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1 AN ACT Relating to information sharing regarding implementation  
2 the homeless youth prevention and protection act of 2015; amending  
3 RCW 43.185C.010, 43.185C.250, 43.185C.260, 43.185C.285, 43.185C.295,  
4 43.185C.315, and 43.185C.320; and reenacting and amending RCW  
5 13.50.010.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.50.010 and 2016 c 93 s 2, 2016 c 72 s 109, and  
8 2016 c 71 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

9 (1) For purposes of this chapter:

10 (a) "Good faith effort to pay" means a juvenile offender has  
11 either (i) paid the principal amount in full; (ii) made at least  
12 eighty percent of the value of full monthly payments within the  
13 period from disposition or deferred disposition until the time the  
14 amount of restitution owed is under review; or (iii) can show good  
15 cause why he or she paid an amount less than eighty percent of the  
16 value of full monthly payments;

17 (b) "Juvenile justice or care agency" means any of the following:  
18 Police, diversion units, court, prosecuting attorney, defense  
19 attorney, detention center, attorney general, the legislative  
20 children's oversight committee, the office of the family and  
21 children's ombuds, the department of social and health services and

1 its contracting agencies, schools; persons or public or private  
2 agencies having children committed to their custody; and any  
3 placement oversight committee created under RCW 72.05.415;

4 (c) "Official juvenile court file" means the legal file of the  
5 juvenile court containing the petition or information, motions,  
6 memorandums, briefs, notices of hearing or appearance, service  
7 documents, witness and exhibit lists, findings of the court and court  
8 orders, agreements, judgments, decrees, notices of appeal, as well as  
9 documents prepared by the clerk, including court minutes, letters,  
10 warrants, waivers, affidavits, declarations, invoices, and the index  
11 to clerk papers;

12 (d) "Records" means the official juvenile court file, the social  
13 file, and records of any other juvenile justice or care agency in the  
14 case;

15 (e) "Social file" means the juvenile court file containing the  
16 records and reports of the probation counselor.

17 (2) Each petition or information filed with the court may include  
18 only one juvenile and each petition or information shall be filed  
19 under a separate docket number. The social file shall be filed  
20 separately from the official juvenile court file.

21 (3) It is the duty of any juvenile justice or care agency to  
22 maintain accurate records. To this end:

23 (a) The agency may never knowingly record inaccurate information.  
24 Any information in records maintained by the department of social and  
25 health services relating to a petition filed pursuant to chapter  
26 13.34 RCW that is found by the court to be false or inaccurate shall  
27 be corrected or expunged from such records by the agency;

28 (b) An agency shall take reasonable steps to assure the security  
29 of its records and prevent tampering with them; and

30 (c) An agency shall make reasonable efforts to insure the  
31 completeness of its records, including action taken by other agencies  
32 with respect to matters in its files.

33 (4) Each juvenile justice or care agency shall implement  
34 procedures consistent with the provisions of this chapter to  
35 facilitate inquiries concerning records.

36 (5) Any person who has reasonable cause to believe information  
37 concerning that person is included in the records of a juvenile  
38 justice or care agency and who has been denied access to those  
39 records by the agency may make a motion to the court for an order  
40 authorizing that person to inspect the juvenile justice or care

1 agency record concerning that person. The court shall grant the  
2 motion to examine records unless it finds that in the interests of  
3 justice or in the best interests of the juvenile the records or parts  
4 of them should remain confidential.

5 (6) A juvenile, or his or her parents, or any person who has  
6 reasonable cause to believe information concerning that person is  
7 included in the records of a juvenile justice or care agency may make  
8 a motion to the court challenging the accuracy of any information  
9 concerning the moving party in the record or challenging the  
10 continued possession of the record by the agency. If the court grants  
11 the motion, it shall order the record or information to be corrected  
12 or destroyed.

13 (7) The person making a motion under subsection (5) or (6) of  
14 this section shall give reasonable notice of the motion to all  
15 parties to the original action and to any agency whose records will  
16 be affected by the motion.

