

Children's Administration

RCW 13.32A, .34, 26, .33, .34, .44, .50, 70.123, 74.13, .14A, .14B, .14C, .15

Request	\$602,039,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$573,017,352	Decrease
Percent change from current biennium	48.8%	Decrease

The Children's Administration (CA) is the public child welfare agency for the state of Washington. CA staff work with children and their families to identify their needs and develop a plan for services that support families and ensure the safety and well being of their children. These services are designed to reduce the risk of abuse, find safe alternatives to out of home placement, and ensure safety and permanency for children in out of home care. CA's core services focus on the following: Child Protective Services (CPS)—an investigation of allegations of abuse or neglect that must be conducted within a certain period of time; Family Assessment Response—a differential CPS response to low and moderate allegations of child abuse or neglect that is a voluntary option for families who qualify; Child and Family Welfare Services—working with the families and children in out of home care to reunify them or to find other permanent options for the children; and Licensed Resources—licensing foster homes, completing home studies for relatives, and investigating alleged violations of licensing standards as well as allegations of abuse or neglect by licensed providers.

The Governor proposes combining the Department of Social and Health Services Children's Administration program and the Department of Early Learning into the Department of Child, Youth, and Family Services effective July 1, 2018.

Program Mission

To transform lives by protecting children and promoting healthier families through strong practice and strong partnerships with the community and tribes.

Program Level Summary

Source of Funds

	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated	2017-18 Proposed	2018-19 Proposed
General Fund - Basic Account - DSHS Social Service Fed Block Grant				35,307,000	
General Fund - Basic Account - State	307,268,711	321,282,181	337,124,000	349,538,000	
General Fund - Basic Account - Federal	224,107,044	240,752,103	265,568,518	6,343,000	
General Fund - Basic Account - Private/Local	405,883	349,000	1,005,000	1,477,000	
General Fund - Basic Account - DSHS Family Support/Child Welfare F				148,288,000	
General Fund - Basic Account - Medicaid Federal				28,038,000	
General Fund - Basic Account - DSHS Temp Asst. for Needy Fam.				32,046,000	
Domestic Violence Prevention Acct - State	620,000	610,538	1,297,462	1,002,000	
Home Security Fund Account - State	5,167,401				
Child and Family Reinvestment Accou - State			6,529,000		
Info Tech Invest Rev Acct - Non-Appropriated		81,320	457,230		
Annual Total	537,569,039	563,075,142	611,981,210	602,039,000	

Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

	2013-15 Actual		2015-17 Estimated		2017-19 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	61,602,703	6.1%	95,691,940	8.9%	(573,017,352)	(48.8)%

Employment Summary

	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated	2017-18 Proposed	2018-19 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	2,485.8	2,547.7	2,582.6	2,703.9	0.0