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Washington Family Support Network

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The Washington Family Support Network works to build capacity, improve quality, and advocate on behalf of Family Resource Centers and like-minded organizations to better support children, youth, and families in their community.

At a Glance

• Year founded: 2021

• Year joined NFSN: 2021

Network type: Nonprofit-Coordinated

Network staff: 1 FTE

Network annual budget: \$250,000

• Funding sources:

 \circ State Department of Commerce

Highlights

- In summer 2023, \$2M was distributed to FRCs by the Department of Commerce for capacity building, including hiring Family Advocates or positions related to data, evaluation, and continuous quality improvement.
- Network membership increased by nearly 50% from 2023.
- Network hosted regular Certification Trainings on the Standards of Quality for free for FRCs statewide.

Network Functions

- Connecting Members
- Training/technical assistance
- Working on systems change/policy/advocacy
- Marketing/public awareness activities



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Network Mission Statement:

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Members

- FRCs in state statute since: 2021
- Number of Members: 96
- Types of networks:
 - 63 Community-Based FRCs
 - 26 School-based FRCs
 - o 2 Non-FRC Family Support Programs
 - 1 County/City Facility-based FRC
 - o 2 Government Departments
 - o 1 Private Foundation
 - o 1 Parent Trust
- Funding: \$2,405,000
- Funding sources:
 - Federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)
 - State Department of Commerce
 - o County funds via Marriage License Fee

Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Concrete Support
- Family Development Services
- Child Development Activities
- Parent Leadership Development
- Family Economic Success Activities
- Community Strengthening Activities