17 (8) The court may permit inspection of records by, or release of  
18 information to, any clinic, hospital, or agency which has the subject  
19 person under care or treatment. The court may also permit inspection  
20 by or release to individuals or agencies, including juvenile justice  
21 advisory committees of county law and justice councils, engaged in  
22 legitimate research for educational, scientific, or public purposes.  
23 Each person granted permission to inspect juvenile justice or care  
24 agency records for research purposes shall present a notarized  
25 statement to the court stating that the names of juveniles and  
26 parents will remain confidential.

27 (9) The court shall release to the caseload forecast council the  
28 records needed for its research and data-gathering functions. Access  
29 to caseload forecast data may be permitted by the council for  
30 research purposes only if the anonymity of all persons mentioned in  
31 the records or information will be preserved.

32 (10) Juvenile detention facilities shall release records to the  
33 caseload forecast council upon request. The commission shall not  
34 disclose the names of any juveniles or parents mentioned in the  
35 records without the named individual's written permission.

36 (11) Requirements in this chapter relating to the court's  
37 authority to compel disclosure shall not apply to the legislative  
38 children's oversight committee or the office of the family and  
39 children's ombuds.

1 (12) For the purpose of research only, the administrative office  
2 of the courts shall maintain an electronic research copy of all  
3 records in the judicial information system related to juveniles.  
4 Access to the research copy is restricted to the administrative  
5 office of the courts for research purposes as authorized by the  
6 supreme court or by state statute. The administrative office of the  
7 courts shall maintain the confidentiality of all confidential records  
8 and shall preserve the anonymity of all persons identified in the  
9 research copy. Data contained in the research copy may be shared with  
10 other governmental agencies as authorized by state statute, pursuant  
11 to data-sharing and research agreements, and consistent with  
12 applicable security and confidentiality requirements. The research  
13 copy may not be subject to any records retention schedule and must  
14 include records destroyed or removed from the judicial information  
15 system pursuant to RCW 13.50.270 and 13.50.100(3).

16 (13) The court shall release to the Washington state office of  
17 public defense records needed to implement the agency's oversight,  
18 technical assistance, and other functions as required by RCW  
19 2.70.020. Access to the records used as a basis for oversight,  
20 technical assistance, or other agency functions is restricted to the  
21 Washington state office of public defense. The Washington state  
22 office of public defense shall maintain the confidentiality of all  
23 confidential information included in the records.

24 (14) The court shall release to the Washington state office of  
25 civil legal aid records needed to implement the agency's oversight,  
26 technical assistance, and other functions as required by RCW  
27 2.53.045. Access to the records used as a basis for oversight,  
28 technical assistance, or other agency functions is restricted to the  
29 Washington state office of civil legal aid. The Washington state  
30 office of civil legal aid shall maintain the confidentiality of all  
31 confidential information included in the records, and shall, as soon  
32 as possible, destroy any retained notes or records obtained under  
33 this section that are not necessary for its functions related to RCW  
34 2.53.045.

35 (15) For purposes of providing for the educational success of  
36 youth in foster care, the department of social and health services  
37 may disclose only those confidential child welfare records that  
38 pertain to or may assist with meeting the educational needs of foster  
39 youth to another state agency or state agency's contracted provider  
40 responsible under state law or contract for assisting foster youth to

1 attain educational success. The records retain their confidentiality  
2 pursuant to this chapter and federal law and cannot be further  
3 disclosed except as allowed under this chapter and federal law.

4 (16) For the purpose of providing for the service needs of youth  
5 who are in foster care, the department of social and health services  
6 may disclose to the department of commerce and its contracted  
7 providers responsible under state law or contract for providing  
8 services to youth, only those confidential child welfare records that  
9 pertain to or may assist with meeting the service needs of foster  
10 youth who are admitted to crisis residential centers or HOPE centers  
11 under contract with the office of homeless youth prevention and  
12 protection. Records disclosed under this subsection retain their  
13 confidentiality pursuant to this chapter and federal law and may not  
14 be further disclosed except as permitted by this chapter and federal  
15 law.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185C.010 and 2015 c 69 s 10 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
19 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

20 (1) "Administrator" means the individual who has the daily  
21 administrative responsibility of a crisis residential center.

