

FCAP

Assessments Include:

- Review of case history
- Interviews with people who know the child best
- Psychiatric, psychological, pediatric, and cultural case consultation as needed
- Structured in-person interview with the parents
- Structured in-person interview with the child and caregiver
- Observation of the parent/child visitation
- Standardized assessment of the child's emotional & behavioral functioning
- Thorough recommendations for an updated service plan based on evidence based interventions
- Production of a comprehensive Services and Permanency Assessment Report for DCFS (SPAR)
- Service planning focused on achieving permanency for the child
- Six months of assistance to the DCFS referring social worker



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What is FCAP?

Foster Care Assessment Program

FCAP is a statewide contracted program available to all children statewide under DCFS or tribal care. FCAP provides two types of assessments: Standard Assessments and Reunification Assessments.

The purpose of a Standard Assessment is to provide a comprehensive evaluation to a child's level of functioning in the home, school and community and to assist with the service planning and implementation. The goals are to improve the child's health and well-being, and help DCFS accomplish permanency.

The purpose of a Reunification Assessment is to assist the Department and tribe in making a decision regarding returning children home. This includes a parental capacity screening and a comprehensive analysis of whether the service plan meets the challenges that prompted removal.

FCAP evaluators are available for 6 months following the assessment to help DCFS implement a plan for each child.



The Foster Care Assessment Program is operated under a contract with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Children's Administration to serve children and youth. This program is administered by Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress (HCSATS), in collaboration with community partners statewide.

Region 1 North: Lutheran Community Services NW
509.343.5038

Region 1 South: Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic
509.575.3394

Region 2 North: Bridgid Collins
360.734.4616

Lutheran Community Services NW
206.694.5700

Region 2 South: Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress (HCSATS)
206.744.1600

Children's Home Society of WA
206.695.3292

Region 3 North: Children's Home Society of WA
253.850.2582

Region 3 South: Community Youth Services
360.943.0780



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How are Referrals Made?

Cases can only be referred by DCFS social workers and tribal social service staff. However, CASAs, attorneys, judges, caregivers, and other service providers frequently encourage DCFS to make referrals. In order to refer a case, DCFS social workers complete a FCAP referral packet. The referral packet includes:

1. **FCAP Referral Form**
2. **FCAP Release of Information (ROI) signed by DCFS**
3. **First two pages of current ISSP**

In addition:

1. **If youth is over age 13, he/she must sign the FCAP ROI**
2. **If referral is for a reunification assessment, the parent must sign a DSHS consent form**

These forms can be accessed on our website at www.fcaponline.org. Go to the site and simply click on the area for DCFS Social Workers. Once completed, please send the packet to your local FCAP evaluator.



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