

DCYF Legislative Update: 2021 Session Wrap Up

Welcome to today's webinar.

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We will begin shortly. Thank you!

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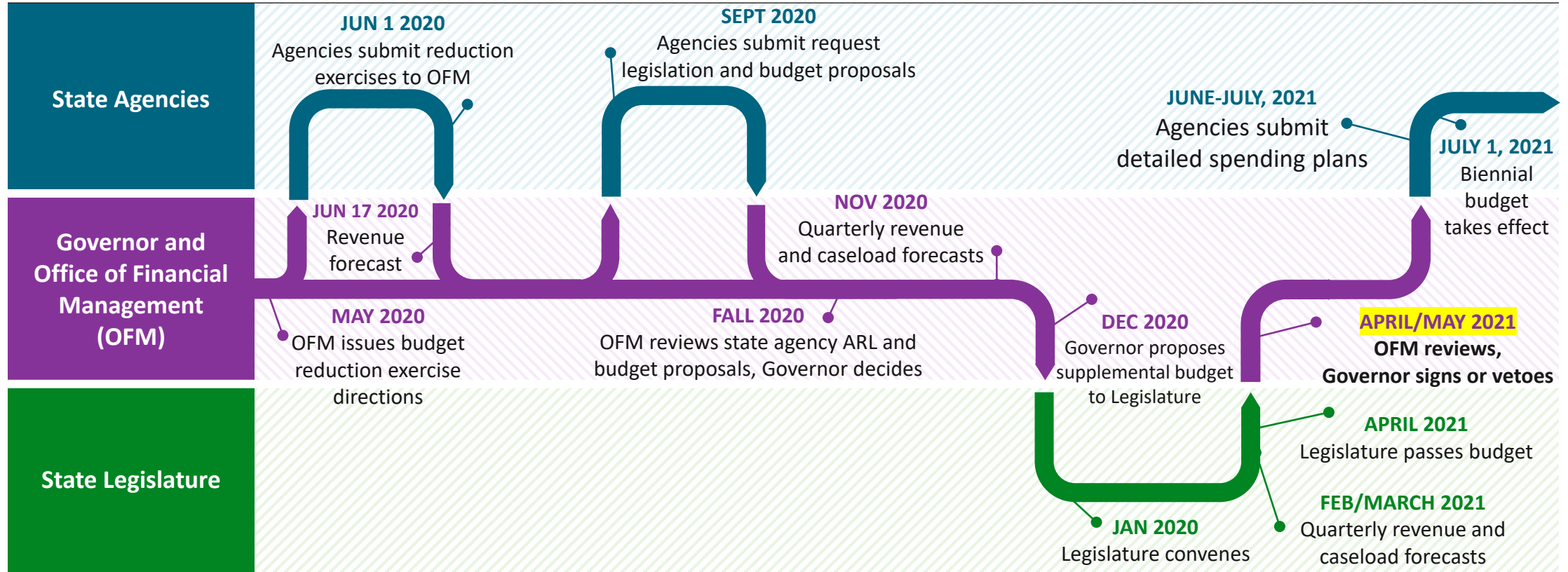
Agenda

