

Comprehensive Evaluation Changes Coming

The WorkFirst Comprehensive Evaluation is a valuable tool identifying the skills and abilities that parents need in today's workforce while considering labor market realities and education levels. Since its inception in June 2006, more than 72,000 Comprehensive Evaluations have been conducted.

Recently, SubCabinet 2 (Sub 2) charged a partnership workgroup to streamline the CE, moving parents more quickly into work activities that count toward federal participation. Sub 2 also expressed their intentions that the CE be improved to reduce the number of handoffs.

While still being developed, the "CE Process Flow" changes will include additional questions to the Foundation and a more direct referral to an appropriate pathway to employment. A short-term job-readiness workshop which may include local partners is also being considered. Additional information will be distributed as it is developed.

The CE is an important tool in helping lead parents to an appropriate activity. Please continue to use it to help them achieve better and quicker engagement in employment-related activities that lead to self-sufficiency.

For more information, please visit www.workfirst.wa.gov.