

Join Hands for Children
Advisory Committee on Legal and Practice Issues
Part I - 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 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 that may be provided by Master Contractor agencies. This is a list of recommended services 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. Nor does it consider the possibility that the department may be required to reduce or eliminate any existing program or services as a result of budget constraints.

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. The "Federally and/or State Mandated" column is meant to provide a rough indication of CA's legal responsibility to ensure the provision of specific services. This column includes both services that the Dept. must have available, within the appropriation of funds for that purpose, but which it has broad discretion to provide on a voluntary basis in individual cases and services that are generally mandated to be provided to a particular category or class of people.

Preliminary Service Array – Services	Federally and/or State Mandated	Parent Opinion	Social Worker Opinion
<i>Care Coordination and Planning Activities to be provided by Master Contractors (pending CA's decisions on roles/responsibilities)</i>			
24/7 capacity to accept and respond to calls from CPS and provide services as needed.			
Carrying out concurrent planning arranged by CA Social Worker			
Responsible for ongoing safety planning and needs assessments	Federal and State		
Responsible for first and ongoing assessments of parental capacity and functioning	Federal and State		
Participation in all Family Team Decision Making meetings			
Responsible for coordinating child's services for transition home, permanent placements, ILS, 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	Federal for the ICWA (Not for all WAC, Policy)		

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<i>Recruitment, Placement, and Permanency Services and Support</i>			
<p>Master Contractors and Care Coordinators should contribute to initial and ongoing family search and engagement efforts coordinated by CA social worker</p> <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		
<p>Foster family services (recruitment, training, support, supervision, retention)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 74.13.250 requires the Dept. to provide preservice training to foster parents before they can be licensed.</i> • <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		

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<i>Recruitment, Placement, and Permanency Services and Support</i>			
Adoption services (recruitment, training, support) <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		
Targeted recruitment (tribal and cultural) <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		
Supporting 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>In most cases preventive services and family preservation services are discretionary and are not court ordered as court involvement generally does not occur until after a child is removed. To the extent parent support and education may be ordered in a dependency, they would fall within the category of time limited family reunification services per RCW 13.34.025(2).</i> • <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	63% Child Behavior Management	43% Child Behavior Management
Home-based services			
Family-to-family support (support groups, mentors for birth, relative, foster)		58% Social/Emotional Support	66% Social/Emotional Support
Crisis stabilization and in-home crisis response	Federal and State		

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<i>Skill-Building, and other Services designed to Enhance Parenting (con't)</i>			
Family preservation services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The state receives federal matching funds for family support and family preservation services.</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> 	Federal and State		
Intensive family preservation services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The state receives federal matching funds for family preservation services, which includes IFPS as a pre-placement preventive service.</i> 	Federal		
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.</i> • <i>It may also be offered as a family support or family preservation service, for which the Dept. may receive federal matching funds.</i> 	Federal and State if part of reunification plan	58% Family Counseling	58% Family Counseling

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Additional Services to Support Children, Youth, and Families			
Child care subsidies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 13.34.025(2)(a) and 42 USC 629a(7) define “temporary” childcare as a remedial service when provided as a time-limited family reunification service in cases where a child has been placed in out-of-home care. The state law provides that parents in dependency cases receive priority access to this 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> 	Federal and State		
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) and 42 USC 629a(7) define transportation to services as a remedial service when provided as a time-limited family reunification service in cases where a child has been placed in out-of-home care. The state law establishes that the department and contracted services providers shall ensure that parents in dependency cases receive priority access to this service.</i> 	Federal and State	63% Transportation	34% Transportation
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)			
Healthy relationship skills training			
Crisis residential services			

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<i>Additional Services to Support Children, Youth, and Families (con't)</i>			
Independent living/transitional living services	Federal and State		
Responsible living skills	Federal and State		
Budget and financial management			
Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY) treatment			
Street youth services			
<i>Network Management, Coordination and Planning</i>			
Community assessment and building			

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<i>Linkage and Coordination with community service and tribal agencies</i>			
Infant/toddler/early child intervention and education			
Civil legal services (birth, relative, youth)			
Housing assistance (assistance and referrals to housing)	State	68% Finding a place to live	
Public health/medical services • <i>For issues not directly related to the dependency.</i>			
Food banks		68% Getting Food	
General emergency services		62% Clothing	
Domestic violence intervention services • <i>RCW 13.34.025(2)(a) and 42 USC 629a(7) define assistance to address domestic violence as a remedial service when provided as a time-limited family reunification service in cases where a child has been placed in out-of-home care. The state law establishes that the department and contracted services providers shall ensure that parents in dependency cases receive priority access to this service.</i>	Federal and State		32% Domestic Violence
Sexual assault intervention programs			
Immigration and citizenship services • <i>Notification to the consulates of children who are foreign nationals is mandated under the Vienna Convention.</i>			

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<i>Linkage and Coordination with community service and tribal agencies (con't)</i>			
Individual, group and family counseling/therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 13.34.025(2)(a) and 42 USC 629a(7) define individual, group and family counseling as a remedial service when provided as a time-limited family reunification service in cases where a child has been placed in out-of-home care. The state law establishes that the department and contracted services providers shall ensure that parents in dependency cases receive priority access to this service</i> 	Federal and State	58% Family Counseling 59% Mental Health Services	63% Family Counseling 63% Mental Health Services 27% Anger Management
Education/vocational training			
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 when provided as a time-limited family reunification service in cases where a child has been placed in out-of-home care.</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> 			
Employment services			26% Help w/ employment
Faith-based and cultural community services*			
Professional and business training services*			
<i>Linkages and coordination with state and tribal programs or their local counterpart</i>			
Community Service Office (TANF, food stamp, etc.)		50% Applying for Financial Assistance	
Developmental disabilities	Case specific		
Vocational rehab/training			

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<i>Linkages and coordination with state and tribal programs or their local counterpart (con't)</i>			
Mental health assessment/counseling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 13.34.025(2)(a) and 42 USC 629 a(7) define mental health services as a remedial service when provided as a time-limited family reunification service in cases where a child has been placed in out-of-home care. The state law establishes that the department and contracted services providers shall ensure that parents in dependency cases receive priority access to this service.</i> 	Federal and State	59% Mental Health Counseling	63% Mental Health Counseling
Drug and alcohol assessment/counseling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCW 13.34.025(2)(a) and 42 USC 629 a(7) define substance abuse treatment as a remedial service when provided as a time-limited family reunification service in cases where a child has been placed in out-of-home care. The state law establishes that the department and contracted services providers shall ensure that parents in dependency cases receive priority access to this service.</i> 	Federal and State		48% Substance Abuse Services
WorkSource			26% Help w/ Employment
Health and Recovery Services or Medical Assistance Administration			

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Practice Standards	Federally and/or State Mandated
Ensure necessary staffings occur (CPT, LICWAC, etc.) LICWAC is governed by your WACs, so I don't know if you'd count that as state mandated, since it's not by law.	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	
Maximum caseload size	
Positive Youth Development	
Evidence-based services	Encouraged by State

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