

FCAP

Assessments Include:

- Review of case history
- Interviews with people who know the child best
- Pediatrician's summary for medically complex children
- Psychiatric, psychological, pediatric, and cultural case consultation
- 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 a 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 children in all six DSHS regions. FCAP provides two types of assessments: Standard Assessments and Reunification Assessments.

The purpose of a Standard Assessment is to provide a comprehensive evaluation of 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 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 parental deficits that prompted removal.

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



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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 and hospital partners statewide.

Region 1:	Lutheran Community Services NW 509.343.5038
Region 2:	Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic 509.575.3394
Region 3:	Brigid Collins 360.734.4616 Lutheran Community Services NW 206.694.5700
Region 4:	Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress (HCSATS) 206.744.1600 Children's Home Society of Washington 206.695.3292
Region 5:	Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Center 253.403.4430 Children's Home Society of Washington 253.850.2582
Region 6:	Community Youth Services 360.943.0780



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How are Referrals Made?

Cases can only be referred by DCFS social workers. 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. **Current ISSP**
4. **Most recent court order**
5. **Placement and Legal History**

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 the local FCAP evaluator or the local DCFS coordinator. Contact information for the local DCFS coordinator is available on our website.

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