations of FRCs in all communities throughout Washington. State funding can support FRC core operations, family resource navigators who ensure families are connected to resources, concrete goods, and/or the Washington Family Support Network.

Human Service Contract Reform

A 2025 [report](#) from the State of Washington concluded that the state's current human services contracting process is unsustainable and could lead to the failure of the human service system in our state. A variety of costs, including [insurance](#), are rising faster than reimbursements.

Akin supports the unanimous recommendation from the legislatively requested report to restructure human service contracts so that the fees paid to human service providers cover the full cost of delivering mandated services.

Early Relational Health

[Early Relational Health](#) is the foundation of lifelong health and well-being. Supporting the social and emotional development of young children leads to better outcomes for families and communities.

Akin supports state policies and investments that embed Early Relational Health approaches in all settings where caregivers and young children interact, including homes, child care, health care, and community spaces.

In the 2026 State of Washington Legislative Session, Akin supports preserving and protecting policies and investments that support families facing adversity. Our focus will be protecting basic needs, policies that keep families together, and investments in families with young children.