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To: Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate
Kathleen Buchli, Code Revisor, Office of the Code Revisor

From: Ross Hunter, Secretary 

Subject: Notice of implementation of a risk assessment tool to determine eligibility for Community Transition Services under [E2SHB 1186](#) (2021)

This provides notice under Section 11(2) of [E2SHB 1186](#) (Chapter 206, Laws of 2021, 67th Legislature, 2021 Regular Session) of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF's) implementation of a risk assessment tool to commence the 6-month period prior to the effective date of Community Transition Services (CTS) as provided in that Act. The start of the six-month period is **November 1, 2023**.

Specifically, DCYF has now begun implementation of a risk assessment tool as defined in RCW [13.40.020](#) used to determine eligibility for Community Transition Services (CTS) as provided under RCW [13.40.205](#)(13). The attached letter documents the DCYF Assessment Oversight Group's support of Juvenile Rehabilitation using the Integrated Developmental Evaluation and Assessment (IDEA) for determining CTS eligibility, as required under [E2SHB 1186](#).

Section 11(1) of [E2SHB 1186](#) states that Sections 1 through 6, 8, and 9 of that Act take effect six months after DCYF designs and implements a risk assessment tool and provides notice under Section 11(2) of that Act. As required by Section 11(2), this notice is being sent to affected parties, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Code Revisor, and others as deemed appropriate by DCYF.

DCYF will continue to keep the Legislature up to date on the progress of implementation of the risk-assessment tool and launch of the Community Transitions Services program. Thank you for your continued support of the JR work, and trust in our staff to serve young people in developmentally appropriate ways.

Attachment (1)

Cc: Allison Krutsinger, DCYF Director of Public Affairs
Representative Tana Senn
Senator Claire Wilson
Representative Carolyn Eslick
Senator Matt Boehnke