- Session Updates – The Wrap Up
- Implementation – What to Expect

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State Budget Timeline



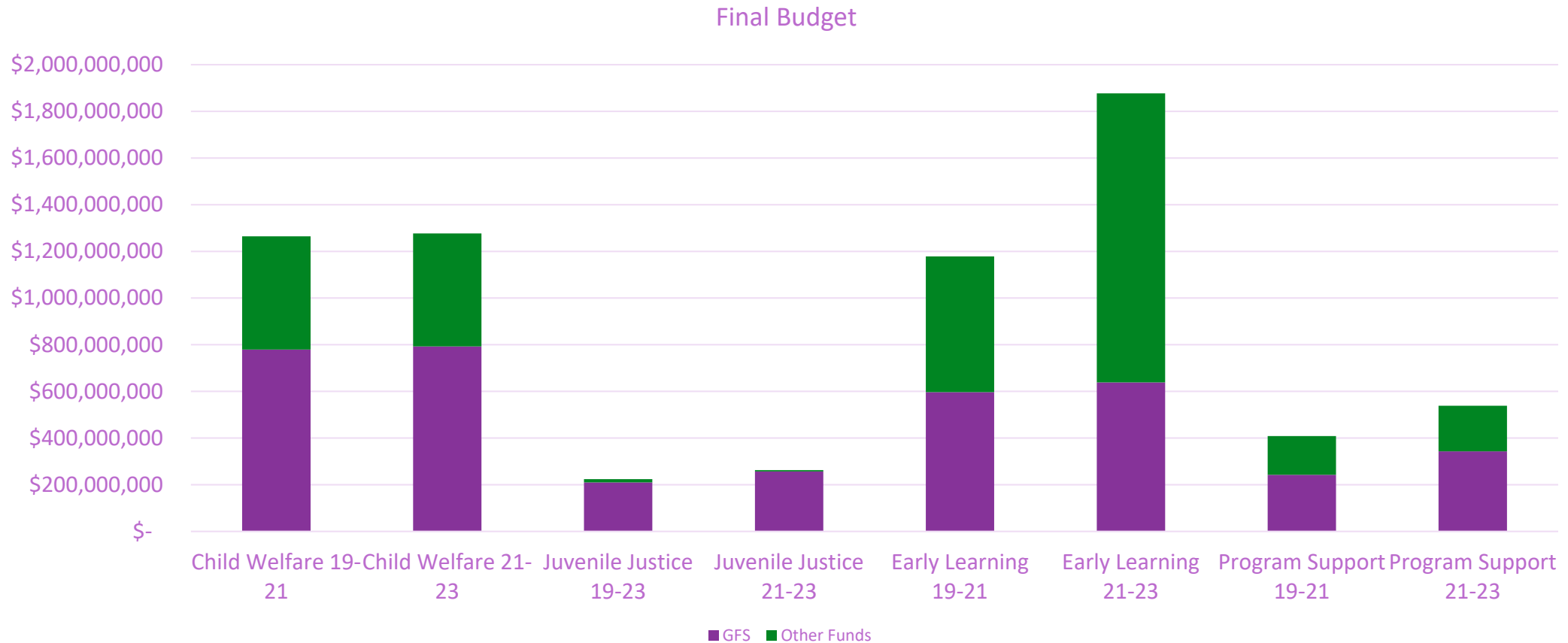
A Great Year for Children, Youth, and Families



- Expanded access to services for children, youth, and families
- Investment in equity and doing things differently
- Strong partners (lawmakers, advocates, stakeholders) who believed in the agency, the staff, and the mission
- A reflection of trust in the agency to live into the mission
- A strong economy coupled with federal relief for states



DCYF budget increases significantly despite reductions in caseload



Things to Keep in Mind

- Session concluded on April 25th, 2021
- DCYF is still unpacking all elements of budget items and policy changes.
- Implementation conversations are just beginning –
 - Creating shared understanding
 - Determining internal leadership
 - Developing project timelines



Safely Reduce Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care Policy and Budget Highlights

Bill Number	Summary
HB 1194	Strengthening parent-child visitation during child welfare proceedings. Requires DCYF to arrange a family visit within 72 hours of receiving a child into custody, and establishes a presumption that visit supervision will no longer be necessary at certain stages of the case.
HB 1227	Protecting the rights of families responding to allegations of abuse or neglect of a child. Increases the evidentiary standard for removing a child to imminent physical harm and requires DCYF to take certain steps to prioritize placement with relatives or suitable persons.



Safely Reduce Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Policy and Budget Highlights

	Final Budget
FFPSA Plan Implementation – authority to implement the FFTA grant.	\$5.8 M
Wendy’s Wonderful Kids – ongoing funding is provided to DCYF to facilitate placement of legally-free youth through adoption in partnership with Dave Thomas Foundation.	\$1.2 M
Concrete Goods and Services – support for children and families at risk of impacted by COVID-19 through CBO partnerships and direct family grants.	\$9.5 M
Community Prevention Pilot – funding is provided to contract with a non-profit provider with expertise in a prevention pilot, in Pierce Co, to prevent child abuse and neglect.	\$1.7 M
Family Connections Program – ongoing funding is provided to implement HB 2525 (2020) the Family Connections Program.	\$1.3 M



Create Successful Transitions to Adulthood

Policy and Budget Highlights

Bill Number	Summary
HB 1061	Concerning youth eligible for developmental disability services who are expected to exit the child welfare system. Requires additional cross agency shared planning meeting at age 16.5 for youth with developmental disabilities likely to age out of foster care.
HB 1295	Providing public education to youth in or released from institutional education facilities. Continues the work of the Institutional Education Task Force to make recommendations on how to improve institutional ed. OSPI is the lead agency, DCYF works in partnership.
SB 5118	Supporting Successful Reentry. Implements many elements related to reentry including health care notification, and community facility citing.
HB 1186	Establishing the Community Transitions Service Program. DCYF establishes a least restrictive option for young people serving under the agency care and custody that allows the obligation to be served in their own community with wrap around and therapeutic supports.



