



Washington State Department of **CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**

Parent Advisory Group (PAG)

Meeting Agenda

Virtual Meeting

September 18 – 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Time	Activity
7:00 – 7:15	Welcome & Virtual Meeting Protocols
7:15 – 8:20	<p>Parent/Caregiver Supports Panel</p> <p><u>GOAL/OUTCOME:</u> PAG members will hear from a 5 programs or teams that directly or indirectly support parents and caregivers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help Me Grow:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sarah Holdener serves as DCYF’s Family & Community Navigation Administrator. In this role she focuses on strategic planning and implementation of Help Me Grow Washington, a systems approach weaving together state and community systems, providers, and resources to offer a full spectrum of supports to all families in Washington state with young children. Sarah liaises with state agencies, coordinates federal and state funding to the Help Me Grow state affiliate, and promotes cross-sector integration to improve system outcomes for children and families.○ When working with families, we describe Help Me Grow as a free service that connects parents and caregivers to resources in their community. Whether it’s understanding your child’s development, food assistance resources, free or low-cost health insurance, or pregnancy and parenting resources, we are here to help. Depending on where you live, our local and Help Me Grow statewide hotlines are ready to support you and your family. This webpage provides more detail for those that want a deeper look• April Thompson - Developmental Disabilities (DD) Program Manager and DD/Mental Health Program Consultant Supervisor.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ My team and I support DCYF’s Child Welfare Division with resources, trainings, DDA eligibility requests, collaborating with state and community partners and more. My official role is Developmental Disabilities Program Manager, and I do a bit of systems work between DCYF and DDA, while supporting my team of 6 supervisees. More information about our work can be found on this handout.• Xyzlora Brownell and Veronica Santangelo - Early Childhood Intervention Prevention Services (ECLIPSE)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ECLIPSE services are trauma-informed, center-based, intervention and treatment services for families and their young children age Birth to 5 who have experienced substantial stress and/or complex trauma. ECLIPSE services include therapeutic interventions at the child, family, and teacher/classroom environmental levels provided by a licensed mental health professional who has Infant Mental Health (IMH) knowledge, skills, and experience. These services are



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	<p>available to young children and families who interact with multiple systems, including the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) child welfare. Children and families that have or are interacting with the DCYF child welfare system are categorically eligible for ECLIPSE services through their enrollment in the Early ECEAP/ECEAP program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Davis and Patty King - WiSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wraparound with Intensive Services, or WiSe, is an approach to helping children, youth, and their families with intensive mental health care. Services are available in home and community settings and offer a system of care based on the individualized need of the child or youth. WiSe is a voluntary service that takes a team approach to support you and your family in meeting your goals. This program is eligible to children and youth eligible for Medicaid coverage. For more information please review the Family Fact Sheet or the WiSe webpage. • Laura Alfani/Jenni Olmstead – DCYF Family and Community Support/Strengthening Families Washington/Primary and Community Based Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community-Based prevention programs and partnerships including diaper banks, Family Resource Centers (FRCs), parenting education, family support, perinatal mental health, and more. This team focuses on supporting families and communities through primary and secondary prevention efforts with an emphasis on the Protective Factors Framework.
8:20	Closing Remarks/Adjourn

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Racial Equity Questions</u>
<p>To expand DCYF's parent engagement efforts, the PAG member will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Empower parents by serving as a two-way communicator between DCYF and local Washington communities, ▪ Assist in improving outcomes for all WA children and families, and ▪ Collaborate with communities to support state/local connections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is this policy, decision or practice good for kids, families and educators of color? ▪ Do some kids, families and educators benefit more or less than others? ▪ Do kids, families and educators of color have access, and if not, why? ▪ What data and information is missing? ▪ Are there any unintended consequences?

<u>2024 Meeting Dates</u>	<u>PAG Executive Committee</u>	<u>DCYF Staff</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov. 1, 2024 (Spokane, Washington and online) 	<p>Christianna Clinton Janel Waterman Josie Garcia</p>	<p>Emily Morgan – Emily.Morgan@dcyf.wa.gov Emily Grossman – Emily.Grossman@dcyf.wa.gov</p>