



## How do we meet the needs of families and youth in crisis?

In 2018, the Washington Legislature requested that the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) partner with the Office of Homeless Youth (OHY) to outline a public system response to families and youth experiencing crisis in the absence of abuse and neglect (ESSB 6032). This presentation will provide an overview of the process used to make these recommendations including a literature review, data analysis, listening sessions, and surveys. The joint recommendations made by DCYF and OHY will be presented, with an opportunity for session participants to 1) provide guidance on how to implement these recommendations and 2) provide thoughts on additional ways, not included in the report, to best meet the needs of this population of youth and families. Updates on developments within DCYF to serve this population since the writing of this report will also be included.