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Washington is consistently ranked as a national leader for its high performing system of long-term services and supports; and its commitment to support of individuals in the setting of their choice. This has been achieved through strategic policy development, targeted investments and collaborative partnerships with labor organizations, provider associations, advocates, providers and the authorizing environment.

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