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

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the family
6 support centers currently operating in Washington state are effectively
7 providing support to families. The legislature further finds that
8 these centers are positively responding to needs identified by the
9 families and communities served by the center and are therefore
10 empowering those families and communities. It is the intent of the
11 legislature to give distressed timber communities the means to support
12 and empower their families, particularly those families experiencing
13 stress related to job loss, through the establishment of family support
14 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.

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

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

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

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

27 (5) Twenty-five percent of the funding for a family support center
28 shall be community matching funds provided by public or private
29 entities in the community that will be served by the center.

1 Contributions of materials, supplies, or physical facilities may be
2 considered as all or part of the funding provided by the community.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one million dollars, or as
4 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
5 ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the council for
6 prevention of child abuse and neglect for the purposes of section 2 of
7 this act. Of this amount, six hundred twenty-five thousand dollars is
8 provided solely for the establishment and operation of family support
9 centers in the cities of Port Townsend, Port Angeles, and Aberdeen, and
10 in the counties of Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, and Skamania. The remaining
11 amount is provided solely for the establishment and operation of family
12 support centers in distressed timber communities, chosen by the
13 Washington council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.