

Program Descriptions

ESA Programs

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Title	Additional Requirements-Emergent Needs (AREN)
Brief Description	Provides a cash payment in addition to a cash grant to meet emergent housing or utility needs. Benefits may be authorized multiple times in the recipient’s lifetime, but the cumulative total cannot exceed \$750. Payments are issued directly to housing and utility vendors.
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.08.090, Rulemaking Authority Enforcement RCW 74.04.050, Department to administer public assistance programs
Funding Source	Federal & State: Mixture of TANF and TANF–MOE dollars
Population Served	Pregnant women or families with an eligible minor child
Eligibility	Families must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); State Family Assistance (SFA), or Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA); 2. Have an emergency housing or utility need; and 3. Have a good reason for not having enough money to pay for housing or utility costs.
Services	Payments may be used to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevent eviction or foreclosure; 2. Secure housing if homeless or domestic violence victim; 3. Secure or prevent shut-off of utilities related to health and safety; or 4. Repair damage to a home if it poses a health or safety risk.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community or charitable agencies that may help to meet the emergent need 2. Food banks 3. Housing shelters or low-income/emergency housing 4. Other public assistance programs

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Title	Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) Cash Assistance¹
Brief Description	Provides cash assistance for low-income adults who are age 65 or older, blind, or determined likely to meet federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability criteria. Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) recipients are also eligible for medical assistance through Medicaid or Medical Care Services (MCS).
Legal Authorization	Medicaid eligibility is authorized by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a (v) (as enacted in P.L. 101-508, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1990). Cash assistance is authorized by RCW 74.62.030.
Funding Source	100% General Fund-State (GF-S) cash benefits, which may be recovered from retroactive payment (interim assistance) when SSI eligibility is approved. Medicaid and MCS benefits are funded with 50% federal match (FFP).
Population Served	Adults 18 years of age or older who are aged, blind or determined likely to meet federal SSI disability criteria pending a final administrative determination of disability by the Social Security Administration (SSA).
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recipients must meet income and resource limits. 2. Recipients must be age 65 or older, blind, or determined likely to meet federal SSI disability criteria based on a verified physical, mental, or intellectual impairment. 3. A person is ineligible for ABD when disabled primarily due to alcoholism or drug addiction (chemical dependency). People who have a chemical dependency in addition to a separate mental or physical impairment may qualify for ABD. 4. Recipients must follow through with the SSI application and appeal process as a condition of eligibility. 5. Recipients who are assessed as chemically dependent by a certified chemical dependency professional are required to participate in drug or alcohol treatment as a condition of eligibility.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash assistance, case management, and referral services 2. Recipients are also eligible to receive medical assistance through the Medicaid (Categorical Needy Medical coverage) or MCS program. 3. SSI facilitation services by social service specialists trained to assist with the SSI disability application and appeal process
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alcohol/drug assessment and treatment agencies 2. Regional Support Networks / community mental health agencies

¹ The Disability Lifeline (DL) program ended effective November 1, 2011. Former DL recipients may be eligible for ABD cash assistance. Disability Lifeline replaced the General Assistance – Unemployable program in April 2010.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation4. Social Security Administration5. Food banks6. Housing shelters7. Long-term or congregate care facilities8. Naturalization Assistance Services9. Veterans Administration10. Social Security offices11. Private-practice attorneys who accept referrals to represent recipients in challenging denial of disability after the reconsideration stage of the SSI application.

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Title	Basic Food Employment and Training (BF E&T)
Brief Description	The Washington State Basic Food Employment and Training (BFE&T) program provides job search, job search training, self-directed job search, educational services and skills training to Federally funded Basic Food recipients who are not recipients of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.
Legal Authorization	Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, Public Law 110-246. The Basic Food Program is Washington State’s version of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
Funding Source	Primarily funded by federal funds, but certain costs are matched with state funds. Private and state funds are matched with 50% federal funds though projects within Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Franklin, Grant, Grays Harbor, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Pierce, Snohomish, Skagit, Spokane, Skagit, Thurston, Walla Walla, Whatcom and Yakima counties.
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provided on a voluntary basis to Basic Food recipients living in and around the counties named above who are ages 16 through 59 and want to work; 2. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) EC (Division of Federal Employees' Compensation) Trigger Notice 2012-45, effective December 9, 2012, indicated that Washington met the extended unemployment benefit criteria. Washington requested to extend the current Able Bodied without Dependents (ABAWD) waiver. The state received approval from FNS Western Region Office (AN 13-17, August 2, 2013) to exempt Washington residents from ABAWD time limits through September 30, 2014.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All federally funded Basic Food program applicants or recipients who are not receiving TANF. 2. Individuals receiving benefits under the state-funded Food Assistance Program (FAP) for SNAP-ineligible, legal immigrants are <u>not eligible</u> for BFE&T. 3. For ABAWDs, the three-month limit does not apply through September 2014 due to the U.S. Department of Labor Trigger Notice 2013 - 13 for second tier eligibility for unemployment benefits.
Services	<p>Employment and training services include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Job search 2. Job readiness training 3. Basic skills, ESL or vocational education 4. Referral to job openings 5. Support services 6. Job retention services

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Title	Basic Food Employment and Training (BF E&T)
Linkages	Same as those for the TANF program - In addition, specified contractors (CBOs) in the counties named above also provide job search activities, support services, basic education and vocational training services.

