

SAVING THE CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR FOSTER CHILDREN BRS-BEHAVIOR REHABILITATION SERVICES

PROBLEM:

Actual Costs vs. Reimbursement

	Actual Cost/Day	Reimbursement
Facility-based Care:	\$411	\$248
Staffed Residential:	\$312	\$248

Facility Beds CLOSED Since 2009: **170+**

AGENCY	#	TYPE CLOSED
Children's Home Society	25	Last 2 of 3 facilities, sold property
Comm Youth Services	3	Converted beds to different payer
Epic		
Excelsior	28	2017: 20 male teen beds and 8 teen female beds. Now serves 4 BRS youth
Faith Homes	6	1 staffed residential facility
Friends of Youth	4	Converted beds to different payer
Navos Ruth Dykeman	35	2017: 15 beds, halting all BRS
		Navos 10 male and female teen beds
Manaway	6	1 staffed residential facility
Ryther	10	2009: 10 interim care beds
Secret Harbor	12	2010: 2 6-bed facilities sold
Service Alternative	24	24 BRS beds between 2009-2016
Virginia Miller	16	

CONSEQUENCES:

Children CURRENTLY Placed Out-of-State: **60-70**

When there are not enough beds in Washington State to accept all of the children requiring high levels of care, those children are sent thousands of miles away from their families and communities to facilities in other states. Families and children are further separated **ONLY** due to the lack of placements in Washington State.

Children CURRENTLY Housed in Hotels and Offices: **195**

When a child needs an out-of-home placement immediately, and nothing is available, that child is often placed in a hotel room for the night with State Social Workers to supervise. The next morning, the child is taken to the local child welfare office for the day. Between September, 2016 and August, 2017, 195 children and youth spent the night in hotels or offices over 820 times at a cost of \$2,104 per day. ***This is nearly 10 times the rate of the current BRS daily rate of \$248 for one child.***

THE SOLUTION:

Support **SB 6013**

**Approve the full cost of care for
BRS facility based care in
Washington.**

<http://features.crosscut.com/washington-foster-care-system-failing-children-investigation>

<http://crosscut.com/2017/04/foster-care-on-the-cheap-washingtons-recipe-for-failure/>

<http://kuow.org/post/options-foster-kids-disappear-program-burien-closes>