

## The Power of Partnership



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### ABOUT US

The Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence is Washington's first comprehensive state-wide partnership dedicated to developing professional expertise for individuals working with vulnerable children and families.

As a unified, coordinated system, the Alliance has expanded training opportunities, increased funding, and lifted the burden of training management from DCYF so that it can focus on its core mission: providing services to vulnerable children and families.

*"This course was an imperative refresher that made me rethink my approach ... and what to look for while with a family."*

— DCYF workforce training attendee

### TEAM OF EXPERTS

The Alliance's curriculum is designed by a team of professional curriculum developers and two instructional designers. Every course is designed around what evidence from decades of research has shown about how adults learn.

A key contributor to the Alliance partnership is POC, Partners for Our Children — a research and policy center affiliated with the UW School of Social Work. POC provides data collection, evaluation and analysis to help measure, design and improve the effectiveness of Alliance child welfare training.

### WHO WE TRAIN

- Workforce from Department of Children, Youth, and Families
- Caregivers (licensed foster parents, relative caregivers and people who work at licensed group homes)
- CWTAP students
- Community and tribal partners

## TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

Over 14,000 trained ... on more than 100 topic choices

### WORKFORCE

- 341** new employees attended core trainings
- 55+** online trainings available
- 583** hours of individualized coaching
- NEW** coaching session on Indian Child Welfare

#### Most popular courses:

- Domestic Violence and Child Welfare: 173 learners
- Ensuring Indigenous Family Connections: 165 learners
- Addressing the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: 128 learners

### CAREGIVERS

- 1,939** attended core training
- 45%** completed new online version
- 1,310** hours of individualized coaching
- 15+** online trainings available

#### Most popular courses:

- Intro to Adoption from Foster Care: 278 learners
- Parenting the Positive Discipline Way: 193 learners
- Emotion Coaching: 137 learners

## OUR IMPACT

- Leveraging federal resources for improved development opportunities
- Using partnership, research to make systemic improvements
- Supporting vulnerable communities
- Empowering providers, families
- Making trainings accessible

### CONNECT WITH US

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