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1 AN ACT Relating to therapeutic child care services; amending RCW  
2 74.14B.040; amending 1993 sp.s. c 24 s 202 (uncodified); creating a new  
3 section; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that therapeutic child  
6 care services have been shown to be effective in preventing delinquent  
7 and aggressive behavior, drug and alcohol use, and involvement in  
8 violent crime by children who have been abused or neglected. The  
9 legislature further finds that state general fund savings will be  
10 realized through the receipt of federal medical assistance matching  
11 payments for therapeutic child care services. It is the intent of the  
12 legislature that these general fund state savings be used to continue  
13 to support abused or neglected children who have received intensive  
14 therapeutic child care services and are living with their parents,  
15 other family members, or in foster care.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.14B.040 and 1987 c 503 s 13 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

1 (1) The department shall, within funds appropriated for this  
2 purpose, provide therapeutic ((day)) child care and day treatment to  
3 children who have been abused or neglected and meet program eligibility  
4 criteria.

5 (2) As used in this section, "therapeutic child care" means  
6 services provided to abused or neglected children and their families  
7 referred by child protective services in the context of a child care  
8 setting to protect children from further maltreatment and remediate the  
9 effects of past maltreatment. Such services may include, but are not  
10 limited to: Transportation to and from the therapeutic child care  
11 program; development and implementation of an individualized  
12 developmental plan for each child served in the program; counseling and  
13 parent instruction for the family; play therapy for the child; physical  
14 examinations and nursing services; and home visits. Counseling and  
15 parent instruction in the home setting may be provided as transitional  
16 services to children and families who are no longer receiving  
17 therapeutic services at the site of the therapeutic child care program.

18 **Sec. 3.** 1993 sp.s. c 24 s 202 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES--CHILDREN AND FAMILY**  
21 **SERVICES PROGRAM**

22	General Fund--State Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 292,004,000
23	General Fund--Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 193,407,000
24	Drug Enforcement and Education Account Appropriation	\$ 3,722,000
25	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$ 489,133,000

26 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
27 conditions and limitations:

28 (1) \$854,000 of the drug enforcement and education account  
29 appropriation and \$300,000 of the general fund--state appropriation are  
30 provided solely to contract for the operation of one pediatric interim  
31 care facility. The facility shall provide residential care for up to  
32 twelve children through two years of age. Seventy-five percent of the  
33 children served by the facility must be in need of special care as a  
34 result of substance abuse by their mothers. The facility also shall  
35 provide on-site training to biological, adoptive, or foster parents.  
36 The facility shall provide at least three months of consultation and  
37 support to parents accepting placement of children from the facility.  
38 The facility may recruit new and current foster and adoptive parents

1 for infants served by the facility. The department shall not require  
2 case management as a condition of the contract.

3 (2) \$700,000 of the general fund--state appropriation and \$262,000  
4 of the drug enforcement and education account appropriation are  
5 provided solely for up to three nonfacility based programs for the  
6 training, consultation, support, and recruitment of biological, foster,  
7 and adoptive parents of children through age three in need of special  
8 care as a result of substance abuse by their mothers, except that each  
9 program may serve up to three medically fragile nonsubstance-abuse-  
10 affected children. In selecting nonfacility based programs, preference  
11 shall be given to programs whose federal or private funding sources  
12 have expired or have successfully performed under the existing  
13 pediatric interim care program.

14 (3) In the event that the department consolidates children's  
15 services offices, the department shall ensure that services continue to  
16 be accessible to isolated communities.

17 (4) \$14,984,000 of the general fund--state appropriation and  
18 \$14,632,000 of the general fund--federal appropriation are provided to  
19 establish a state child care block grant by July 1, 1994. The  
20 department shall develop a plan for administering the block grant which  
21 shall include: (a) A state-wide distribution formula; (b) a block  
22 grant application process that encourages the cooperative efforts of  
23 local governments, resource and referral agencies, and other not-for-  
24 profit organizations involved with child care; (c) recommendations  
25 about cost-effective ways to administer child care subsidies in rural  
26 areas of the state; and (d) recommendations for the percentage of the  
27 grant to be used for local administration. The plan shall be presented  
28 to the appropriate legislative committees by January 1, 1994.

29 (5) The department shall coordinate funding totaling \$400,000 from  
30 all available sources to initiate a residential teen welfare protection  
31 program in an urban county with a population over 550,000. The program  
32 shall be designed to improve employment and parenting skills of teenage  
33 mothers to reduce long-term welfare dependence. The department shall  
34 select a provider with experience in providing residential services to  
35 adolescent mothers and their infants.

36 (6) The family policy council under chapter 70.190 RCW shall  
37 establish procedures for locating appropriate counseling staff of  
38 participating agencies in public schools.

1        (~~(8)~~) (7) \$8,792,000 of the general fund--state appropriation is  
2 provided solely to implement the following programs: \$385,000 of this  
3 amount is provided for the medical training project on the evaluation  
4 and care of child sexual abuse, \$4,784,000 of this amount is provided  
5 for contracts for domestic violence shelters and comprehensive domestic  
6 violence service planning, \$2,841,000 of this amount is provided for  
7 early identification and treatment of child sexual abuse, and \$782,000  
8 of this amount is provided for sexual assault centers.

9        (8) \$600,000 of the general fund--state appropriation is provided  
10 solely for therapeutic child care transitional services to children and  
11 families who are no longer receiving therapeutic services at the site  
12 of the therapeutic child care program.

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