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Title	Child Support Services
Brief Description	Provides services for the establishment of paternity, and the establishment, modification and enforcement of child support orders (financial and medical) to help families become or remain self-sufficient.
Legal Authorization	Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.§§ 608-669b and 45 CFR Volume 2, Chapter III, §§300-399); Chapters 26.23.and 74.20A RCW; Chapter 388-14A WAC.
Funding Source	Funded by federal matching funds, state funds, and additional annual federal performance incentive award funding. The basic federal matching rate is 66%. Source of IV-D funds for SFY 2012: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ State Funds: \$39.7 million (29%) ○ Federal Matching Funds: \$82.6 million (61%) ○ Federal Performance Incentive Award: \$13.9 million (10%)
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current Assistance (Individuals who are currently receiving Title IV-A TANF or Title IV-E Foster Care services) 2. Former Assistance (Individuals who do not now, but in the past received TANF(or AFDC) or Title IV-E Foster Care services) 3. Never Assistance (Individuals who have never received TANF (or AFDC) or Title IV-E Foster Care services and have made application for Title IV-D services. Includes non-IV–A Medicaid only, state-only foster care and child care only)
Eligibility	Automatic as a condition of receiving a TANF grant or Medicaid; continuation of services; interstate referral; or upon application for non-assistance services.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishment or modification of child support orders 2. Enforcing or modifying court orders for child support or spousal maintenance 3. Full enforcement of collection services 4. Responsible parent locate services 5. Support order modification or adjustment 6. Medical enforcement, including collection of co-pays, deductibles, and unreimbursed, uninsured medical costs 7. Paternity establishment 8. Payment processing services only (receiving and distributing payments) 9. Electronic funds transfer/electronic data interchange for employers

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Title	Child Support Services
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Electronic funds transfer and other payment options for noncustodial parents 11. Electronic funds transfer and other disbursement options for custodial parents 12. Tribal support services 13. Employer information and assistance 14. Cooperation with the IV-D agencies of other governments, including other states, other countries and Indian tribes 15. Other services allowed by the state plan and applicable state and federal law
<p>Linkages</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TANF/WorkFirst 2. Courts 3. Prosecuting Attorneys 4. Community Services Offices (CSOs) 5. Office of Administrative Hearings 6. DSHS Children’s Administration 7. Washington State Support Registry 8. Health Care Authority—Medicaid Cost Recovery 9. Department of Early Learning 10. DSHS Office of Indian Policy 11. Department of Health 12. Department of Corrections 13. Employment Security Department 14. Department of Labor and Industries 15. Department of Revenue 16. Department of Licensing 17. Department of Veterans Affairs 18. Internal Revenue Service 19. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services 20. U.S. Department of Justice 21. U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service 22. U.S. Department of Defense 23. Hospitals 24. Community Based Organizations

Program Descriptions

Title	Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP) Disaster Cash Assistance Program (DCAP)²
Brief Description	<p>Provides program benefits to alleviate emergent conditions resulting from insufficient income and resources to provide for food, shelter, clothing, medical care, or other necessary items. Benefits may be authorized for 30 consecutive days only in any consecutive 12-month period.</p> <p>Disaster Cash Assistance Program (DCAP) a cash program made available when a disaster is declared by the Governor. It is paid through the Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP) and is designed to provide cash assistance to individuals and families who face an emergency and do not have the money to meet their basic needs.³</p>
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.04.660, Family Emergency Assistance Program §301(6), Chapter 181, Laws of 2008 (SB 6950)
Funding Source	100% State – Non-MOE
Population Served	<p>Women in any stage of pregnancy or families with dependent children who are ineligible to receive benefits from any of the following programs, including families who have stopped receiving their TANF grant::</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temporary Assistance for Needy families (TANF) 2. State Family Assistance (SFA) 3. Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) 4. Diversion Cash Assistance (DCA) <p>In the event of a disaster, declared by the Governor:</p> <p>Individuals or families (with or without children) living in the affected area who are not eligible for any of the above programs (1-4) and otherwise meet eligibility requirements.</p>
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be residents of Washington. 2. Must be in emergent need and have no resources to meet that need. 3. Family income must be less than 90% of the TANF payment standard for a household with shelter cost. 4. Payment is limited to payment maximums for individual emergent need items or the TANF payment standard for a household with shelter cost, whichever is lower.

² DCAP is paid through CEAP.

³ Part of the funding for the CEAP programs was transferred to the Department of Commerce (formerly the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development) in SFY 2000.

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Title	<p>Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP)</p> <p>Disaster Cash Assistance Program (DCAP)²</p>
Services	<p>Provides for specific emergent needs such as food, shelter, clothing, minor medical care, utilities, household maintenance, job-related transportation or clothing, and transportation for a minor, not in foster care, to the home of a relative or approved caregiver.</p>
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development 2. Low-income emergency housing 3. Food banks 4. Charitable agencies 5. Community medical centers 6. Other public assistance programs (approximately half of CEAP households are subsequently approved for TANF)

