

# WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET

Whatcom County Contract No.  
202507014

Originating Department:	Whatcom County Superior Court Administration								
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)									
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Stephanie Kraft								
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Administrative Office of the Courts								
Is this a New Contract? If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract? Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: _____									
Does contract require Council Approval? Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> If No, include WCC: _____									
Already approved? Council Approved Date: _____ (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)									
Is this a grant agreement? Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): _____ CFDA#: _____									
Is this contract grant funded? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): _____									
Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): _____ Contract Cost Center: 10007054									
Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? No <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.									
If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below: <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional.</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Goods and services provided due to an emergency</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than \$100,000.</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than 120 days.</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreement (between Governments).</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.</td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional.	<input type="checkbox"/> Goods and services provided due to an emergency	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than \$100,000.	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than 120 days.	<input type="checkbox"/> Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreement (between Governments).	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.
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Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments): \$ 112,250 This Amendment Amount: \$ 0 Total Amended Amount: \$ 112,250	Council approval required for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards <b>exceeding \$40,000</b> , and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, <b>except when</b> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council.</li> <li>2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance.</li> <li>3. Bid or award is for supplies.</li> <li>4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance.</li> <li>5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.</li> </ol>								
<b>Summary of Scope:</b>									
Provide a Family Juvenile Court Improvement Program Coordinator (FJCIP). FJCIP works with the court/court partners to transform systems and produce better outcomes for children and families in the dependency system. Core components include cross system learning and collaboration, court improvement, and system change.									
Term of Contract: July 1, 2025 Expiration Date: June 30, 2026									

Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by: S. Kraft	Date: 6/18/25
	2. Attorney signoff: Electronic Approval- CQ/SK	Date: 6/18/25
	3. AS Finance reviewed: Electronic Approval- DK/SK	Date: 6/18/25
	4. IT reviewed (if IT related):	Date:
	5. Contractor signed:	Date:
	6. Executive contract review: Jlogan	Date: 07/09/2025
	7. Council approved, if necessary: AB2025-500	Date: 07/08/2025
	8. Executive signed: SSidhu	Date:
	9. Original to Council:	Date:

**WHATCOM COUNTY**  
**Superior- Juvenile Court**  
**Administration**  
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 501  
Bellingham, Washington 98225  
(360) 778-5496



**Stephanie Kraft**  
Administrator

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Stephanie Kraft, Juvenile and Superior Court Administrator

**RE:** Family and Juvenile Court Improvement Program (FJCIP)  
Coordinator July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 with Washington  
State Administrative Office of the Courts

**DATE:** June 18, 2025

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Enclosed is an original of the interagency agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to reimburse Whatcom County for the wages and benefits of a Family and Juvenile Court Improvement Program Coordinator (FJCIP). FJCIP coordinator is dedicated to improving dependency court operations and case outcomes for children and families involved in child welfare. They work closely with judicial officers and local system partners to identify opportunities for improvement, undertake meaningful practice change and to assess the effectiveness of their efforts.

Additional information regarding FJCIP can be found here: <https://www.wacita.org/fjciip/>

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts will reimburse Whatcom County up to \$112,250 to cover the wages and benefits for a full time FJCIP Coordinator, a cross systems retreat and supplies.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

Contract includes \$250 for supplies.

Please contact **Stephanie Kraft** at extension **5496**, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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## WASHINGTON COURTS

### INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

#### BETWEEN

**WASHINGTON STATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS**

**AGREEMENT # IAA26790**

#### AND

**WHATCOM COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

**FOR THE SUPPORT OF**

**FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURT IMPROVEMENT PLAN (FJCIP)**

### 1. PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

This Interagency Agreement is made and entered into by and between the State of Washington acting by and through the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts, hereinafter referred to as "AOC or Procuring Agency," and Whatcom County Superior Court, referred to as "Court or Agency".

### 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to engage the services of the Court to improve and support family and juvenile court operations as set forth in the Family and Juvenile Court Improvement Plan ("FJCIP") legislation, RCW 2.56.220-230.

Funds received under this Agreement may only be used to supplement, not supplant, any other local, state or federal funds received for the Court.

### THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:

### 3. STATEMENT OF WORK

a. The Court will:

- i. Assign a Chief Judge for the family and juvenile court for a minimum term of two (2) years.
- ii. Hire a FJCIP Coordinator within a timeframe acceptable to both AOC and the Court, provide that Coordinator with training in the area of family and juvenile law, and ensure that Coordinator participates in specialized

Coordinator trainings offered by AOC, including the FJCIP Coordinator Community of Practice.

- iii. Document that all court commissioners and judges serving in the county's FJCIP have completed a minimum of 30 hours of specialized training in dependency and family law related topics as required under RCW2.56.230.
  - iv. Create learning opportunities to engage local dependency court system partners in acquiring new skills and changing practice with a shared goal of improving outcomes for children, families, and the professionals who support them.
  - v. Work with AOC Staff to support mutually agreed upon court improvement projects, including data collection, evaluation, multi-disciplinary training and meetings of court and community partners.
  - vi. Submit a spending plan detailing the intended use of funds received under this agreement to AOC by September 30, 2025.
  - vii. Submit a budget report comparing actual expenditures with the contract budget for the period of July 1 through December 31 with budget projections for the next three years to AOC by February 1, 2026.
  - viii. Submit a report comparing all actual expenditures for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 with the contract budget to AOC by July 15, 2026.
- b. The Court shall submit to the AOC semi-annual reports of court's purpose, goals, activities and progress on measurable outcomes related to Family and Juvenile Court Improvement Program activities during the preceding quarter. Semi-annual reports are due August 31, 2025 and March 1, 2026.

#### 4. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

Subject to its other provisions, the period of performance of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2025, and end on June 30, 2026, unless terminated sooner or extended, as provided herein.

#### 5. COMPENSATION

AOC will reimburse the Court a total compensation not to exceed **\$112,250.00** for payments made during the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, related to the purpose of this agreement.

Procuring Agency may extend the term of this Contract or increase funds by mutual written amendment. Such amendment shall be on the same terms and conditions as set forth in this Contract.

Distribution of the total contract amount will be as follows:

- a. AOC shall reimburse the Court a maximum of **\$108,000.00 for FJCIP coordinator salary and benefits** costs incurred during the term of this Agreement.
- b. Four thousand dollars (**\$4,000**) will be allocated to an **in-person cross-system retreat** to engage local dependency court partners in one or more of the following

areas: acquiring new skills, addressing court culture, building cross-system collaboration, or changing practice; all with a shared goal of improving outcomes for children, families and the professionals who support them.

Funding priority under this contract shall be for an in-person cross-system retreat, excess funding may be utilized for additional in-person training events. The funding may cover in-person meals, venue expenses, supplies, and speaker or facilitator fees.

- c. Two hundred and fifty dollars **(\$250)** will be allocated to family engagement activities, projects, supplies, and event costs to support family reunification celebrations supported by the engagement of FJCIP Judicial Officers with parents who have been reunified with their children. The funding may cover in person meals or snacks, venue expenses, supplies, costs for activities, certificates, signage, marketing and printing fees of written family resources.

## **6. ALLOWABLE AND NON-ALLOWABLE EXPENSES:**

- a. Funds utilized under this agreement for meals or lodging may not exceed authorized Washington rates.
- b. Not reimbursable are gift cards or items considered gifts.

## **7. INVOICES; BILLING; PAYMENT**

The Agency will submit properly prepared itemized invoices via email on an A19 form to AOC Program Manager at [Rosalynn.Guillen@courts.wa.gov](mailto:Rosalynn.Guillen@courts.wa.gov). Invoices shall be submitted no more than once a month. Incorrect or incomplete A19s shall be returned by AOC to the Agency for correction or reissuance. All A19s shall provide and itemize, at a minimum, the following:

- Agreement Number IAA26790
- Agency name, address and phone number
- Description of Reimbursement
- Date(s) Services were provided
- Receipt(s) and any supporting documentation
- Total Reimbursement

Payment will be considered timely if made by the AOC within thirty (30) calendar dates of receipt of a properly prepared A19. No A19 shall be submitted until after a deliverable has been accepted by the AOC Program Manager.

The AOC will not make any advanced payments or payments in anticipation of services or supplies under this Contract.

