

The Office of Financial Management (OFM) directed cabinet level agencies to submit potential budget reductions options under a quick deadline.

DCYF used 3% of our near general fund state budget as the benchmark to reach potential options. DCYF leadership team worked quickly to identify potential options. We developed and followed the following principles and criteria:

- Preserve core staffing with safety at the forefront of decisions and preserve core program funding
- Harmless reductions, including areas of underspend
- Recommend whole cuts rather than percent reductions that debilitate programs
- Prioritize program reductions that are not directly related to the core mission and strategic priorities of DCYF
- Preserved all Juvenile Rehabilitation funding given the current realities and needs of young people and staff

The list of potential reductions represents options for consideration in the Governor’s proposed budget. The Governor will consider these options for building his budget and could be considered by the Legislature. The agency is not taking action on these reductions at this time. The following are reduction options the agency submitted at the direction of OFM.

DCYF Proposed Reduction Options				
	Service Description	Reduction Description	GF- State	Total Funds
Program Support				
CCDF Audit Resolutions	Funding for specific child level audit in child care	Underspend	\$1,190,000	\$1,190,000
Child Welfare Housing	Housing for child welfare involved families	Underspend Proviso	\$932,000	\$932,000
WA State Mentoring	Contracted resources for mentoring programs	Eliminate WA Mentoring Contract	\$800,000	\$800,000
TeamChild detention release proviso	Funding for detention release focused work	Eliminate one proviso	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Central Services	Attorney General services	reduction	\$1,434,000	\$1,758,000
Receiving Center	Facilities for youth who are victims of trafficking; centers are not operational due to limited funding	Eliminate CSEC agency base funding	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

Child Welfare				
Concrete Goods	Proviso for contracted concrete goods for non-child welfare involved families	Reduction/Eliminate proviso	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
Family Reconciliation Services	State staffed FRS model	Eliminate program	\$2,204,462	\$5,875,768
Crisis Family Intervention	Contracted services for adolescents in conflict with families	Eliminate program	\$238,000	\$238,000
Continuum of Care	Region 1 specific funding	Eliminate program	\$188,000	\$188,000
Pediatric Interim Care	Facility for substance exposed newborns in region 1	Eliminate facility program	\$1,496,000	\$1,496,000
Network Administrator	Regions 1 and 2 contract to connect families with providers for services	Eliminate program	\$4,800,000	\$4,800,000
In Home Services	Prevention services	Underspend	\$2,913,842	\$2,913,842
Sexually Aggressive Youth	Contracts for targeted services	Underspend	\$170,000	\$170,000
Family Connections	Parent support program for child welfare involved families	Eliminate program	\$998,000	\$1,308,000
Intensive Foster Care Assessment	Support for child welfare involved families in achieving permanency	Underspend	\$540,838	\$540,838
Referrals & Transitions - D.S.	Program improvement under the DS Settlement Agreement	Underspend	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Safecare - Grays Harbor	Dedicated funding for community-based provider for CIHS in Grays Harbor Co.	Eliminate proviso	\$200,000	\$200,000
Agency Wide				
Administrative Efficiency	Administrative items include travel, support, professional development	Reductions	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000

Early Learning				
Seasonal Child Care	Child Care benefits for specific populations	Eliminate	\$3,120,000	\$3,120,000
ECEAP	ECEAP Slot Reduction by 1800 slots	Underspend and Reduction of Slots	\$67,869,600	\$67,869,600
Early Learning Facilities fund TA	TA funds that give direct technical assistance to current or prospective ELF grantees through the pre-licensing unit	Reduction	\$691,796	\$691,796
Early ECEAP	Wrap-around model of child care for some infants and toddlers, and their families	Eliminate program	\$9,254,000	\$9,254,000
Pediatric Literacy	Reach Out and Read	Eliminate proviso, Section 229(13)	\$600,000	\$600,000
Resource/Referral Linkage	Help Me Grow resource and referral for families with young children	Eliminate proviso, Section 229(18)	\$1,030,000	\$1,030,000
Pierce Co Pilot - Family Connects	Newborn visits and service linkage for select zip codes in Pierce County	Eliminate proviso, Section 229(9)	\$1,742,000	\$1,742,000
2025-27 Biennial Total			\$114,412,538	\$118,717,844