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Title	Diversion Cash Assistance (DCA)
Brief Description	Provides an emergency cash benefit of \$1,250, limited to a 30-day period every 12 months to families that meet eligibility criteria for TANF or SFA but do not need ongoing monthly cash assistance.
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.08A.210, Diversion Program – Emergency Assistance
Funding Source	100% State – TANF MOE
Population Served	Low-income families with temporary emergent needs who are not likely to need continued assistance if those needs are met.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must meet TANF eligibility criteria but not receiving TANF. 2. Cannot have received DCA within the last 12 months. 3. Cannot have an adult in the family who is ineligible for cash assistance for any reason other than one adult receiving SSI in a two-adult family. 4. If the families go on TANF within 12 months of receiving DCA, a prorated amount of the DCA payment must be repaid to the state by monthly deductions equal to 5% of the cash grant. 5. Benefits may be authorized for only 30 days in a 12 consecutive month period. 6. The total of all payments in 30-day period is limited to \$1,250.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Payments to cover emergent needs for shelter, transportation, child care, food, medical care, and employment-related expenses 2. Usually paid directly to vendors
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment 2. Child care 3. Child support services 4. Medical assistance 5. Food assistance 6. Other services to assist low-income families

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Title	Food Assistance Program for Legal Immigrants (FAP)
Brief Description	Provides food assistance for legal immigrants who are not eligible for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.08A.120 Immigrants-food assistance
Funding Source	100% State
Population Served	Legal immigrants ineligible for the federal SNAP program under federal welfare reform enacted in August 1996
Eligibility	<p>The eligibility rules for FAP are the same as the rules for the federal SNAP program, except for citizenship and immigrant status requirements.</p> <p>Households can receive a mix of FAP and SNAP benefits depending on the citizenship or alien status of each person in the home.</p> <p>Prior to July 1, 2011, FAP households received the same amount of benefits as SNAP households. As a cost saving measure to help balance the state's budget, the State Legislature reset the state FAP benefit at half the amount of the federal SNAP benefit effective July 1, 2011. As of July 1, 2013, FAP clients receive 75% of the federal SNAP benefit.</p>
Services	<p>Same as for federal SNAP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic food benefits can be used at participating grocery stores. 2. The value of the benefit is determined by size of household and net income.
Linkages	<p>Same as for federal SNAP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nutrition education programs 2. School lunch programs 3. Low-income housing 4. Food banks 5. Children and family services 6. Community medical centers 7. Senior outreach 8. Charitable agencies

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Title	Medical Assistance Program
Brief Description	Provides state and federally funded medical assistance to refugees within specific income limits as well as adults receiving Medicare benefits, and/or aged, and/or receiving SSI benefits.
Legal Authorization	Title XIX Social Security Act Title IV Immigration & Nationality Act RCW 74.09 Medical care
Funding Source	Funded by general state funds and Title 19 federal medical funds.
Population Served	Low-income persons with disabilities, older adults and refugees, and aged federally qualified aliens.
Eligibility	Each medical program has different eligibility requirements. In general, most recipients will be low income and have no other medical coverage available. Specific program eligibility varies based on program relatability such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disability 2. Emergency medical for aged Immigrants who would qualify for full-scope Medicaid except for their alien status 3. Aged, blind, and disabled persons who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or who are eligible to receive SSI 4. Disabled persons who are working and who do not receive SSI 5. Refugees who do not qualify for Medicaid assistance 6. Low income Medicare beneficiaries
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aged Alien Emergency Medical 2. SSI Medicaid 3. SSI-Related Medicaid 4. Medicare Savings Programs 5. Refugee Medical Assistance
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DSHS Online Services Application 2. Dental coverage 3. Washington Healthplanfinder 4. Children and family services 5. Community medical centers 6. Senior outreach 7. Maternity and Infants

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Title	Medical Care Services (MCS)
Brief Description	Provides limited medical assistance to low income adults who are unable to work for at least 90 days due to a physical or mental incapacity. MCS recipients may be eligible for housing assistance through the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program administered by the Department of Commerce.
Legal Authorization	Medical Care Services RCW 74.09.035 Housing and Essential Needs RCW 43.185C.220
Funding Source	MCS is funded by General State funds and Title 19 federal Medicaid funds.
Population Served	Adults 18 to 64 years of age who are unable to work at least 90 days due to a physical or mental incapacity.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recipients must meet income and resource limits. 2. Recipients must be unemployable due to a mental or physical incapacity. 3. A person is ineligible for MCS when incapacitated primarily by alcoholism or drug addiction (chemical dependency). 4. Recipients who are assessed as chemically dependent by a certified chemical dependency professional are required to participate in substance abuse treatment as a condition of eligibility.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Limited medical assistance, case management, and referral services 2. Potential assistance with housing supports and essential needs items through the HEN program
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alcohol/drug assessment and treatment agencies 2. Regional Support Networks / community mental health agencies 3. Department of Commerce 4. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation 5. Social Security Administration 6. Food banks 7. Housing shelters 8. Long-term or congregate care facilities 9. Naturalization Assistance Services 10. Veterans Administration

Program Descriptions

Title	Office of Financial Recovery (OFR)
Brief Description	The Office of Financial Recovery (OFR) is the non-child support collection arm of the Department of Social and Health Services. Department programs and partners use recovered funds to decrease poverty, increase accountability, improve safety and health status, and increase educational and employment success to support people and communities in reaching their potential. OFR manages the following general programs that recover revenues, collect overpayments and/or bill and collect fees: developmental disabilities, vendor recovery, mental health, supplemental security income, estate recovery, client recovery, food assistance overpayment, medical premium recovery, juvenile rehabilitation, and time loss.
Legal Authorization	RCW 43.20B
Funding Source	Mixed; State and Federal
Population Served	Department agencies and programs, the Department of Early Learning and the Health Care Authority
Eligibility	OFR does not provide services to individuals
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Billing services 2. Accounting and reconciliation of debts owed to the Department and partners 3. Debt establishment 4. Debt enforcement
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health Care Authority 2. All Department Administrations (ADSA, CA, ESA, JRA) 3. Department of Labor and Industries 4. US Department of Treasury 5. Social Security Administration 6. Private Insurance Companies 7. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Program Descriptions

