

Child Welfare Transformation

Constellation of Services



DCF funds a constellation of services to help serve children and families in-home. These services include, but are not limited to:

- **Targeted Safety Support Funds** – funding to assist families when children are unsafe and at risk of removal from their home.
- **Promoting Safety and Stable Families Grants** – funding for prevention of child maltreatment, family preservation and reunification.
- **Family Foundation Home Visiting Programs** – a voluntary program designed for pregnant women and families with children under 5. Home visitors are nurses, social workers or other professionals that help families reach their goals.
- **Domestic Abuse Services**—a variety of services offered to provide support to survivors, their children, and family members.

Local level innovations that receive state funding include:

- **Parents Supporting Parents** —an evidence-based service aimed at empowering parents with lived child welfare experience as mentors to current families within the system.
- **Youth Innovation Grants** – funding for innovative youth justice projects at the local level.
- **Representation in CHIPS Hearings** – Title IV-E reimbursement for Legal Services provided to children and their parents.

Other key services include child care/early childhood education, housing supports, specialized services, & immediate access to Mental Health & AODA treatment services.

How to support in-home planning locally:

Engage and build partnerships with lived experience experts.

Have conversations with key community stakeholders about ways to support children and families in-home.

Consider ways to align local services and existing funding.

Explore service coordination opportunities with local health service programs.

Review the Child Welfare Transformation Insights presentation and “advanced behaviors” on the DCF website to understand agency strengths and needs.

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