

DCYF Office of Contracts and Procurement
Update on Network Administrator
Procurement Efforts





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Executive Summary

This report is prepared in compliance with Senate Bill (SB) 6407, Section 64 (12),¹ which directs the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to expand the use of the Network Administrator Model in Eastern Washington. The annual report is to be submitted "to the oversight board for children, youth, and families established pursuant to RCW 43.216.015 and the appropriate committees of the legislature … detailing the status of the network administrator procurement and implementation process."

Background

Beginning in 2015, an organization known as Family Impact Network (FIN) began providing network administration services to an eight-county catchment area in Eastern Washington. The goal of the network administrator, at the direction of the legislature, was to implement a new management structure for client service contracts. Instead of DCYF directly managing the services, FIN would assume management and monitoring duties for certain contractors. Initially, FIN focused on the delivery of parent-child visitation services. Over the course of three years, FIN expanded its network to include combined in-home services, which consist primarily of evidence-based practices.

Procurement Process

Throughout 2018, DCYF worked to develop procurement documents that reflected both the legislative direction and the needs of our clients in Eastern Washington, and a Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on September 28, 2018. The RFP garnered two complete responses, as reported to the oversight board in the 2018 annual report.

Subsequently, FIN and DCYF executed the Network Administrator Contract on July 1, 2019. The period of performance under this Network Administrator Contract is July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, with an option of two one-year extensions.

Implementation Process

On August 1, 2019, FIN executed contracts for the delivery of Family Time (formerly known as Visit Services, or Parent-Child Visitation Services) and Combined In-Home Services (CIHS). CHIS is a suite of evidence-based services offered across the state by DCYF. After executing these contracts for service delivery, FIN coordinated with DCYF to assume direct management of these services within the expanded footprint of the Network Administrator. On October 1, 2019, FIN began the direct provision of Family Time and CIHS,

2019-2020 Performance Focus

DCYF has continued to meet with FIN on a bi-monthly basis to ensure the successful completion of this implementation plan. As of the date of this report, FIN remains on target with regard to the goals set forth in Exhibit A.

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Exhibit A

Family Impact Network Implementation Schedule / Plan





		Phase 1 – R	Region 1 All Counties Family Tim	e and In-Home Servic	es	
Date	Sequence of Activities / Goals	Outcome	Output	FIN Resource	DCYF Staff Resource	Dependency
July 2019	Outreach to new FIN R1 FT and IHS providers	 Initial connection with providers in expansion area 	 Meet with all providers Providers are informed on FIN processes and next steps 	Directors Team Leads	Regional Program Managers Need: List of contracted providers	Current provider list from DCYF Contracts Manager
July 2019	Provider Readiness Assessment	Obtain information needed to onboard providers as subcontractors	 Completed assessment FIN will know what support each provider will need prior to subcontracting 	Onboarding Team Onboard Procedures	N/A	Current Provider list from DCYF Contracts Manager
July 2019	Provider IT Assessment	Using IT assessment tool obtain information needed to determine provider capability to use Oliver data system	Completed assessment FIN will know what technical assistance and/or capacity each provider will need to operate	Onboarding Team Onboard Procedures	N/A	Current Provider list from DCYF Contracts Manager
July 2019	Community Stakeholder Outreach	 Assess community needs Connect with potential partners 	 Inform plan for further engagement Educated and enhance the provider base Obtain philanthropy funding for provider capacity building 	Directors Team Leads	N/A	N/A
August 2019	Meet with CSSAT Oliver team	 Ensure alignment on Oliver provider training approach 	Provider training plan developed for current Oliver implementation in expansion area	QA Specialist Directors	TBD by DCYF	

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August 2019	Train Providers on Oliver and data collection	 Inform providers on process Re-assess needs for additional technical assistance and/or capacity building 	All Providers will be prepared to fully operate in Oliver when services are launched	QA Specialist Onboarding Team Oliver training procedures	N/A	Meet with CSSAT Oliver Team Provider Training Plan
August – October 2019	Provider Capacity Building	Provide technical assistance and capacity building to providers as needed	All Providers will be prepared to go live using FIN referral and Oliver process	Directors Team Leads	N/A	Readiness Assessment IT Assessment Train providers on Oliver
August 2019	Identify process for DCYF staff engagement	Opportunity to engage with DCYF staff in expansion area prior to service launch	DCYF staff introduced to FIN referral process	Directors Team Leads	Regional Program Manager or other identified DCYF staff Need: Assist in Identifying Process	N/A
August 2019	Subcontractor Contract Templates	Create subcontractor contract using DCYF template	Templates approved by DCYF Contract Manager	Compliance Lead	DCYF Contract Manager Need: Contract template	Receipt of DCYF provider contractor template by 7/30/19
August 2019	Subcontractor Approval Process	Develop subcontractor approval forms and submit to DCYF or approval	Prepared to execute contracts prior to launch of services	Compliance Lead	DCYF Contract Manager Need: subcontractor approval returned within 5 business days of submission	Readiness Assessment, provider identified as approved for contracting
September 2019	Subcontracting process with FIN Providers	 Submit contracts to each provider Providers allowed time to review and sign FIN subcontract 	Executed contracts with all providers prior to launch of services	Compliance Team		FIN subcontractor template approved by DCYF prior to 8/25/19
September 2019	Set up provider billing account with DCYF	Timely payment process and disbursements	FIN payment process in place prior to launch of services	Billing Team	HQ and Regional Contracts staff Need: SSPS Provider Codes	Acquire SSPS codes