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	Final Budget
YV LifeSet – contract with a community based provider to offer YV LifeSet.	\$1.1 M
Community Reentry for All JR Youth – funding provided to increase efforts around least restrictive environment and supporting transitions. Funding includes: staffing in CF’s, supports for young people exiting care, complete the risk assessment tool including validation.	\$9.5 M
Team Child Project – funding is provided to increase legal advocacy for young people.	\$1.3 M
Youth Development Workgroup - Convene a workgroup to assess and provide recommendations for creating new infrastructure and funding streams that support youth development.	\$130k
JR to 25 – Funding is provided to implement HB 1646 (2019) including staffing, programing and legal sentence review.	\$3.25 M
Transitions from Care and Independent Living – one-time funding for DCYF to create and implement a new approach to transition planning & independent living programs (7 FTE).	\$1.9 M



Create a High-Quality, Integrated B-8 System Policy and Budget Highlights

Bill Number	Summary
SB 5151	Concerning foster care and child care licensing by the department of children, youth, and families. New work primarily focused on implementing child specific licenses. Adds outdoor nature based early learning to law.
SB 5237	Fair Start For Kids Act – concerning early care and education. Expansion of services and increase to rates in WCCC and ECEAP; increases to other EL services like HV, ECLIPSE, and play and learn groups; expansion of scope of ELAC; increase in licensing technical assistance; creation of numerous grants and rate enhancement programs; increase in data and accountability reports.
	Indian Child Definition – in partnership with Tribal partners establish a definition of Indian child for ECEAP entitlement.
	Family Child Care licensing minimums – directs DCYF to offer child care licensing waivers to FCC to serve over 12 children when certain conditions are met.



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Policy and Budget Highlights

	Final Budget
ECEAP Slot Expansion – 500 slots in FY 22 and 750 slots in FY 23 (totaling 15,912 slots at the end of the biennium).	\$25 M
ECEAP Entitlement and Integration - Funding is provided to develop a plan to achieve statewide ECEAP entitlement and to continue collaboration with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to complete a report with options and recommendations to align all high-quality early learning programs administered by both agencies for the purpose of integrated classes.	\$1.01 M
ECEAP Entitlement – delayed ECEAP entitlement to FY 2027, the 26/27 school year. Adds new populations eligible for ECEAP entitlement.	(\$58 M)
Summer ECEAP Funding – one time funding is provided for ECEAP services for 468 slots w/ delayed start dates.	\$900k



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Policy and Budget Highlights

	Final Budget
WCCC Eligibility Expansion – expands access to families at or below 60% SMI effective October 1, 2021.	\$17.4 M
WCCC Student Parents Expansion – expands the definition for some student parents exempt from the work requirement.	\$8.8 M
WCCC Copayment Structure - co-payment is capped at \$115 for the 21-23 biennium then changes in FY 23 to a new schedule.	\$76.7 M



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	Final Budget
Family Resource and Referral System – funding for the state-wide resource and referral.	\$530k
Expand ECLIPSE – funding is provided to expand ECLIPSE services, directs geographic expansion and encouraged Department referrals.	\$5 M
Employer supported care – funding is provided to implement the employer supported child care sections of Fair Start. Department of Commerce is the primary lead of the work, DCYF is a partner.	\$830k
Organizational CC Licenses Pilot – funding is provide for DCYF to implement a pilot project to establish a multi-site child care license.	\$414k



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Home Visiting Expansion – expansion in FY 22 and FY 23. New proviso to include reporting requirements and timeline for contract execution.	\$8 M
Family Child Care CBA – implement the funded CBA.	\$6.4 M
Play and Learn Groups – funding is provided for culturally and linguistically facilitated play and learn groups for family, friend, and neighbor caregivers for young children.	\$860k
Early ECEAP Expansion – funding is provided to expand access to early ECEAP.	\$3.8 M



Improve Quality and Availability of Provider Services

Policy and Budget Highlights

	Final Budget
Complex Needs Funds – funding for two complex needs funds for providers to promote inclusive, least restrictive environments and support individual child needs. One fund is for ECEAP and Early ECEAP providers and one fund is for child care providers.	\$9.6 M
Trauma Informed Care Supports – funding provided to develop and support approaches to trauma informed care by early learning providers.	\$2.8 M
Dual Language Rate Enhancement – funding provided to establish and implement a dual language rate enhancement for early learning providers offering bilingual instruction. Rate effective July 1, 2022.	\$3.38 M
Equity Grants – funding provided to establish and implement an equity grant program to support inclusive, culturally and linguistically specific early learning.	\$5.3 M
Professional Development – funding for scholarships, EA pathways, and other PD supports for child care providers. Funds may be contracted out to nonprofit organizations who offer relationship based PD for FFN, FCC or center based providers.	\$8 M

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Policy and Budget Highlights

	Final Budget
Child Placing Agency Rate Increase (7.5%) – effective July 1, 2021.	\$923 K
ECEAP Rate increase – 10% rate increase effective July 1 2021 and annual inflationary adjustments.	\$30 M
WCCC Provider Rate Increase – increases rates to the 85 th percentile July 1, 2021.	\$116.8 M
Infant Rate Enhancement – 5% rate increase for infant care.	\$2.52 M
Mental Health Consultation – funding is provided to expand the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health consultation supports for child care providers by adding six consultants and one coordinator.	\$2.4 M

