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1 AN ACT Relating to family support centers; adding a new section to
2 chapter 43.121 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the family
5 support centers currently operating in Washington state are effectively
6 providing support to families. The legislature further finds that
7 these centers are positively responding to needs identified by the
8 families and communities served by the center and are therefore
9 empowering those families and communities. It is the intent of the
10 legislature to give timber-dependent communities the means to support
11 and empower their families, particularly those families experiencing
12 stress related to job loss, through the establishment of family support
13 centers in those communities.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.121 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The council shall contract for the operation of community-based
4 family support centers. The council shall identify areas of need for
5 such centers in timber-dependent communities and give priority to
6 establishing centers in these locations. The council shall also give
7 priority to applications from communities with high timber unemployment
8 rates.

9 (1) Applicants for grants to operate a family support center shall
10 be part of a community interagency team made up of private nonprofit or
11 public agencies currently providing one or more of the services
12 described in subsection (4) of this section. A lead agency shall be
13 designated by the team as the grantee. Agencies participating in the
14 team shall execute written interagency agreements regarding referrals
15 and coordination of services.

16 (2) Family support centers shall be operated at a location in the
17 community that is accessible to families.

18 (3) In awarding grants, preference shall be given to applications
19 that provide for locating the family support center at or near a job
20 retraining center.

21 (4) Family support centers shall provide, at a minimum, parent
22 support services. In addition, centers shall provide other services
23 identified by the community to support families. Such services may
24 include, but are not limited to, parenting education, child development
25 assessments, health and nutrition education, counseling, and
26 information and referral services. Such services may be provided
27 directly by the center or through referral to other agencies
28 participating in the interagency team. Child care services shall be
29 available at the center for children while their parents are using the
30 center.

1 (5) Twenty-five percent of the funding for a family support center
2 shall be community matching funds provided by public or private
3 entities in the community that will be served by the center.
4 Contributions of materials, supplies, or physical facilities may be
5 considered as all or part of the funding provided by the community.