22 (2) "Child in need of services petition" means a petition filed  
23 in juvenile court by a parent, child, or the department of social and  
24 health services seeking adjudication of placement of the child.

25 (3) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit private or public  
26 organization established under the economic opportunity act of 1964.

27 (4) "Crisis residential center" means a secure or semi-secure  
28 facility established pursuant to chapter 74.13 RCW.

29 (5) "Department" means the department of commerce.

30 (6) "Director" means the director of the department of commerce.

31 (7) "Home security fund account" means the state treasury account  
32 receiving the state's portion of income from revenue from the sources  
33 established by RCW 36.22.179, RCW 36.22.1791, and all other sources  
34 directed to the homeless housing and assistance program.

35 (8) "Homeless housing grant program" means the vehicle by which  
36 competitive grants are awarded by the department, utilizing moneys  
37 from the home security fund account, to local governments for  
38 programs directly related to housing homeless individuals and  
39 families, addressing the root causes of homelessness, preventing

1 homelessness, collecting data on homeless individuals, and other  
2 efforts directly related to housing homeless persons.

3 (9) "Homeless housing plan" means the ten-year plan developed by  
4 the county or other local government to address housing for homeless  
5 persons.

6 (10) "Homeless housing program" means the program authorized  
7 under this chapter as administered by the department at the state  
8 level and by the local government or its designated subcontractor at  
9 the local level.

10 (11) "Homeless housing strategic plan" means the ten-year plan  
11 developed by the department, in consultation with the interagency  
12 council on homelessness and the affordable housing advisory board.

13 (12) "Homeless person" means an individual living outside or in a  
14 building not meant for human habitation or which they have no legal  
15 right to occupy, in an emergency shelter, or in a temporary housing  
16 program which may include a transitional and supportive housing  
17 program if habitation time limits exist. This definition includes  
18 substance abusers, people with mental illness, and sex offenders who  
19 are homeless.

20 (13) "HOPE center" means an agency licensed by the secretary to  
21 provide temporary residential placement and other services to street  
22 youth. A street youth may remain in a HOPE center for thirty days  
23 while services are arranged and permanent placement is coordinated.  
24 No street youth may stay longer than thirty days unless approved by  
25 the department and any additional days approved by the department  
26 must be based on the unavailability of a long-term placement option.  
27 A street youth whose parent wants him or her returned to home may  
28 remain in a HOPE center until his or her parent arranges return of  
29 the youth, not longer. All other street youth must have court  
30 approval under chapter 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a HOPE center  
31 up to thirty days.

32 (14) "Housing authority" means any of the public corporations  
33 created by chapter 35.82 RCW.

34 (15) "Housing continuum" means the progression of individuals  
35 along a housing-focused continuum with homelessness at one end and  
36 homeownership at the other.

37 (16) "Interagency council on homelessness" means a committee  
38 appointed by the governor and consisting of, at least, policy level  
39 representatives of the following entities: (a) The department of  
40 commerce; (b) the department of corrections; (c) the department of

1 social and health services; (d) the department of veterans affairs;  
2 and (e) the department of health.

3 (17) "Local government" means a county government in the state of  
4 Washington or a city government, if the legislative authority of the  
5 city affirmatively elects to accept the responsibility for housing  
6 homeless persons within its borders.

7 (18) "Local homeless housing task force" means a voluntary local  
8 committee created to advise a local government on the creation of a  
9 local homeless housing plan and participate in a local homeless  
10 housing program. It must include a representative of the county, a  
11 representative of the largest city located within the county, at  
12 least one homeless or formerly homeless person, such other members as  
13 may be required to maintain eligibility for federal funding related  
14 to housing programs and services and if feasible, a representative of  
15 a private nonprofit organization with experience in low-income  
16 housing.

17 (19) "Long-term private or public housing" means subsidized and  
18 unsubsidized rental or owner-occupied housing in which there is no  
19 established time limit for habitation of less than two years.

20 (20) "Performance measurement" means the process of comparing  
21 specific measures of success against ultimate and interim goals.

22 (21) "Secure facility" means a crisis residential center, or  
23 portion thereof, that has locking doors, locking windows, or a  
24 secured perimeter, designed and operated to prevent a child from  
25 leaving without permission of the facility staff.

