

Partners for Our Children (P4C) is a research and policy center that works to transform the child welfare system and create structural changes that are anti-racist and affirming of all families.

P4C aims to eliminate inequities and promote inter-generational family well-being by advancing research, evaluation and evidence-informed policy and practice. P4C does this work in collaboration with partners, communities and those with lived expertise.

P4C CORE ACTIVITIES

Collaborative Research, Evaluation and Intervention Development

- Advance collaborative, equity-driven, anti-racist research and disseminate findings to foster evidence-informed decision making for institutional and structural change
- Conduct responsive, applied research, guided by, co-created with, and focused on the urgent needs of those with lived expertise in the child welfare system
- Engage in policy implementation research and systems assessment for policy reform
- Develop, evaluate and scale training and interventions for child welfare workforce, parents, caregivers, and providers towards system reform
- Envision what could be, contribute to public discourse, and shape messaging to promote equity and child and family well-being

Evidence-informed Public Policy

- Advocate for anti-oppressive policies and practices in WA state and at the federal level
- Strategize, collaborate and engage in education to advance equity driven policy initiatives
- Collaborate with those with lived expertise to ensure policy recommendations are informed by diverse voices and grounded in the realities of communities
- Inform the local and national dialogue on state, federal, and judicial policy to promote child, family, and community well-being
- Translate research and other evidence into digestible and actionable findings for policy, practice and system reform
- Disseminate policy communications consistent with organizational purpose and priorities

P4C PROJECTS

PARTNERS FOR OUR CHILDREN LINKS RESEARCH, PRACTICE AND POLICY.

P4C conducts collaborative, equity driven research co-created with, and guided by, those with lived expertise in the child welfare system. *Learn more at partnersforourchildren.org.*

STRIVE PROGRAM

Since 2014, P4C has been working in close collaboration with the Washington State Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) to develop, test, and implement training to support parents and children in the context of family time. This collaboration led to the development of the **Strive Supervised Family Time Program** to increase the quality of visits between parents and their children, reduce trauma, and increase the likelihood of successful reunification.

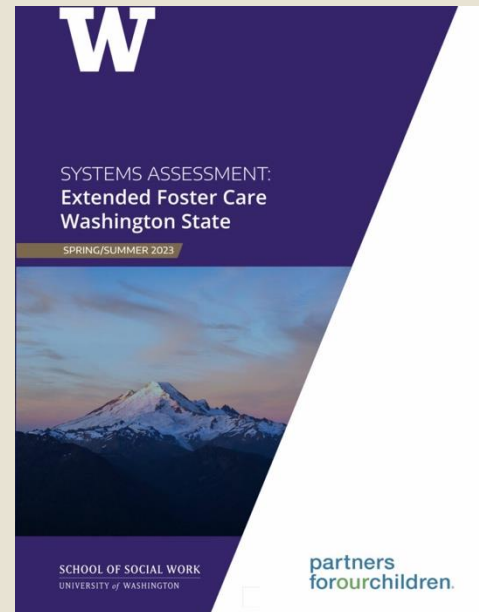
Strive now offers [an online training series](#) that provides affordable, accessible, and tailored training based on its tested and effective program. Rooted in a strengths-based, trauma-informed approach, the online training allows for self-directed and provides a cost-effective option for providers and parents, especially when an in-person program is not feasible.

TRAINING EVALUATION

The P4C Evaluation Team supports the Alliance for Professional Development, Training, and Caregiver Excellence and the Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program (CWTAP). CWTAP and the Alliance provide social work education and training for child welfare professionals and caregivers across Washington state. The P4C team provides critical research and evaluation support to strengthen child welfare professional development in service to improved outcomes for children and families impacted by the child welfare system.

P4C contributes to the field of child welfare education and training by understanding important trends and systematically evaluating training initiatives in Washington State. This work includes developing targeted evaluation studies, scanning literature, analyzing data, and sharing learning with child welfare evaluation colleagues.

SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT



Learn more and [download the report](#).

JOSHUA FOUNDATION

The Joshua Foundation at P4C seeks to prevent sexual abuse of children and youth, and improve community responses through collaborative research, scholarship, and the sharing of findings and best practices. The Foundation aims to support 1) prevention – including communication and outreach to disseminate research findings and best practices, 2) research and scholarship, including support of students and faculty at the UW, and 3) collaboration and coordination of activities at the University and with the community.

Funding supports activities which advance the prevention of child sexual abuse and help improve responses to child victims and adult survivors locally and globally. Focus areas include child sexual abuse and the child welfare system, and prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of youth.