## **8. REVENUE SHARING**

- a. AOC, in its sole discretion, may initiate revenue sharing. AOC will notify the Court via unilateral amendment to the agreement no later than May 1, 2026 that AOC intends to reallocate funding among courts in the program. If AOC determines the Court may not spend all funds available under the Agreement, then AOC may reduce the

Agreement amount. If AOC determines the Court may spend more funds than available under the Agreement and for its scope, then AOC may increase the Agreement amount.

- b. If the AOC initiates revenue sharing, then the Court must submit the final revenue sharing A-19 to [Rosalynn.Guillen@courts.wa.gov](mailto:Rosalynn.Guillen@courts.wa.gov) between July 12, 2026 and August 1, 2026.

## 9. AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT

The Program Manager and Agency Program Manager noted below shall be responsible for and shall be the contact people for all communications and billings regarding the performance of this Contract. The parties may change administrators by written notice.

AOC Program Manager	Agency Program Manager
<b>Rosalynn Guillen</b> PO Box 41170 Olympia, WA 98504-1170 <a href="mailto:Rosalynn.Guillen@courts.wa.gov">Rosalynn.Guillen@courts.wa.gov</a> (360) 972 5150	<b>Stephanie Kraft</b> 311 Grand Ave, Suite 501 Bellingham, WA 98225 <a href="mailto:SKraft@co.whatcom.wa.us">SKraft@co.whatcom.wa.us</a> (360) 778-5490

## 10. RECORDS, DOCUMENTS, AND REPORTS

- a. The Court shall maintain books, records, documents and other evidence of accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this contract. These records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by personnel duly authorized by the AOC, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal officials so authorized by law, rule, regulation, or contract. The Court will retain all books, records, documents, and other material relevant to this contract for six (6) years after expiration and make them available for inspection by persons authorized this provision.
- b. It is the policy of the Administrative Office of the Courts to facilitate access to administrative records. This Agreement and related records are subject to disclosure under General Court Rule 31.1. For additional information, please contact the AOC [public records officer](#).

## 11. RIGHTS IN DATA

Unless otherwise provided, data which originates from this Agreement shall be "works for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976 and shall be owned by the AOC. Data shall include, but not be limited to, reports, documents, pamphlets,

advertisements, books magazines, surveys, studies, computer programs, films, tapes, and/or sound reproductions. Ownership includes the right to copyright, patent, register, and the ability to transfer these rights.

## **12. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTIES**

Each party to this Agreement assumes responsibility for claims and/or damages to persons and/or property resulting from any act or omission on the part of itself, its employees, or its agents. Neither party assumes any responsibility to the other party for any third-party claims.

## **13. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

To the extent practicable, the Parties shall use their best, good faith efforts cooperatively and collaboratively to resolve any dispute that may arise in connection with this Agreement as efficiently as practicable, and at the lowest possible level with authority to resolve such dispute. The Parties shall make a good faith effort to continue without delay to carry out their respective responsibilities under this Agreement while attempting to resolve any such dispute. If, however, a dispute persists and cannot reasonably be resolved, it may be escalated within each organization. In such circumstance, upon notice by either party, each party, within five (5) business days shall reduce its description of the dispute to writing and deliver it to the other party. The receiving party then shall have three (3) business days to review and respond in writing. In the event the parties cannot agree on a mutual resolution within fifteen (15) business days, the parties shall appoint a member of a dispute resolution board within Thurston County and those two appointed members will select a third. The Board shall employ dispute resolution measures and its result is binding. Both parties agree that, the existence of a dispute notwithstanding, the Parties will continue without delay to carry out all respective responsibilities under this Agreement that are not affected by the dispute.

## **14. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- a. Amendment or Modification. Except as set forth herein, this Agreement may not be amended or modified except in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of each party hereto. In revenue sharing procedures AOC will issue a unilateral amendment.
- b. Appendix. All appendices referred to herein are deemed to be incorporated in this Agreement in their entirety.
- c. Assignment. The work to be provided under this Agreement, and any claim arising thereunder, is not assignable or delegable by either party in whole or in part, without the express prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- d. Authority. Each party to this Agreement, and each individual signing on behalf of each party, hereby represents and warrants to the other that it has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and that its execution, delivery, and



performance of this Agreement has been fully authorized and approved, and that no further approvals or consents are required to bind such party.

