

Substance Use and Recovery Services Plan Recommendation

Recommendation – Funding for training of foster parents with children with substance use disorder.

Bill requirement: Section 1(3)(a), (c), (d), (e)

Synopsis –

- Numerous gaps exist in services for foster care children.
- The recommendation to provide/enhance substance use, and substance use disorder (SUD) training and recovery support education, creating a supportive environment (CRAFT model, or other EBP) for children and transition-age youth (TAY) for foster and kinship guardians and caregivers of displaced youth.
- There is a rising concern that youth living with SUD is falsely correlative of youth predisposed to violent impulses.
- Would like to include kinship care in training, wrap around services, and other benefits that foster care families can acquire.
- Would also include servicing transition-age youth with SUD and mental health.
- Should include other organizations in the discussion aside from Department of Children, Youth, & Families (DCYF). Community Youth Services and A Way Home Washington were suggested, along with individuals with lived experiences.
- Would like to hear from foster families that may be able to share gaps in the system.

Plan of Action:

- ❖ Supportive policy to obtain and provide naloxone for care workers, foster/kinship families, and youth who use drugs to be supplied naloxone. This would include training around administering naloxone and identifying overdoses.
 - Recommendation for JRA to also have naloxone on site. Currently, DCYF prohibits case workers from having naloxone.
- ❖ Provide/enhance SUD training and recovery support education, creating a supportive environment (CRAFT model, or other EBP) for children and Transition Age Youth (TAY) for foster and kinship guardians, caregivers of displaced youth. The [Safety First Curriculum](#) by Drug Policy Alliance is designed for high school aged youth.
- ❖ Including addressing stigma by public education campaign than actual messaging about naloxone itself.

Financial Impact:

Dollars	FY23	FY24	FY25
5476 Funding	\$120,000 Training Development/Trainings \$1M Education Campaign \$1.2M Naloxone/Foster-Kin-Case Managers *	\$40,000 Training \$1.2M Naloxone/ Foster-Kin-Case Managers *	\$40,000 Training \$1.2M Naloxone/ Foster-Kin-Case Managers *
Grant Funding			
Total Funds	\$2,320,000	\$1,240,000	\$1,240,000
Staff (FTE)			

*Based on taking data from Data from the KIDS COUNT data center and from Adoption and Foster Care Analysis 2020 and providing kits for 20% of this population.

Consideration of youth, rural areas, and tribes:

Youth: This recommendation is focused on youth and foster/kinship individuals and families affected by SUD and drug use.

Rural Areas:

Tribes:

Marginalized Communities:

Collaboration/Existing Programs:

Feasibility Assessment/Submission to SURSA Committee: ((Y/N) & Explanation)

SURSA Committee Feedback: