

**Oversight Board for the Department Children, Youth and Families:
Stated Outcomes, Powers, and Work Activities One-Pager**

The Board is authorized for the purpose of monitoring and ensuring that DCYF achieves the stated outcomes, and complies with administrative acts, relevant statutes, rules, and policies pertaining to early learning, juvenile rehabilitation, juvenile justice, and children and family services (RCW 43.216.015)

STATED OUTCOMES:

1. Improving child development and school readiness through voluntary, high quality early learning opportunities;
 2. Preventing child abuse and neglect;
 3. Improving child and youth safety, permanency, and well-being;
 4. Improving reconciliation of children and youth with their families;
 5. Improving adolescent outcomes;
 6. Reducing future demand for mental health and substance use disorder treatment;
 7. Reducing criminal justice involvement and recidivism; and
 8. Reducing racial and ethnic disproportionality and disparities
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POWERS: that may be exercised by majority vote of the Board:

1. Receive reports of OFCO, for example: the Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities in Washington State report received April 2019
2. Obtain access to all relevant records in the possession of the OFCO, except as prohibited by law
3. Select officers and adoption of rules for orderly procedure (bylaws);
4. Request investigations by OFCO of administrative acts;
5. Request and receive information, outcome data, documents, materials and records from DCYF
6. Determine whether the department is achieving the performance measures for stated outcomes, with given metrics by family income, race and ethnicity
7. If final review is requested by a licensee, to review whether DCYF's licensors appropriately and consistently applied agency rules in child care facility licensing, with the authority to overturn, change, or uphold such decisions;
8. Conduct annual reviews of a sample of DCYF contracts for services from a variety of program and service areas to ensure that those contracts are performance-based
 - a. Assess the measures included in each contract
9. Conduct general oversight over the performance and policies of the department
 - a. Shall provide advice and input to DCYF and Governor's Office

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WORK ACTIVITIES:

**Stakeholder
Engagement**

- At least twice a year, focused on contracting, use of funds and other matters related to the duties of the department

Survey Review

- Review surveys from different parties to assess if services are being effectively administered. Conduct additional surveys as needed

Data Accessibility

- Work with DCYF to develop the most effective and cost-efficient ways to make department data available to the public, including through DCYF's web site

Annual Report

- Starting Dec 1st, 2019, submit an annual report that reviews DCYF's progress towards stated performance measures and desired performance outcomes, and review DCYF's strategic plan, policies & rules

**Performance
Review**

- Determine whether DCYF is achieving its performance measures

**Performance
Based Contracts
Review**

- Conduct annual reviews of a sample of DCYF contracts to ensure that those contracts are performance-based and to assess the measures included in each contract