26 (22) "Semi-secure facility" means any facility including, but not  
27 limited to, crisis residential centers or specialized foster family  
28 homes, operated in a manner to reasonably assure that youth placed  
29 there will not run away. Pursuant to rules established by the  
30 department, the facility administrator shall establish reasonable  
31 hours for residents to come and go from the facility such that no  
32 residents are free to come and go at all hours of the day and night.  
33 To prevent residents from taking unreasonable actions, the facility  
34 administrator, where appropriate, may condition a resident's leaving  
35 the facility upon the resident being accompanied by the administrator  
36 or the administrator's designee and the resident may be required to  
37 notify the administrator or the administrator's designee of any  
38 intent to leave, his or her intended destination, and the probable  
39 time of his or her return to the center.

1 (23) "Staff secure facility" means a structured group care  
2 facility licensed under rules adopted by the department of social and  
3 health services with a ratio of at least one adult staff member to  
4 every two children.

5 (24) "Washington homeless census" means an annual statewide  
6 census conducted as a collaborative effort by towns, cities,  
7 counties, community-based organizations, and state agencies, with the  
8 technical support and coordination of the department, to count and  
9 collect data on all homeless individuals in Washington.

10 (25) "Washington homeless client management information system"  
11 means a database of information about homeless individuals in the  
12 state used to coordinate resources to assist homeless clients to  
13 obtain and retain housing and reach greater levels of self-  
14 sufficiency or economic independence when appropriate, depending upon  
15 their individual situations.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.185C.250 and 2015 c 69 s 11 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1)(a) The administrator of a crisis residential center may  
19 convene a multidisciplinary team, which is to be locally based and  
20 administered, at the request of a child placed at the center or the  
21 child's parent.

22 (b) If the administrator has reasonable cause to believe that a  
23 child is a child in need of services and the parent is unavailable or  
24 unwilling to continue efforts to maintain the family structure, the  
25 administrator shall immediately convene a multidisciplinary team.

26 (c) A parent may disband a team twenty-four hours, excluding  
27 weekends and holidays, after receiving notice of formation of the  
28 team under (b) of this subsection unless a petition has been filed  
29 under RCW 13.32A.140. If a petition has been filed the parent may not  
30 disband the team until the hearing is held under RCW 13.32A.179. The  
31 court may allow the team to continue if an out-of-home placement is  
32 ordered under RCW 13.32A.179(3). Upon the filing of an at-risk youth  
33 or dependency petition the team shall cease to exist, unless the  
34 parent requests continuation of the team or unless the out-of-home  
35 placement was ordered under RCW 13.32A.179(3).

36 (2) The (~~administrator~~) department shall request participation  
37 of appropriate state agencies to assist in the coordination and  
38 delivery of services through the multidisciplinary teams. Those  
39 agencies that agree to participate shall provide the (~~secretary~~)



1 director or the director's designee all information necessary to  
2 facilitate forming a multidisciplinary team and the (~~administrator~~)  
3 director or the director's designee shall provide this information to  
4 the administrator of each crisis residential center.

5 (3) The administrator shall also seek participation from  
6 representatives of mental health and drug and alcohol treatment  
7 providers as appropriate.

8 (4) A parent shall be advised of the request to form a  
9 multidisciplinary team and may select additional members of the  
10 multidisciplinary team. The parent or child may request any person or  
11 persons to participate including, but not limited to, educators, law  
12 enforcement personnel, court personnel, family therapists, licensed  
13 health care practitioners, social service providers, youth  
14 residential placement providers, other family members, church  
15 representatives, and members of their own community. The  
16 administrator shall assist in obtaining the prompt participation of  
17 persons requested by the parent or child.

18 (5) When an administrator of a crisis residential center requests  
19 the formation of a team, the state agencies must respond as soon as  
20 possible.