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Improve Quality and Intention of Practice Policy and Budget Highlights

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Technical Assistance for facilities fund – funding is provide for DCYF to provide technical assistance to early learning providers accessing the early learning facilities fund.	\$956k
Data Dashboards – one time funding for public-facing data tools DCYF will use to track equity goals and outcomes as part of early learning investments.	\$300k
ELAC and Oversight (incl. subgroup) – expands ELAC’s membership and role, establishes new reporting requirements for Fair Start implementation, establishes a temporary subgroup to develop model policy for licensing and make recommendations for incentivizing new child care.	\$543k
Process for Supporting Health Care Coverage for Child Care Providers – DCYF process to inform new child care staff of health coverage financial supports, and for DCYF to inform HBE navigators of new child care staff for outreach and enrollment support.	\$40k



Improve Quality and Intention of Practice Policy and Budget Highlights

	Final Budget
Language Access Planning - DCYF to develop Language Access plan to address equity for immigrant, multilingual providers, caregivers, and families.	\$250k
Caseworker Caseload Ratios - 119 new FTE to support reduced caseloads.	\$11.5 M
JR Behavioral Health – funding for substance use dependency professionals and DBT therapy specialists to full implement SUD and DBT components of the Integrated Treatment Model.	\$5.6 M
Implementation Costs – SSPS changes and Replacement.	\$22.5 M



Other Policy Changes of Note

Bill Number	Summary
HB 1219	Establishes the appointment of counsel for children and youth in dependency. Phased in over time.
HB 1221	Standardizes the definition of homelessness. Creates a consistent definition of homelessness for many programs and services.
HB 1237	Family Resource Centers. Establishes and definition and framework for family resource centers.
SB 5331	Early Childhood Court Programs. Establishes standards and a framework for early childhood court programs. Requires certain activities and trainings for the court programs, and professionals involved.
SB 5184	Establishes a building point of contact for in all K-12 public schools for students in foster care.



Capital Budget – Juvenile Rehabilitation

Project	FINAL Budget
Purchase Touchstone Community Facility	\$800k
Green Hill School Recreation Building Replacement	\$29.96 M
Green Hill School Baker North Living Unit Remodel	\$6.6 M
Echo Glen Acute Mental Health Unit re-appropriation	\$7 M
Minor Works Re-appropriation	\$750k
Minor Works Preservation	\$761k



Capital Budget – Early Learning

Project	FINAL Budget
Competitive Grants to purchase, construct, or modernize facilities to add capacity for WCCC and ECEAP – Commerce	\$23,911,000
Technical assistance for early learning facilities (4% of the above allocation) – DCYF	\$956k
Grants and loans to add capacity for WCCC and ECEAP – WELL Fund	\$7.5 M
Grants for minor renovations and small capital purchases and projects to support operations during and after COVID-19 emergency – Commerce + WELL Fund	\$10 M – COM \$8.5 M – WELL Fund
Grants to school districts (funding of previous round of applicants)	\$4.719 M
Member projects	\$1.08 M
Total Early Learning Facilities Grants and Loans Investment	\$55.719 M



Authorized One Time Federal Increases

Grant	Grant Award Amount
Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)	\$477 M
Child Care Stabilization Grant	\$391 M
Chaffee – Transition to Adulthood	\$8.7 M
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)	\$5.6 M
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	\$5.5 M
Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)	\$2.2 M
Title IVB	\$2.2 M
Education Training Voucher (ETV)	\$1.2 M
Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)	\$3 M
FMAP Increase (CCDF, Title IV-E, Title XIX)	Entitlement – additional 6.2% federal earned on allowable expenditures



Just Starting - Implementation Process 2021

Implementation Scoping Meeting Logistics

Government Affairs will schedule and facilitate the first scoping meeting on each bill, proviso or like cluster of bills and provisos.

Scoping meetings will occur between May 10th and May 28th

What to expect for internal staff:

Walk through of bill sections, key elements and deliverables to create shared understanding on implementation planning.

Identification of the following for the bill/bill sections:

- Who's in charge
- Timeline
- Funding
- Rules and policy needs
- IT changes and updates
- Communications plans
- Stakeholder engagement

Discuss any unresolved concerns (legal or otherwise) that everyone needs to be aware of.

Decide frequency of check-ins (if needed) and next steps.



Implementation Meetings will cover questions such as:

- What are **major milestones** mandated in the bill or are necessitated by requirements of the bill?
- How may the **funding** be spent?
- Who are the internal and external audiences, what are the **types of information** which need to be shared about the implementation of the bill?
- What **stakeholders** need to be involved in the implementation, to what degree (informed, consulted, co-creators, etc.) and who's in charge of this work?



Thank you!

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