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1 AN ACT Relating to community-based child care resource and referral  
2 agencies; amending RCW 74.13.0903; adding a new section to chapter  
3 74.13 RCW; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that an  
6 integrated child care services system is needed to ensure that planning  
7 and coordination of child care services occurs and that linkages  
8 between consumers and child care providers are established. The  
9 legislature finds that establishment of the office of the child care  
10 resources coordinator, the child care coordinating committee, and the  
11 child care partnership are first steps toward achieving an integrated  
12 child care system. Additional steps, including the support of existing  
13 community-based child care resource and referral programs, and the  
14 development of new child care resource and referral programs, must be  
15 taken to help parents obtain appropriate child care for their children,

1 increase the supply of child care services, and improve the quality of  
2 child care services through training and support of child care  
3 providers.

4 The legislature intends that child care resource and referral  
5 services be provided in collaboration with local communities,  
6 employers, consumers, and state and federal agencies.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) Persons or organizations may apply for funding to establish or  
10 operate a community-based child care resource and referral program  
11 through the office of the child care resources coordinator. In  
12 evaluating applications for funding, the coordinator shall consider  
13 the applicant's ability to offer, or make progress towards offering,  
14 the activities provided in subsection (2) of this section. The  
15 coordinator shall also consider the number of children under age twelve  
16 in the geographic area that will be served by the program when  
17 determining the level of funding for the program.

18 (2) Community-based child care resource and referral programs shall  
19 develop a service plan that includes the following components:

20 (a) Provide parents with information regarding child care,  
21 including but not limited to the location of child care services,  
22 information regarding child care licensing requirements, how to choose  
23 quality child care services, and the availability of funds to subsidize  
24 child care costs;

25 (b) Participate with other community agencies or organizations in  
26 the provision of parent support services, such as parent education  
27 classes and information on community services available to families;

28 (c) Provide support to child care providers, such as: Information  
29 regarding training opportunities, development of appropriate training

1 as needed, resource libraries, toy lending libraries, meeting space,  
2 information regarding the operation of child care as a small business,  
3 and liaison with department child care licensors;

4 (d) Recruit licensed child care providers, emphasizing geographic  
5 or program areas that have an inadequate supply of child care services;

6 (e) In cooperation with the child care partnership established  
7 under this chapter, provide technical assistance to employers regarding  
8 employee child care benefits;

9 (f) Directly or through a coalition of child care resource and  
10 referral programs, provide information to local and state policy makers  
11 regarding child care supply and demand, and advocate for increased  
12 public and private sector resources for child care services; and

13 (g) Coordinate a local response to the demand for quality child  
14 care services, and participate in coordinated efforts for delivery of  
15 services to families.

16 (3) Twenty-five percent of the funding for community-based child  
17 care resource and referral agencies under this section shall be  
18 community matching funds provided by private or public entities in the  
19 community served by the program requesting funding. Contributions of  
20 materials, supplies, or physical facilities may be considered as all or  
21 part of the matching funds provided.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.13.0903 and 1989 c 381 s 5 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 The office of the child care resources coordinator is established  
25 to operate under the authority of the department of social and health  
26 services. The office shall, within appropriated funds:

27 (1) Staff and assist the child care coordinating committee in the  
28 implementation of its duties under RCW 74.13.090;

1       (2) Work with local governments, nonprofit organizations,  
2 businesses, and community child care advocates to create local child  
3 care resource and referral organizations(~~((. These organizations may  
4 carry out needs assessments, resource development, provider training,  
5 technical assistance, and parent information and training))~~);

6       (3) Actively seek public and private money for distribution as  
7 grants to potential or existing ((~~local~~)) community-based child care  
8 resource and referral ((~~organizations. No grant shall be distributed  
9 that is greater than twenty five thousand dollars~~)) programs as  
10 provided in section 2 of this act;

11       (4) ((~~Adopt rules regarding the application for and distribution of  
12 grants to local child care resource and referral organizations. The  
13 rules shall, at a minimum, require an applicant to submit a plan for  
14 achieving the following objectives:~~

15       ~~(a) Provide parents with information about child care resources,  
16 including location of services and subsidies;~~

17       ~~(b) Carry out child care provider recruitment and training  
18 programs;~~

19       ~~(c) Offer support services, such as parent and provider seminars,  
20 toy-lending libraries, and substitute banks;~~

21       ~~(d) Provide information for businesses regarding child care supply  
22 and demand;~~

23       ~~(e) Advocate for increased public and private sector resources  
24 devoted to child care; and~~

25       ~~(f) Provide technical assistance to employers regarding employee  
26 child care services;~~

27       ~~(5))~~ Provide staff support and technical assistance to local child  
28 care resource and referral organizations;

29       ~~((6) Organize the local child care resource and referral  
30 organizations into a state-wide system;~~

1       ~~(7))~~ (5) Maintain a state-wide (~~child care referral~~) data bank  
2 of licensed providers and work with department of social and health  
3 services licensors to provide information to (~~local~~) community-based  
4 child care resource and referral organizations about licensed child  
5 care providers in the state;

6       ~~((8))~~ (6) Through local resource and referral organizations,  
7 compile data about local child care needs and availability for future  
8 planning and development;

9       ~~((9))~~ (7) Coordinate the provision of training and technical  
10 assistance to child care providers; and

11       ~~((10))~~ (8) Collect and assemble information regarding the  
12 availability of insurance and of federal and other child care funding  
13 to assist state and local agencies, businesses, and other child care  
14 providers in offering child care services.

15       NEW SECTION. Sec. 4.       The sum of one million six hundred  
16 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is  
17 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general  
18 fund to the department of social and health services for the purposes  
19 of this act.