Title	Ongoing Additional Requirements (OAR)
Brief Description	Payments to meet a need beyond the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter, which are necessary to enable a person to continue living independently.
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.08.283
Funding Source	100% General Fund-State
Population Served	Aged, blind or disabled clients, pregnant women, refugees, and families
Eligibility	A person must be receiving cash benefits from one of the following programs: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), including Tribal TANF; State Family Assistance (SFA); Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA); Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA); Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD); or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). A Social Services worker must also determine that the person has an essential need for an item or service in order to live independently.
Services	Cash payments for restaurant or home-delivered meals, food for service animals, basic telephone service, or laundry.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community charitable or social services agencies 2. Home and Community Services Offices

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Title	Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA)⁴
Brief Description	Provides cash assistance to low income pregnant women who are ineligible for TANF/SFA for a reason other than a failure to cooperate with TANF program rules.
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.62.030
Funding Source	Funded by General State funds.
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pregnant women who are ineligible for TANF/SFA due to the 60-month time limit or permanent disqualification. 2. Pregnant women who are ineligible for TANF because they misrepresented their residence in order to receive TANF benefits in two or more states at the same time.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recipients must meet income and resource limits; 2. Recipients must pursue federal benefits as a condition of eligibility; 3. Recipients who are assessed as chemically dependent by a certified chemical dependency professional are required to participate in substance abuse treatment as a condition of eligibility.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash assistance, case management, and referral services 2. Recipients are also eligible to receive pregnancy medical (Categorical Needy Medical coverage)
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low-income housing 2. Food banks 3. Children and family services 4. Community medical centers 5. Charitable organizations

⁴ The Disability Lifeline (DL) program ended effective November 1, 2011. Former DL recipients may be eligible for PWA.

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Title	Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance (RCA/RMA)
Brief Description	Provides cash and medical assistance for newly arrived refugees.
Legal Authorization	CFR 400.45 – 400.69 and 400.93 – 400.107, Refugee Act of 1980, Public Law 96-212; the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003 (TVPRA), Pub. L. No. 108-193; and the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-118.
Funding Source	100% Federal
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refugees or asylees authorized by the federal government to immigrate to the U.S. because they are unwilling or unable to return to their country of nationality due to persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership in particular social group, or political opinion 2. Individuals whose immigration status allows them access to refugee benefits under federal law
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refugees, asylees, Cubans/Haitian entrants, Amerasians, victims of human trafficking and their eligible family members, and Iraqi/Afghani Special Immigrants who meet financial need criteria for the TANF program but are not TANF eligible (e.g., adults without dependent children). 2. Currently, eligibility expires eight months after the date of their arrival in the United States. For asylees, victims of human trafficking, and Iraqis or Afghans who do not become Special Immigrants until after they enter the U.S., eligibility expires eight months after the date their status is granted. 3. Unless exempt, adults must register for employment and language services. 4. Adults must also provide the name of the voluntary agency, which helped to bring them into the U.S.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash assistance for food, clothing, and shelter 2. Medical assistance 3. Health screening
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voluntary resettlement agencies 2. Mutual assistance associations 3. Community employment providers 4. Low-income housing 5. Food banks 6. Community medical centers 7. Charitable agencies

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Title	Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance (RCA/RMA)
	8. Workforce development councils 9. Public health departments 10. Other local agencies

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Title	Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (RIA)
Brief Description	Provides services for refugees and immigrants through local government and community-based agencies to help refugees and immigrants become self-sufficient.
Legal Authorization	Refugee Act of 1980, Public Law 96-212; 45 CFR Part 400, RCW Chapter 74.08A
Funding Source	Primarily funded by federal funds with a supplement of state funding for individuals not eligible for federal funding
Population Served	Refugees and legal immigrants
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal immigrants including refugees, asylees, Amerasians, Cuban/Haitian entrants, Iraqi and Afghani special immigrants, and victims of human trafficking; 2. Must meet low-income financial criteria.
Services	<p>The following RIA services are provided through contracts with community-based agencies, voluntary refugee resettlement agencies, local governments, community and technical colleges, and the Employment Security Department:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment readiness and job placement services 2. Job skills training 3. English as a Second Language training 4. Health screening 5. Information and referral services 6. Case management services 7. Refugee foster care services 8. Mental health services 9. Naturalization services
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community-based employment providers 2. Mutual assistance associations 3. Voluntary refugee resettlement agencies (VOLAGS) 4. Public health departments 5. U.S. citizenship and immigration services 6. Community and technical colleges 7. Community-based organizations 8. Local employers 9. Employment Security Department 10. Workforce training councils 11. Local government agencies 12. Housing Authorities

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Title	Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (RIA)
	13. Other organizations providing community resources, such as food banks and utility assistance agencies

