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Kinship Care Support Program	Increase the amount in the Kinship Care Support Program, a program that provides emergency financial assistance to low-income Kinship Caregivers caring for children outside of the child welfare system (aka informal kinship caregivers).	Not included in the Governor’s budget.  The request is: \$1.344m/year (in addition to the current \$1.344/yr)	\$600,000 Ongoing funding	\$800,000 One-time	\$600,000 Ongoing funding
Extended Foster Care (SB 6068)	Removes unnecessary barriers for young people entering Extended Foster Care and provides them with an increased Suitable Independent Living payment as well as providing a market rate housing subsidy.	Not included in the Governor’s budget	\$1.2M	Not included	\$1.131

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Shelter Care Early Engagement Project (OPD)	The Office of Public Defense would be allocated funding to oversee a program in 5 counties whereby a social services worker would be assigned to a case, along with the attorney, at the initial shelter care hearing. The goal is to have fewer or shorter out of home placements.	\$883,219	Not included	\$400,000	<p><del>\$400,000</del></p> <p>Funding vetoed by Governor Inslee because he found it is “duplicative of the casework provided by the social workers at the Department of Children, Youth and Families. This duplication may confuse and delay family participation in the services and supports needed to ensure safe and timely reunification.”</p>
Conditional Scholarship Evaluation	Conduct a longitudinal study with a cohort of clinicians who have received a conditional	<p>Not included in the Governor’s budget.</p> <p>Request- \$250k</p>	Not included	\$250,000	\$250,000

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	scholarship and as a result have an obligation to share workforce data. This approach will address the overall effectiveness of the conditional grant program, while providing valuable insights on how to improve clinical training, how to better support underserved communities, and how to track progress regarding diversifying Washington’s public behavioral workforce.				
Children and Youth BH Workgroup Priorities	The Children and Youth BH Workgroup has 11 priorities and a number of support	Some are included in the Governor’s budget; however, a number of the priorities are not.	Included in a separate chart	Included in a separate chart	Included in a separate chart

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	items. While some of the priorities will be captured in bills, the majority are budget only.				
Family Preservation Services (FPS) Rate Increase	Increase the rate in order to maintain FPS capacity at the current level.	Not include in the Governor’s budget.  The request is: \$2.9m	Not included	\$1.75M	\$1.75M
Rising Strong	Bridge funding is needed for Rising Strong-Spokane to ensure that their operating needs are met while awaiting the results of the study (and action taken on the study) that will determine the rate needed to operate this program model (that serves parents with SUD who are	The Governor’s budget includes \$1.4m.	\$1.4M	\$1.4M	\$1.4M

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	involved in the child welfare system).				
Family Reconciliation Services (FRS) Rate Increase	Phase in community-based FRS around the state, contracting with providers to do assessments, direct services, connecting families to other services, etc.	Not included in the Governor’s budget; however, the DCYF decision package requested \$7.084m	Not included	Not included	Not included
SUD Residential Treatment Bed Rate	Increase the room and board rate for residential treatment providers and fund an independent study of residential SUD room and board expenses to set a target rate for '25-'27.	Not included in the Governor’s budget.  The request is: Rate - \$30m (will raise the rate from \$14.20/day to \$55/day.  Study – TBD	Not included	Not included	Not included
<b>Prevention Services/Investing in Families</b>	Increase services and supports for parents involved in the child	Various. Included funding for contracted child care and home visiting slots as	Various. E2SSB 6109 is funded	Not directly included (Note E2SSB 6109 is vehicle)	E2SSB 6109 and its services are funded, including:

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	welfare system who are dealing with SUD issues.	well as third-party safety planning			\$1.579M contracted child care slots \$1.6M contracted home visiting \$1.515 third-party safety planning w/ public health nurses \$1M for prenatal substance exposure \$875K for legal liaisons \$972K for Intercept \$743,000 Promotoras \$479,000 Administrative Office of the Courts
Public Health Nurse/Child Welfare Partnership Pilot					\$1.35M Public Health Nurse/Child Welfare partner/education