

Transforming Lives

At the Department of Social and Health Services' Community Services Division we transform lives by making sure individuals and families have access to the tool we all need to thrive.

We serve many Washingtonians who live on the margin. Although most people do not receive a cash grant, they may rely on food assistance, work-related support services, and assistance with child support, medical coverage or child care subsidies.



**Strengthen your
community by
becoming a
Government or
Retail Vendor**



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Why do we need your help?

Without driver's licenses, housing, or utilities and services, parents are unable to effectively care for their families and get to the places such as school, medical appointments, job interviews or their first day on a new job.

We know it can take many resources and community partners, working together to provide needed supports. Becoming a government or retail/business vendor with DSHS is one way that you can help provide services and receive payments.

How you can help?

Government entities, businesses and retailers can help by accepting vouchers from Washington state as an acceptable form of payment for products, services or fines. By accepting vouchers, you are helping families in your community obtain the necessary items or services needed to succeed while caring for their families. The process is simple and easy. Sign up today!

What is a vendor?

In order to receive payment for products, services or fines, you must register to be a vendor with the Statewide Payee Desk. Once registered, you will be approved to receive payment from the state. When you register you may choose to have payments directly deposited to your bank account or mailed to you as a check.



How to become a vendor

It is easy to become a vendor. You can submit a paper form or complete it online.

- Download a form at <https://des.wa.gov/services/contracting-purchasing/doing-business-state/receiving-payment-state> and mail or fax it in.
- Government customers can register online with Washington's Electronic Business Solution at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/webscust/>
- Businesses/Retailers can register online with Washington's Electronic Business Solution at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/webs/>

How this benefits you

There are several benefits to becoming a government or retail vendor, including:

- An increase in business.
- Difficult-to-collect accounts can be paid.
- More revenue for local taxpayers.
- Strengthening your community by helping families thrive.