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Title	State Family Assistance (SFA)
Brief Description	Provides state-funded cash assistance for legal immigrant families, students ages 19 to 20, and pregnant women who are ineligible to receive TANF.
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.08A.100, Immigrants-Eligibility RCW 74.12.035, Additional Eligibility Requirements (Students)
Funding Source	State: Mix of State and TANF MOE
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immigrants ineligible for TANF because of federal citizenship and alien status eligibility requirements 2. Children under age 21 attending school who are ineligible for TANF because they are over age 18 3. Needy caretaker relatives of these children 4. Pregnant women with no other children who are ineligible for TANF because they misrepresented their residence in order to receive TANF benefits in two or more states at the same time
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recipients must meet all other TANF eligibility criteria. 2. Immigrants must be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Qualified aliens ineligible for TANF because of the five-year period of ineligibility or b. Lawfully present non-qualified aliens residing indefinitely in the State of Washington, and the Department of Homeland Security is not taking steps to enforce their departure. 3. Children ages 19 and 20 are in high school or a GED program full-time. 4. Like TANF, benefits have a five-year time limit with limited time limit extensions.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash assistance in accordance with state payment standards for food, clothing and shelter. 2. SFA recipients are eligible for WorkFirst services. 3. Additional Requirements for Emergent Need (AREN) payments for special needs, such as rent and utilities if eviction or shut-off notices have been issued.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low-income housing 2. Food banks 3. Children and family services 4. Community medical centers 5. Charitable organizations

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Title	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Brief Description	The SNAP program, formerly known as Food Stamps, provides food assistance to eligible low-income individuals and families.
Legal Authorization	Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, Public Law 110-246 (7 USC 2011-2036)
Funding Source	SNAP food benefits provided to our customers are financed with 100% federal funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS). The state's administrative cost for the program is funded by both federal and state funds.
Population Served	Households with incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The federal government sets the income and resources standards. The income standards are updated October 1st each year based on the federal poverty level in effect at the time.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must meet USDA Food and Nutrition Services criteria for financial need. 2. Eligible assistance unit members must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be U.S. citizens or nationals or qualified aliens meeting certain criteria. b. Be residents of Washington State. c. Meet certain eligibility criteria if on strike. 3. An Assistance Unit is categorically eligible when: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All members receive Social Security Supplemental Security Income; b. All members receive Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) assistance; c. The household has gross income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level; or d. Any member receives or is authorized to receive payments or services from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. TANF cash assistance ii. State family assistance iii. Diversion Cash Assistance (DCA) for four months after initial DCA issuance. 4. Elderly persons or persons with disabilities only need to meet the net income standard to be entitled to medical deductions. 5. Persons with disabilities have the value of one vehicle exempted entirely when used for medical transportation. 6. Certain students of higher education, able-bodied adults without dependents, and assistance units participating in the food distribution program on or near Indian reservations are not eligible for benefits. 7. The following persons are ineligible for food assistance and must

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Title	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
	<p>have some of their income and resources considered available to the remaining eligible assistance unit members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fugitive felons including probation and parole violators. b. Persons failing to attest to citizenship or alien status. c. Disqualified for (i) intentional program violation, (ii) failure to provide a Social Security Number, or (iii) not participating in work requirements. d. Disqualified if ineligible alien.
Services	Electronic food benefits can be used at participating grocery stores.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nutrition education programs 2. School lunch programs 3. Low-income housing 4. Food banks 5. Children and family services 6. Community medical centers 7. Senior outreach 8. Charitable agencies

Income Limits and Maximum Benefit Amounts for SNAP

If your assistance unit (AU) meets all other eligibility requirements for the program, your AU must have income at or below the limits in columns B and C to get SNAP, unless you meet one of the exceptions listed below. The maximum monthly SNAP food assistance benefit your AU could receive is listed in column D.

EFFECTIVE 10-1-2012

Column A Number of eligible AU members	Column B Maximum Gross Monthly Income	Column C Maximum Net Monthly Income	Column D Maximum Allotment	Column E 165% of the Poverty Level ⁵
1	\$1,211	\$931	\$200	\$1,536
2	1,640	1,261	367	2,081
3	2,069	1,591	526	2,625
4	2,498	1,921	668	3,170
5	2,927	2,251	793	3,714

⁵ The 165% FPL standard applies to persons who are both elderly and disabled, **and** cannot cook their own meals. These persons can be in a separate assistance unit if the other people who would normally be in the AU have combined income at or under the 165% standard. The person's spouse must **always** be in the AU if living with the client.

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6	3,785	2,581	952	4,259
7	3,785	2,911	1,052	4,803
8	4,214	3,241	1,202	5,348
9	4,643	3,571	1,352	5,893
10	5,072	3,901	1,502	6,438
Each Additional Member	+429	+330	+150	+545

Exceptions:

1. If your AU is categorically eligible under [WAC 388-414-0001](#), your AU does not have to meet the gross or net income standards in columns B and C. We do budget your AU's income to decide the amount of Basic Food your AU will receive.
2. If your AU includes a member who is 60 years of age or older or has a disability, your income must be at or below the limit in column C only.
3. If you are 60 years of age or older and cannot buy and cook your own meals because of a permanent disability, we use column E to decide if you can be a separate AU.
4. If your AU has zero income, your benefits are the maximum allotment in column D based on the number of eligible members in your AU.

EFFECTIVE 10-1-2013

Column A Number of eligible AU members	Column B Maximum Gross Monthly Income	Column C Maximum Net Monthly Income	Column D Maximum Allotment ⁶	Column E 165% of the Poverty Level ⁷
1	\$1,245	\$958	\$189	\$1,580
2	1,681	1,293	347	2,133
3	2,116	1,628	497	2,686
4	2,552	1,963	632	3,239
5	2,987	2,298	750	3,791
6	3,423	2,633	900	4,344
7	3,858	2,968	995	4,897
8	4,294	3,303	1,137	5,450

⁶ Effective 11-1-2013.