21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.185C.260 and 2015 c 69 s 13 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 (1) A law enforcement officer shall take a child into custody:

24 (a) If a law enforcement agency has been contacted by the parent  
25 of the child that the child is absent from parental custody without  
26 consent; or

27 (b) If a law enforcement officer reasonably believes, considering  
28 the child's age, the location, and the time of day, that a child is  
29 in circumstances which constitute a danger to the child's safety or  
30 that a child is violating a local curfew ordinance; or

31 (c) If an agency legally charged with the supervision of a child  
32 has notified a law enforcement agency that the child has run away  
33 from placement; or

34 (d) If a law enforcement agency has been notified by the juvenile  
35 court that the court finds probable cause exists to believe that the  
36 child has violated a court placement order issued under this chapter  
37 or chapter 13.34 RCW or that the court has issued an order for law  
38 enforcement pick-up of the child under this chapter or chapter 13.34  
39 RCW.

1 (2) Law enforcement custody shall not extend beyond the amount of  
2 time reasonably necessary to transport the child to a destination  
3 authorized by law and to place the child at that destination. Law  
4 enforcement custody continues until the law enforcement officer  
5 transfers custody to a person, agency, or other authorized entity  
6 under this chapter, or releases the child because no placement is  
7 available. Transfer of custody is not complete unless the person,  
8 agency, or entity to whom the child is released agrees to accept  
9 custody.

10 (3) If a law enforcement officer takes a child into custody  
11 pursuant to either subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section and  
12 transports the child to a crisis residential center, the officer  
13 shall, within twenty-four hours of delivering the child to the  
14 center, provide to the center a written report detailing the reasons  
15 the officer took the child into custody. The center shall provide the  
16 department of social and health services with a copy of the officer's  
17 report if the youth is in the care of or receiving services from the  
18 department of social and health services children's administration.

19 (4) If the law enforcement officer who initially takes the  
20 juvenile into custody or the staff of the crisis residential center  
21 have reasonable cause to believe that the child is absent from home  
22 because he or she is abused or neglected, a report shall be made  
23 immediately to the department of social and health services.

24 (5) Nothing in this section affects the authority of any  
25 political subdivision to make regulations concerning the conduct of  
26 minors in public places by ordinance or other local law.

27 (6) If a law enforcement officer has a reasonable suspicion that  
28 a child is being unlawfully harbored in violation of RCW 13.32A.080,  
29 the officer shall remove the child from the custody of the person  
30 harboring the child and shall transport the child to one of the  
31 locations specified in RCW 43.185C.265.

32 (7) No child may be placed in a secure facility except as  
33 provided in this chapter.

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.185C.285 and 2015 c 69 s 17 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 The administrator of a crisis residential center shall notify  
37 parents((~~τ~~)) and the appropriate law enforcement agency((~~τ~~, ~~and the~~  
38 ~~department of social and health services immediately~~)) as to any  
39 unauthorized leave from the center by a child placed at the center.

1 The administrator shall also notify the department of social and  
2 health services immediately as to any unauthorized leave from the  
3 center by a child who is in the care of or receiving services from  
4 the department of social and health services children's  
5 administration.

6 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.185C.295 and 2015 c 69 s 19 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The department shall establish, through performance-based  
9 contracts with private or public vendors, regional crisis residential  
10 centers with semi-secure facilities. These facilities shall be  
11 structured group care facilities licensed under rules adopted by the  
12 department of social and health services and shall have an average of  
13 at least four adult staff members and in no event less than three  
14 adult staff members to every eight children.

15 (2) Crisis residential centers must record client information  
16 into a homeless management information system specified by the  
17 department.

18 (3) Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the  
19 department shall establish, through performance-based contracts with  
20 private or public vendors, regional crisis residential centers with  
21 secure facilities. These facilities shall be facilities licensed  
22 under rules adopted by the department. These centers may also include  
23 semi-secure facilities and to such extent shall be subject to  
24 subsection (1) of this section.

25 (4) The department shall, in addition to the facilities  
26 established under subsections (1) and (2) of this section, establish  
27 additional crisis residential centers pursuant to performance-based  
28 contracts with licensed private group care facilities.

29 (5) The department is authorized to allow contracting entities to  
30 include a combination of secure or semi-secure crisis residential  
31 centers as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 and/or HOPE centers pursuant to  
32 RCW 43.185C.315 in the same building or structure. The department  
33 shall permit the colocation of these centers only if the entity  
34 operating the facility agrees to designate a particular number of  
35 beds to each type of center that is located within the building or  
36 structure.

