

# Combined In-Home and Transition Services

## 2023-25 Decision Package

This Decision Package includes investments in combined in-home and transition services allowing for increased access to services for clients across divisions of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). Combined in-home services serve families involved in child welfare through prevention or reunification. Transition services are available to young people exiting the child welfare or juvenile rehabilitation systems.

### OVERVIEW:

- ✓ DCYF is seeking to lay the foundation for a robust continuum of services that allow families to seamlessly access needed services.
- ✓ The existing service capacity is not meeting current demand and recent legislation and court cases are continuing to create additional demand for services provided to DCYF clients.
- ✓ Services must be culturally responsive and tailored to meet the needs of Native American and Black communities that are disproportionately represented in child welfare.
- ✓ Young people need additional supports and services to successfully transition into adulthood from the child welfare and juvenile rehabilitation systems.

### COMPONENTS:

- ✓ **In-Home Services Expansion and Quality Improvement – \$11.8M**
  - Combined in-home service expansion, including funding specifically dedicated to culturally responsive services
  - Capacity-building grants to bring on new providers and provide quality improvement supports to providers
- ✓ **Transition Services – \$5.8M**
  - Expansion of independent living services for young people transitioning from child welfare and juvenile rehabilitation with the goal of supporting young people to transition into adulthood.
  - Lifeset expansion to eight sites across the state and maintain current investment in two existing sites

### DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity
- Safely reduce the number/rate of children in out-of-home care

### COST:

2023-25 Biennium: \$15.4M

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