⁷ The 165% FPL standard applies to persons who are both elderly and disabled, **and** cannot cook their own meals. These persons can be in a separate assistance unit if the other people who would normally be in the AU have combined income at or under the 165% standard. The person's spouse must **always** be in the AU if living with the client.

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9	4,730	3,638	1,279	6,003
10	5,166	3,973	1,421	6,556
Each Additional Member	+436	+335	+142	+553

Exceptions:

If your AU is categorically eligible under [WAC 388-414-0001](#), your AU does not have to meet the gross or net income standards in columns B and C. We do budget your AU's income to decide the amount of Basic Food your AU will receive.

1. If your AU includes a member who is 60 years of age or older or has a disability, your income must be at or below the limit in column C only.
2. If you are 60 years of age or older and cannot buy and cook your own meals because of a permanent disability, we use column E to decide if you can be a separate AU.
3. If your AU has zero income, your benefits are the maximum allotment in column D based on the number of eligible members in your AU.

Program Descriptions

Title	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) State Supplemental Payment (SSP)
Brief Description	Provides a state-funded supplemental cash payment to some recipients of federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits in addition to their regular SSI payment.
Legal Authorization	Title XVI of the Social Security Act, 20 CFR 416.2095, and RCW 74.04.600–74.04.640
Funding Source	State: 100% state funds for the supplement
Population Served	SSP is paid to the following populations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mandatory Income Level (MIL) – persons who received state aged, blind or disabled cash assistance in 1973 and were converted to receiving federal SSI in January 1974. 2. SSI recipients whose spouse is not eligible for SSI in their own right. 3. Developmentally disabled persons who meet Social Security disability criteria. 4. SSI recipients who are aged or blind. 5. Certain foster children receiving SSI.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be eligible for SSI as determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) and meet the criteria described above. 2. Must meet resource limit of \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a married couple (not all resources are counted).
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The MIL SSP varies by individual and federal requirement. 2. The SSP for the aged, blind, or ineligible spouse is \$46 per month. 3. Developmentally disabled SSP varies by individual and client need. 4. Foster child SSP varies by individual need. 5. The SSP for an eligible person who is residing in a medical institution is \$27.28 per month. 6. A person eligible for SSI is automatically eligible for Categorically Needy medical coverage.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low-income housing 2. Senior citizens centers 3. Ongoing additional requirements 4. Food banks 5. Developmental disability programs 6. Congregate care facilities 7. Adult family homes 8. Nursing homes 9. Medical facilities 10. Mental health centers 11. Other community charitable and social service agencies

Program Descriptions

Title	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
Brief Description	Provides benefits for low-income families. TANF provides cash assistance and the WorkFirst program provides services to families who need to work, look for work, prepare for work or get a better job. (See WorkFirst description on following pages).
Legal Authorization	Title IV-A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 602-619), as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996, Public Law 104-193; the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997, Public Law 105-33; and the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005, Public Law 109-171; and RCW Chapters 74.04 (General Provisions Administration), 74.08 (Eligibility Generally —Standards of Assistance), 74.08A (Washington WorkFirst/TANF), and 74.12 (TANF), as amended by the Washington Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act, ESHB-3901.
Funding Source	Funded by a federal block grant (Title IV-A of the Social Security Act) and a required Maintenance of Effort (MOE) expenditure of state funds.
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children under age 18 2. Children under age 19 attending high school or GED program full-time 3. Parents or needy caretaker relatives of these children 4. Unmarried teen parents under age 18 5. Pregnant women with no other children
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The family or assistance unit must include a child (or a pregnant woman with no other children) who is in financial need. The child of unmarried parents can be excluded from recipient assistance units at the option of the parents. 2. Family net monthly income may not exceed the payment standard plus authorized additional requirements. Under TANF, 50% of gross earnings are countable when determining eligibility and payment amount. 3. Families can own a home, household goods, and up to \$1,000 in countable assets. The first \$5,000 in equity value of a vehicle is exempt, and equity that exceeds this amount counts towards the \$1,000 asset limit. Recipients may accumulate up to an additional \$3,000 in savings (e.g. a bank account). 4. Teen parents must meet all TANF eligibility requirements, be living in an approved living situation, and must be attending high school. When not living in an approved living situation, the child of the teen is opened on TANF as a child-only case. 5. Families must be Washington state residents and not living in a public institution (with some exceptions). 6. All eligible family members must have a Social Security number or

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	<p>cooperate in obtaining one.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Families must assign rights to child support and cooperate with the DSHS Division of Child Support by identifying the non-custodial parent of the children and in obtaining child support. 8. Adults and certain teens must participate in WorkFirst program work or work activities for up to 40 hours a week. There are a few exceptions to participation requirements. If a WorkFirst individual refuses to engage in work or work-related activities required by the state, the state will apply a penalty. The family's grant is reduced by one person's share or 40%, whichever is more, and may be terminated after 4 months of non-compliance. 9. Non-needy relatives and other non-parent adults applying for or receiving child-only TANF on behalf of needy children must pass an income means test to receive this assistance. Caregivers with income over 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) based on family size will not qualify; caregivers with income at or below 300% of FPL will receive a full or partial grant. 10. Benefits have a five-year time limit with limited time limit extensions.
<p>Services</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash assistance in accordance with state payment standards for food, clothing, and shelter 2. WorkFirst services 3. Additional Requirements-Emergent Need (AREN) payments for special needs, such as obtaining housing or preventing eviction or utility shut-off 4. SSI Facilitation, providing assistance with completing and monitoring an SSA Title II or Title XVI application

