



Group Care

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In Washington State, Child Group Care facilities (CGC) provide 24 hour care for youth in staffed residential homes, group facilities, emergency respite centers, maternity homes and child crisis centers in order to ensure children experience health, safety and well-being while in any of these facilities. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) licenses these facilities. The facilities are designed, equipped and staffed to provide services and care for children including maternity services, day treatment services, services for children with severe developmental disabilities, and programs for medically fragile children.

The DSHS licenses and surveys these facilities to assure services are provided appropriately. The Department of Health inspects these facilities to assure compliance with established health and safety standards established by chapter 74.15.060 RCW and chapters 388-145, 147 and 148 WAC. The department enforces the standards by periodically conducting inspections, and issuing a certificate of compliance. The DSHS relies on the certificate as part of its licensing process.

Services

- Provide services in houses or buildings organized to provide necessary staff and facilities to support the children.
- Services are limited to children from birth to 18 years of age.
- Provide shelter, food, personal hygiene, medical care, safe environment.
- Provide information, education and resources to their clients and communities.

Quick Facts

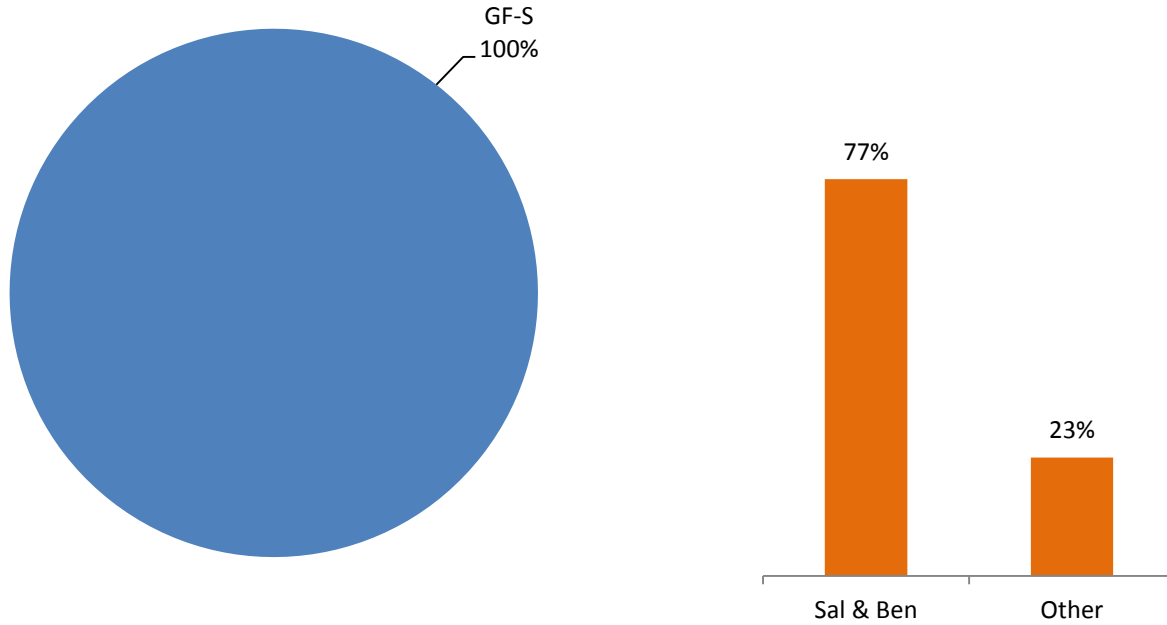
- There are about 68 Child Group Care facilities in Washington.
- The department conducts about 25 inspections annually.
- The department inspects each facility once every three years to coincide with the DSHS licensing period.

Stakeholders

- Department of Social & Health Services
- Licensed Child Group Care facilities

2015-17 Biennium

Group Care Fiscal Information



	GF-S	Federal	Dedicated	Fees	Total	Sal & Ben	Pass-Thru	Other
Total	33,000	0	0	0	33,000	25,000	0	8,000

Recent Funding History

The Group Care program was supported with the following funding since the 2007-09 biennial budget:

2011-13 biennium:

- GFS funding was eliminated due to statewide GFS reductions.

2013-15 biennium:

- HSQA allocated funding to Group Care from other HSQA GFS programs. The legislature eliminated FFS funding but, the law still requires inspections.