37 (6) The staff at the facilities established under this section  
38 shall be trained so that they may effectively counsel juveniles  
39 admitted to the centers, provide treatment, supervision, and

1 structure to the juveniles that recognize the need for support and  
2 the varying circumstances that cause children to leave their  
3 families, and carry out the responsibilities stated in RCW  
4 43.185C.280.

5 (7) The secure facilities located within crisis residential  
6 centers shall be operated to conform with the definition in RCW  
7 13.32A.030. The facilities shall have an average of no less than one  
8 adult staff member to every ten children. The staffing ratio shall  
9 continue to ensure the safety of the children.

10 (8) If a secure crisis residential center is located in or  
11 adjacent to a secure juvenile detention facility, the center shall be  
12 operated in a manner that prevents in-person contact between the  
13 residents of the center and the persons held in such facility.

14 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.185C.315 and 2016 c 205 s 10 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The department shall establish HOPE centers that provide no  
17 more than seventy-five beds across the state and may establish HOPE  
18 centers by contract, within funds appropriated by the legislature  
19 specifically for this purpose. HOPE centers shall be operated in a  
20 manner to reasonably assure that street youth placed there will not  
21 run away. (~~Street youth may leave a HOPE center during the course of  
22 the day to attend school or other necessary appointments, but the  
23 street youth must be accompanied by an administrator or an  
24 administrator's designee. The street youth must provide the  
25 administration with specific information regarding his or her  
26 destination and expected time of return to the HOPE center.~~)

27 Pursuant to rules established by the facility administrator,  
28 residents may come and go from the facility at reasonable hours such  
29 that no residents are free to come and go at all hours of the day and  
30 night. The facility administrator, where appropriate, may condition a  
31 resident's leaving the facility upon the resident being accompanied  
32 by the administrator or the administrator's designee and the resident  
33 may be required to notify the administrator or the administrator's  
34 designee of any intent to leave, his or her intended destination, and  
35 the probable time of his or her return to the HOPE center. Any street  
36 youth who runs away from a HOPE center shall not be readmitted unless  
37 specifically authorized by the street youth's placement and liaison  
38 specialist, and the placement and liaison specialist shall document  
39 with specific factual findings an appropriate basis for readmitting

1 any street youth to a HOPE center. HOPE centers are required to have  
2 the following:

3 (a) A license issued by the department of social and health  
4 services;

5 (b) A professional with a master's degree in counseling, social  
6 work, or related field and at least one year of experience working  
7 with street youth or a bachelor of arts degree in social work or a  
8 related field and five years of experience working with street youth.  
9 This professional staff person may be contractual or a part-time  
10 employee, but must be available to work with street youth in a HOPE  
11 center at a ratio of one to every fifteen youth staying in a HOPE  
12 center. This professional shall be known as a placement and liaison  
13 specialist. Preference shall be given to those professionals cross-  
14 credentialed in mental health and chemical dependency. The placement  
15 and liaison specialist shall:

16 (i) Conduct an assessment of the street youth that includes a  
17 determination of the street youth's legal status regarding  
18 residential placement;

19 (ii) Facilitate the street youth's return to his or her legally  
20 authorized residence at the earliest possible date or initiate  
21 processes to arrange legally authorized appropriate placement. Any  
22 street youth who may meet the definition of dependent child under RCW  
23 13.34.030 must be referred to the department of social and health  
24 services. The department of social and health services shall  
25 determine whether a dependency petition should be filed under chapter  
26 13.34 RCW. A shelter care hearing must be held within seventy-two  
27 hours to authorize out-of-home placement for any youth the department  
28 of social and health services determines is appropriate for out-of-  
29 home placement under chapter 13.34 RCW. All of the provisions of  
30 chapter 13.32A RCW must be followed for children in need of services  
31 or at-risk youth;

32 (iii) Interface with other relevant resources and system  
33 representatives to secure long-term residential placement and other  
34 needed services for the street youth;