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Title	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
<p>Linkages</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low-income housing 2. Food banks 3. Children and family services 4. Community medical centers 5. Charitable organizations 6. Tribal TANF programs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe – Started October 1998 b. Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe – Started October 1998 c. Quinault Indian Nation – Started April 2001 d. Quileute Tribe – Started May 2001 e. Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation – Started November 2001 f. Spokane Tribe of Indians – Started March 2003 g. South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA) comprised of four tribes: Nisqually, Skokomish, Puyallup, and Squaxin Island – Started September 2004 h. Tulalip Tribes – Started March 2005 i. Nooksack Tribe – Started May 2005 j. Lummi Nation - Started July 2007 k. Upper Skagit Tribe - Started July 2007 7. ESA Community Services Division, State Tribal Relations Unit

Program Descriptions

Title	United States Repatriation Program
Brief Description	A federal program providing social services and a cash loan for food, housing, medical, or transportation needs to help a U.S. citizen or dependent resettle after emergent conditions require the person to return to the U.S.
Legal Authorization	45 CFR Parts 211 and 212
Funding Source	Initial expenditures are state funds that are reimbursed from federal funds.
Population Served	U.S. citizens or their dependents returning from a foreign country
Eligibility	The U.S. Department of State determines eligibility and authorizes repatriation based on poverty, mental or physical illness, or international crisis.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resettlement assistance for up to 90 days after return to the U.S., unless an extension is granted. 2. Cash loan based on the TANF payment standard for household size to pay for food, shelter, medical care and other emergent needs, or travel costs to the state of residence or final destination. 3. Social services to help person connect to programs, establish housing or otherwise meet ongoing needs.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) 2. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or other public assistance programs, if eligible 3. Food assistance 4. DSHS Children’s Administration when the repatriate is an unaccompanied minor 5. U.S. State Department and Administration for Children and Families (ACF) for program policy and coordination 6. International Social Services is contracted by ACF to refer eligible people and process claims for reimbursement.

Program Descriptions

Title	Washington Combined Application Program (WASHCAP)
Brief Description	A simplified food benefits program for certain SSI recipients that delivers food benefits through an automated interface between Social Security Administration (SSA) and DSHS. A client's application for SSI also acts as the application for food benefits. Clients who receive WASHCAP are certified for up to 36 months.
Legal Authorization	7 CFR 273.23 and 7 CFR 273.2 (b),(c), and (k) and 7 CFR 273.9 (d) and 7 CFR 273.10(d) and (e) Sections 5(e) and 8(c) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500,74.04.510, 74.08.090
Funding Source	100% Federal - United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service
Population Served	SSI recipients who : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are at least 18 years of age; and 2. Live alone or are considered a single household by the Social Security Administration; or 3. Live with others but buy and cook food separately; and 4. Do not have earned income when they apply for SSI.
Eligibility	Must meet criteria listed in "Population Served" above. Clients are <u>ineligible</u> if they: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Live in an institution; 2. Are under age 18; 3. Live with their spouse; 4. Are under age 22 and live with their parents who receive Basic Food benefits; 5. Begin working after they are approved for WASHCAP and have earned income for more than three consecutive months; 6. Live with others and do not buy and cook food separately; or 7. Are ineligible for Basic Food under WAC 388-400-0040.
Services	WASHCAP clients receive monthly food benefits via Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) to their Washington Quest card. They also receive Categorically Eligible medical assistance as SSI recipients. This client population is served by the WASHCAP Central Unit within the Community Services Division (CSD).
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social Security Administration 2. Nutrition education programs

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Title	Washington Combined Application Program (WASHCAP)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Low-income housing4. Food banks5. Community Medical Centers6. Senior outreach7. Charitable agencies

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Title	Washington Telephone Assistance Program (WTAP)
Brief Description	Provides low-income households with waivers and discounts on telephone fees or a community service voice mailbox.
Legal Authorization	47 CFR Part 54, Subpart E RCW 80.36.410 – RCW 80.36.475 Washington Telephone Assistance Program
Funding Source	Mix of federal Universal Service Funds and state excise tax funds. Up to a 14-cent excise tax on all wire phone lines supplies the state funding.
Population Served	Public assistance program recipients and former recipients of the Community Service Voice Mail Program.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There must be at least one adult in the household receiving benefits from one or more of the following programs: Basic Food or State Food Assistance; TANF or State Family Assistance; Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) assistance; State Supplemental Payment (SSP); specific types of Medical Assistance; Community Options Program Entry System (COPEs); chore services; or was referred to the Department by a community agency that provided Community Service Voice Mail. 2. Clients must apply for WTAP by contacting their local telephone company and requesting this service. 3. Client eligibility for WTAP lasts through the end of the fiscal year in which the client loses eligibility for public assistance. Clients eligible through Community Voice Mail are eligible for one additional fiscal year.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A waiver of deposit for local telephone service 2. A one-time-per-address 50% discount on connection fees 3. A reduction in the monthly flat fee for telephone services
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 2. Telephone companies serving Washington state residents 3. Universal Service Administration Company (providing federal funds, and pays a partial match for client monthly flat rate fees) 4. Community agencies providing Community Service Voice Mail 5. Department of Commerce 6. Department of Revenue 7. Other public assistance programs