- e. Captions & Headings. The captions and headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not intended to, and shall not be construed to, limit, enlarge, or affect the scope or intent of this Agreement nor the meaning of any provisions hereof.
- f. Conformance. If any provision of this Agreement violates any statute or rule of law of the State of Washington, it is considered modified to conform to that statute or rule of law.
- g. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which counterparts together shall constitute the same instrument which may be sufficiently evidenced by one counterpart. Execution of this Agreement at different times and places by the Parties shall not affect the validity thereof so long as all the Parties hereto execute a counterpart of this Agreement.
- h. Electronic Signatures. An electronic signature or electronic record of this Agreement or any other ancillary agreement shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this Agreement or such other ancillary agreement for all purposes.
- i. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, and understandings between them. There are no representations or understandings of any kind not set forth herein.
- j. Governing Law. The validity, construction, performance, and enforcement of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, without regard to its choice of law principles that would provide for the application of the laws of another jurisdiction.
- k. Independent Capacity. The employees or agents of each party who are engaged in the performance of this Agreement shall continue to be employees or agents of that party and shall not be considered for any purpose to be employees or agents of the other party.
- l. Jurisdiction & Venue. In the event that any action is brought to enforce any provision of this Agreement, the parties agree to exclusive jurisdiction in Thurston County Superior Court for the State of Washington and agree that in any such action venue shall lie exclusively at Olympia, Washington.
- m. No Agency. The parties agree that no agency, partnership, or joint venture of any kind shall be or is intended to be created by or under this Agreement. Neither party is an agent of the other party nor authorized to obligate it.



- n. Right of Inspection. The Agency shall provide right of access to its facilities to the AOC, or any of its officers, or to any other authorized agent or official of the State of Washington at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this agreement.
- o. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision, if such remainder conforms to the requirements of applicable law and the fundamental purpose of this agreement, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.
- p. Termination for Cause. If for any cause, either party does not fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if either party violates any of these terms and conditions, the aggrieved party will give the other party written notice of such failure or violation. The responsible party will be given the opportunity to correct the violation or failure within 15 working days. If failure or violation is not corrected, this Agreement may be terminated immediately by written notice of the aggrieved party to the other.
- q. Termination for Convenience. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notification. Upon such termination, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of such termination.
- r. Termination for Non-Availability of Funds. AOC's ability to make payments is contingent on availability of funding. In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date and prior to completion or expiration date of this Agreement, AOC, at its sole discretion, may elect to terminate the Agreement, in whole or part, for convenience or to renegotiate the Agreement subject to new funding limitations and conditions. AOC may also elect to suspend performance of the Agreement until AOC determines the funding insufficiency is resolved. AOC may exercise any of these options with no notification restrictions, although AOC will make a reasonable attempt to provide notice.

In the event of termination or suspension, AOC will reimburse eligible costs incurred by the Agency through the effective date of termination or suspension. Reimbursed costs must be agreed to by AOC and the Agency. In no event shall AOC's reimbursement exceed AOC's total responsibility under the agreement and any amendments.

- s. Suspension for Convenience. AOC may suspend this Agreement or any portion thereof for a temporary period by providing written notice to the Agency a minimum of seven (7) calendar days before the suspension date. Agency shall resume

performance on the first business day following the suspension period unless another day is specified in writing by AOC prior to the expiration of the suspension period.

- t. Waiver. A failure by either party to exercise its rights under this Agreement shall not preclude that party from subsequent exercise of such rights and shall not constitute a waiver of any other rights under this Agreement unless stated to be such in a writing signed by an authorized representative of the party and attached to the original Agreement.

EXECUTED AND EFFECTIVE as of the day and date first above written.

**WASHINGTON STATE ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICE OF THE COURTS**

**Whatcom County Superior Court  
FJCIP**

Dawn Marie Rubio 7/10/2025  
Signature Date

Satpal Sidhu 07/09/25  
Signature Date

Dawn Marie Rubio  
Name

Satpal Sidhu  
Name

WA State Court Administrator  
Title

Whatcom County Executive  
Title