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September 2019	Set up ACH accounts with providers	Timely payment process and disbursements	 Provider payment process in place prior to launch of services 	Billing Team	N/A	Subcontractor approval process completed
September 2019	Provider Training	Referral and billing process training for each provider	Providers prepared to transition operations to FIN	Onboarding Team	N/A	Readiness Assessment IT Assessment Train providers on Oliver Provider Capacity Building Set up provider billing account with DCYF
September 2019	Complete background checks / driver's abstract	Ensure subcontractor staff qualified to perform work under the contract	Background checks / driver's abstract for all subcontractor staff transitioned to FIN management	Compliance Team	DCYF Regional Contracts Staff Need: processing of background checks	Submitted staff list approved by DCYF by 9/1/19
September 2019	Review subcontractor staff qualifications	Ensure subcontractor staff qualified to perform work under the contract	 Staff qualifications reviewed for all subcontractor staff All subcontractor staff identified as meeting all requirements 	Compliance Team	N/A	Submitted staff list approved by DCYF by 9/1/19
September 2019	Transfer legacy cases (FT only)	Timely start of services	All existing FT referrals will be transferred to FIN prior to launch of services	Resource Team		
September 2019	Identify process for communication to DCYF Staff regarding service launch	DCYF staff Informed of launch timeline	Communication to DCYF staff prior to launch of services	Resource Team	Regional Program Manager or other identified DCYF staff Need: Communication to DCYF staff	N/A
October 2019	Service launch	Launch of FT and In- Home Services on 10/1/19	 All providers operating under FIN management All DCYF services referrals sent to FIN 	All FIN Staff	N/A	All steps above must be completed prior to Service launch

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November 2019- Ongoing	Initial Provider monitoring	Site visit at each provider office	 Using on-boarding process Identify initial service quality, cultural competency and process concerns. Develop follow up plan for each provider 	Compliance Team Resource Lead	N/A	
November 2019- Ongoing	Provider follow up / technical assistance	Using develop TA plan provide support needed to meet service quality, cultural competency and processes	Providers performing at highest level	Compliance Team Resource Team	N/A	Follow up plan from initial provider monitoring
November 2019- Ongoing	DCYF Staff Follow up	 Obtain Feedback on provider's quality of service and processes Inform on FIN's QA complaint process Answer questions on FIN referral process 	 Informs provider technical assistance plan DCYF staff informed on process for on-going provider feedback DCYF staff informed on process referral process and FIN's points of contact 	Compliance Team	Regional Program Manager or other identified DCYF staff Need: to assist in identifying process for DCYF staff feedback.	
November 2019- Ongoing November 2019- Ongoing	Community Stakeholder Follow up Network capacity reassessment	Maintain connection with community partners Assess gaps in service capacity through DCYF, provider and stakeholder feedback / engagement	Assess community impact/needs to maximize community supports Service gap assessment Plan to address service gaps	Directors Team Leads Compliance Team Provider Readiness Assessment	N/A N/A	Provider follow up DCYF staff follow up Community stakeholder follow up

			Phase 2 – Region 2 Family Tim	ne Services		
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December 2019	Meet with CSSAT Oliver team	 Ensure continued alignment on Oliver provider training approach 	Provider training plan developed for current Oliver implementation in expansion area	QA Specialist Directors	TBD by DCYF	
January 2020	Train Providers on Oliver and data collection	 Inform providers on process Re-assess needs for additional technical assistance and/or capacity building 	All Providers will be prepared to fully operate in Oliver when services are launched	QA Specialist Onboarding Team Oliver training procedures	N/A	Meet with CSSAT Oliver Team Provider Training Plan

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December 2019 - March 2020	Provider Capacity Building	Provide technical assistance and capacity building to providers as needed	All Providers will be prepared to go live using FIN referral and Oliver process	Directors Team Leads	N/A	Readiness Assessment IT Assessment Train providers on Oliver
January 2020	Identify process for DCYF staff engagement	Opportunity to engage with DCYF staff in expansion area prior to service launch	DCYF staff introduced to FIN referral process	Directors Team Leads	Regional Program Manager or other identified DCYF staff Need: Assist in Identifying Process	N/A
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February 2020	Subcontracting process with FIN Providers	 Submit contracts to each provider Providers allowed time to review and sign FIN subcontract 	Executed contracts with all providers prior to launch of services	Compliance Team	N/A	FIN subcontractor template approved by DCYF prior to 8/25/19
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March 2020	Service launch	Launch of Family Time on 3/1/20	 All providers operating under FIN management All DCYF services referrals sent to FIN 	All FIN Staff	N/A	All steps above must be completed prior to Service launch

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