



Commission on Children in Foster Care

The Commission on Children in Foster Care (CFCC) was established by the Supreme Court of Washington in 2004, to regularly convene court and child welfare partners and meaningfully enhance child welfare system practice. The CCFC is co-chaired by Washington State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Madsen and Secretary Ross Hunter, Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), and staffed by the Administrative Office of the Courts' [Family & Youth Justice Programs \(FYJP\)](#).

What We Do

The mission of the CCFC is to provide all children in foster care with safe, permanent families in which their physical, emotional, intellectual, and social needs are met.

A key role of the Commission is to provide a forum for sharing information across the child welfare, community services and court systems, with the goal of educating members about efforts to improve outcomes for children, youth and families.



Commission Workgroups

- Children's Representation Standards Workgroup
- Family Well-Being Community Collaborative (FWCC)



Reunification Celebrations

Support Family Reunification Day Celebrations held in local court communities.



Youth Voice & Engagement

Support Mockingbird Society's Youth Leadership Summit and legislative and policy agenda.

Recent Accomplishments

At the request of the Legislature, the CCFC convened the Children's Representation Workgroup to [revise practice standards](#) for youth attorneys in dependency cases and develop [recommendations for the representation of children under the age of 8](#). The workgroup provided final reports to the Legislature in the fall 2022.

The [Family Well-Being Community Collaborative \(FWCC\)](#) is a multi-disciplinary workgroup with a mission to facilitate cross-system collaboration to keep families safely together and supported in their communities and to radically reduce inequities within the child welfare court system. For the past two years, the FWCC focused on supporting effective implementation of the [Keeping Families Together Act \(E2SHB 1227\)](#) and the [Strengthening Parent-Child Visitation law \(E2SHB 1194\)](#), developing tools, trainings and resources to help communities understand and apply the new laws at the start of a case.

Continuing and Upcoming Work

- The FWCC will continue to support implementation of the [Keeping Families Together Act \(E2SHB 1227\)](#).
- Convene members to review and update the Commission's mission, vision, and goals.
- Create opportunities for regular, in-person CCFC summits focused on innovation and action.