



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
CHILDREN'S ADMINISTRATION
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Dear Foster Parents:

Nominations for the Children's Administration Foster Parent Consultation Team (CAFPT – 1624 Team) will begin soon.

The CAFPT was created eight years ago in 2007 under RCW 74.13.031(17). Since that time, foster parents and Children's staff have met quarterly at both regional and state levels to consult on:

- recruitment of foster homes,
- reducing foster parent turnover rates,
- providing effective training for foster parents, and
- administering a coordinated and comprehensive plan that strengthens services for the protection of children.

The Mission of the CAFPT is "to improve the well being and protection of all children in foster and relative care, and to enhance and strengthen services for children and caregivers in the state of Washington."

Please take a moment to consider nominating yourself or another licensed foster parent who is interested in helping improve foster parent recruitment and retention, caregiver training and our service delivery to children in foster care and their caregivers in Washington. Elections occur each October in the regions; CAFPT representatives are elected for two year terms on a staggered basis and begin participation in January 2016.

Attached is a nomination form for your use. Nominations must be returned to the regional designee no later than Friday, October 16, 2015.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Strus, Assistant Secretary
Children's Administration