35 (iv) Be assigned immediately to each youth and meet with the  
36 youth within eight hours of the youth receiving HOPE center services;

37 (v) Facilitate a physical examination of any street youth who has  
38 not seen a physician within one year prior to residence at a HOPE  
39 center and facilitate evaluation by a county-designated mental health

1 professional, a chemical dependency specialist, or both if  
2 appropriate; and

3 (vi) Arrange an educational assessment to measure the street  
4 youth's competency level in reading, writing, and basic mathematics,  
5 and that will measure learning disabilities or special needs;

6 (c) Staff trained in development needs of street youth as  
7 determined by the department, including an administrator who is a  
8 professional with a master's degree in counseling, social work, or a  
9 related field and at least one year of experience working with street  
10 youth, or a bachelor of arts degree in social work or a related field  
11 and five years of experience working with street youth, who must work  
12 with the placement and liaison specialist to provide appropriate  
13 services on site;

14 (d) A data collection system that measures outcomes for the  
15 population served, and enables research and evaluation that can be  
16 used for future program development and service delivery. Data  
17 collection systems must have confidentiality rules and protocols  
18 developed by the department;

19 (e) Notification requirements that meet the notification  
20 requirements of chapter 13.32A RCW. The youth's arrival date and time  
21 must be logged at intake by HOPE center staff. The staff must  
22 immediately notify law enforcement and dependency caseworkers if a  
23 street youth runs away from a HOPE center. A child may be transferred  
24 to a secure facility as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 whenever the staff  
25 reasonably believes that a street youth is likely to leave the HOPE  
26 center and not return after full consideration of the factors set  
27 forth in RCW 43.185C.290(2)(a) (i) and (ii). The street youth's  
28 temporary placement in the HOPE center must be authorized by the  
29 court or the secretary of the department of social and health  
30 services if the youth is a dependent of the state under chapter 13.34  
31 RCW or the department of social and health services is responsible  
32 for the youth under chapter 13.32A RCW, or by the youth's parent or  
33 legal custodian, until such time as the parent can retrieve the youth  
34 who is returning to home;

35 (f) HOPE centers must identify to the department of social and  
36 health services any street youth it serves who is not returning  
37 promptly to home. The department of social and health services then  
38 must contact the missing children's clearinghouse identified in  
39 chapter 13.60 RCW and either report the youth's location or report  
40 that the youth is the subject of a dependency action and the parent

1 should receive notice from the department of social and health  
2 services; and

3 (g) Services that provide counseling and education to the street  
4 youth.

5 (2) The department shall award contracts for the operation of  
6 HOPE center beds with the goal of facilitating the coordination of  
7 services provided for youth by such programs and those services  
8 provided by secure and semi-secure crisis residential centers.

9 (3) Subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, the  
10 department must incrementally increase the number of available HOPE  
11 beds by at least seventeen beds in fiscal year 2017, at least  
12 seventeen beds in fiscal year 2018, and at least seventeen beds in  
13 fiscal year 2019, such that by July 1, 2019, seventy-five HOPE beds  
14 are established and operated throughout the state as set forth in  
15 subsection (1) of this section.

16 (4) Subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, the beds  
17 available in HOPE centers shall be increased incrementally beyond the  
18 limit of seventy-five set forth in subsection (1) of this section.  
19 The additional capacity shall be distributed around the state based  
20 upon need and, to the extent feasible, shall be geographically  
21 situated so that HOPE beds are available across the state. In  
22 determining the need for increased numbers of HOPE beds in a  
23 particular county or counties, one of the considerations should be  
24 the volume of truancy petitions filed there.

25 **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.185C.320 and 2016 c 205 s 11 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 To be eligible for placement in a HOPE center, a minor must be  
28 either a street youth, as that term is defined in this chapter, or a  
29 youth who, without placement in a HOPE center, will continue to  
30 participate in increasingly risky behavior, including truancy. Youth  
31 may also self-refer to a HOPE center. Payment for a HOPE center bed  
32 is not contingent upon prior approval by the department (~~(; however,~~  
33 ~~approval from the department of social and health services is needed~~  
34 ~~if the youth is dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW)).~~

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