
SENATE BILL 6179

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By Senators Tom, Fairley, and Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to chemical dependency specialist services; and
2 amending RCW 70.96A.037.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.96A.037 and 2005 c 504 s 305 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department of social and health services shall contract for
7 chemical dependency specialist services at ~~((each))~~ division of
8 children and family services offices to enhance the timeliness and
9 quality of child protective services assessments and to better connect
10 families to needed treatment services.

11 (2) The chemical dependency specialist's duties may include, but
12 are not limited to: Conducting on-site chemical dependency screening
13 and assessment, facilitating progress reports to department social
14 workers, in-service training of department social workers and staff on
15 substance abuse issues, referring clients from the department to
16 treatment providers, and providing consultation on cases to department
17 social workers.

18 (3) The department of social and health services shall provide

1 training in and ensure that each case-carrying social worker is trained
2 in uniform screening for mental health and chemical dependency.

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