New Car Seat Laws: January 2020

**RCW Laws, State of Washington**

**RCW 46.61.687**

(1) Whenever a child who is less than 16 of age is being transported in a motor vehicle that is in operation and that is required by **RCW 46.37.510** to be equipped with a safety belt system in a passenger seating position, or is being transported in a neighborhood electric vehicle or medium-speed electric vehicle that is in operation, the driver of the vehicle shall keep the child properly restrained as follows:

(a) A child under the age of two years must be properly secured in a child restraint system that is rear-facing until the child reaches the weight or height limit of the child restraint system as set by the manufacturer. A child may continue to be properly secured in a child restraint system that is rear-facing until the child reaches the weight or height limit of the child restraint system as set by the manufacturer, as recommended by the American academy of pediatrics.

(b) A child who is not properly secured in a rear-facing child restraint system in accordance with (a) of this subsection and who is under the age of four years must be properly secured in a child restraint system that is forward-facing and has a harness until the child reaches the weight or height limit of the child restraint system as set by the manufacturer. A child may continue to be properly secured in a child restraint system that is forward-facing and has a harness until the child reaches the weight or height limit of the child restraint system as set by the manufacturer as recommended by the American academy of pediatrics.

(d) The child restraint system used must comply with standards of the U.S. department of transportation and must be secured in the vehicle in accordance with instructions of the vehicle manufacturer and the child restraint system manufacturer.

(e) The child booster seat used must comply with standards of the U.S. department of transportation and must be secured in the vehicle in accordance with instructions of the vehicle manufacturer and the child booster seat manufacturer to position a child to sit properly in a federally approved safety seat belt system.
In the world of child welfare we are frequently confronted with the reality that systemic expectations are often centered around proving this or that obligation was met by checking a box. It can be a harsh world for not only the youth we serve but the people who sacrifice without hesitation to give youth warmth and a home. Harsh because the stories of foster parents and youth often don’t fit into a box. I am proud to work at CYS where a culture exists that takes the time to hear not only the stories of foster parents and youth, but also supports, with any viable resources, their dreams for the future. Because every person has their own stories. Every person has their own individual hopes and dreams for the future. Every person is unique.

Recruitment & Retention Updates

Nathan and Marisha, Lead Recruiter and Retention

With the holiday season behind us it’s time to focus in on our busy recruiting schedule this year. CYS is excited to be joining PRIDE celebrations in several cities this summer including Aberdeen, Bremerton, Olympia, and Tacoma among others.

We have also joined with other local non profit foster care agencies to host recruiting events around the Puget Sound starting with Shelton on January 25th. If you know of any events that you think we should recruit at please contact me or your Case Manager.

We have been trying to be more active on social media, and now are on Instagram and Twitter, as well as Facebook. Our handle is: @CYSFOSTER CARE Check out CYS Foster Care’s Facebook page for the most update listing of events to swing by and say hi!

We also wanted to let everyone know that we will have a table at CYS’ annual Have a Heart Fundraiser on February 14th! If you are interested in attending the fundraiser breakfast, let Marisha know.

We are also looking forward to having a CYS group event at the Seattle Mariners We Are Family Day!

Round up your family and friends and join the Mariners as we celebrate foster, kinship and adoptive families and the folks that support them. Enjoy a fun-filled day of baseball and sunshine, a pregame event in the Outside Corner (near Section 330) and receive an exclusive We Are Family Day Mariners themed item when you purchase through this special offer. Plus, all kids 14 and under will receive Mariners batting gloves!
**Holiday Wrap UP**

Marisha McDowell, Recruitment & Retention Specialist

The Holiday Season was a whirlwind of glitter, ribbon and bows! I am so thankful to live in such an amazing community. I am hopeful we were able to provide a special holiday season to our families and the youth that we work with. Our program is so grateful and appreciative! Thank you to EVERYONE who donated, adopted a family, helped organize a drive or, brought by food to our participants and programs. CYS Foster Care was able to provide gifts for all of our families, and youth in our homes. I am personally VERY grateful to everyone that helped come up with lists of what families wanted, helped deliver, wrap, and play Santa. It is truly humbling to help make the holiday season just a bit easier for our families and youth. Happy New Year and thank you again!

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**CYS Gingerbread Contest**

Marisha McDowell, Recruitment & Retention Specialist

Our wonderful Case Management team initiated a gingerbread contest with all of our families! Here are all of our contest submissions!! CYS Foster Care Staff voted anonymously — Congratulations to the Kimble family on their win!
Upcoming Alliance Trainings

**FEBRUARY**

Jan. 22, Feb. 5, Mar. 5 - Webinar
*So you have a new placement, now what?*

Feb. 1, Gig Harbor
*Talking with children about race*

Feb. 4, 6, Olympia - At CYS
*Caring for children with sexually behavior concerns*

Feb. 9, Vancouver
*ADHD*

Feb. 22, Tumwater
*Behavior Management Tools*

**MARCH**

March 3, Fife
*Youth missing from care*

March 7, Tacoma
*Caring for children with physically aggressive behavior concerns*

March 14, Olympia
*Compassionate Parenting*

March 19, Vancouver
*Paper Trail, Documentation Training for Caregivers*  
*Racing Toward Equality*

To Browse More Classes and To Sign Up:  
http://alliancecatalog.org/

CYS Foster Families...

Open the door to their homes, providing a safe, stable, nurturing home for growth.

CYS Foster Youth...

Walk through the door, into the home; vulnerable and have suffered multiple traumas. Most times not trusting, but looking for change.

CYS Case Managers...

Hold the door; to facilitate safety and growth, and to improve children’s lives leading to successful adulthood.

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**IMPORTANT NUMBERS:**

*Police Dispatch: 911; Get Intake Number for CYS Case Manager*

*National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: 800.843.5678*

*After Hour CYS On-Call Case Manager: 360.280.9516*

*Remember to always reference your youth’s safety plan!*

**NEXT ROUNDTABLE EVENT:**

March 2nd, 5-7pm  
Grays Harbor

Community Youth Services supports youth and families in achieving their needs for health, safety, security, and community.