Program Descriptions

Title	WorkFirst (WF)
Brief Description	Provides support services and activities to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families/State Family Assistance (TANF/SFA) clients and certain low-income families so they can find jobs, keep jobs, get better jobs and become self-sufficient.
Legal Authorization	Title IV-A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 602-619), as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996, Public Law 104-193; the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997, Public Law 105-33; and the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005, Public Law 109-171; and RCW Chapters 74.04 (General Provisions Administration), 74.08 (Eligibility Generally —Standards of Assistance), 74.08A (Washington WorkFirst/TANF), and 74.12 (TANF), as amended by the Washington Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act, ESHB-3901.
Funding Source	Funded by a federal block grant (Title IV-A of the Social Security Act) and a required Maintenance of Effort (MOE) expenditure of state funds.
Population Served	Low-income families with dependent children and pregnant women
Eligibility	TANF/SFA recipients, former TANF/SFA recipients up to six months, and under some circumstances, low-income families with incomes at or below 175% of the federal poverty level
Services	<p>Case Management and Social Services include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information about the WorkFirst program. 2. Comprehensive Evaluation to identify a parent’s strengths, participation options, and best pathway to employment. 3. Referrals for services that a family may need including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Family Planning for every individual b. Equal Access (EA) for individuals with a mental, neurological, physical or sensory impairment or other problems that prevent them from getting program benefits in the same way that an unimpaired person would get them c. Family violence d. Learning disabilities e. Substance abuse / chemical dependency f. Pregnant or parenting a child under 12 months 4. Development of Individual Responsibility Plans (IRP). 5. Intensive social services for those with significant issues and needs 6. Interdisciplinary case staffing. 7. Helping pregnant or parenting minors find a suitable living arrangement and complete high school which are both program

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	<p>requirements.</p> <p>8. Support services that include, but are not limited to funding for transportation, work clothing, professional fees and testing.</p> <p>Services While Working</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wage progression and job retention services (e.g., education and training). 2. Re-employment services following job loss. <p>Services While Looking for Work</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment service supports (e.g., help with transportation). 2. Employment services (e.g., job leads, and access to resource rooms, phone banks, and job fairs). 3. Job preparation (e.g., employment competencies, work skills assessment and employment workshops). 4. Part-time language training for limited-English proficient participants in job search. 5. Customized job skills (short-term training course that leads to an available job at an above-average wage). <p>Services While Preparing for Work</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Short-term subsidized employment, Community Jobs, for participants who leave job search without finding unsubsidized work. 2. A changing mixture of subsidized or unpaid work, job search, treatment, education, training, and/or other services.
<p>Linkages</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment Security Department 2. Department of Commerce 3. State Board for Community & Technical Colleges 4. Workforce Development Councils, operating under the Workforce Investment Act 5. Tribal TANF programs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe – Started October 1998 b. Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe – Started October 1998 c. Quinault Indian Nation – Started April 2001 d. Quileute Tribe – Started May 2001 e. Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation – Started November 2001

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Title	WorkFirst (WF)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">f. Spokane Tribe of Indians – Started March 2003g. South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA) comprised of three tribes: Nisqually, Skokomish and Squaxin Island – Started September 2004h. Tulalip Tribes – Started March 2005i. Nooksack Tribe – Started May 2005j. Lummi Nation - Started July 2007k. Upper Skagit Tribe - Started July 2007 <ul style="list-style-type: none">6. Community programs7. ESA State Tribal Relations Office8. Refugee and Immigrant community-based organizations9. Local Planning Areas

Program Descriptions

Title	Working Connections Child Care Program (WCCC)
Brief Description	The Working Connection Child Care Program provides assistance to eligible families in obtaining child care subsidies for approvable activities that enable them to work, attend training, or enroll in education programs.
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.04.050 and C.F.R. Parts 98 and 99 (Child Care Development Fund Rules); 2006 c 265 and chapter 43.215 RCW
Funding Source	WCCC is funded through federal Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) and Washington State Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funds.
Population Served	Households with income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty level that meet approvable activity requirements.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must participate in an approvable activity <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. WorkFirst Participant <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. An approved activity in an Individual Responsibility Plan and/or: ii. Employment, Self-Employment, Transportation Time, Study Time, Sleep Time b. Not a WorkFirst Participant <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Employment ii. Self-Employment iii. Basic Food Employment and Training iv. Education <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consumer under 22 years of age <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. High School b. GED 2. Consumer 22 or older <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Must work a minimum of 20 hours a week or be in 16 or more hours of work study b. Limited to 24 months of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Adult Basic Education ii. English as a Second Language iii. High School/GED Completion c. Limited to 36 months of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Vocational Education 2. Have countable income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines

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Title	Working Connections Child Care Program (WCCC)
	<p>3. Children must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Belong to one of the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A U.S. Citizen, a U.S. national, a qualified alien, or a nonqualified alien who meets the WA state residency requirements. b. Live in WA and be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Less than age thirteen ii. Less than age nineteen and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have a verified special need, or 2. Be under court supervision.
Services	Provides payment to licensed and unlicensed providers as reimbursement for child care services provided.
Linkages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department of Early Learning 2. TANF/WorkFirst 3. Community Service Offices (CSOs) 4. Customer Service Center 5. Licensed and Unlicensed Providers 6. SEIU 925