



HOME VISITING IN WASHINGTON STATE

Over the past decade, and especially in the past two years, Washington has increasingly prioritized home visiting to meet the needs of our most vulnerable children and families. Evidence shows that when families receive home-based support:

Children are healthier and better prepared for school
Parent-child bonds are stronger | Abuse and neglect are less likely

Keys to Washington’s Home Visiting System

In 2010, Washington state established the Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA) to efficiently and innovatively support more families – especially those in vulnerable situations – while advancing the field of home visiting. This is groundbreaking work.

- **Serving families:** In just two years, the HVSA has expanded from funding four grantees serving about 120 children, to 44 grantees with the capacity to serve about 1,700 children statewide, while decreasing the cost per child through economies of scale. The models and programs meet the needs of diverse populations.
- **Developing the field:** Funds work to increase the state’s capacity to not only serve more families, but also serve them *with highest quality*. A robust and uniform evaluation framework, still in development, will help make sure home visiting programs work the way they’re supposed to in any community.
- **Centralizing support and empowering communities:** The HVSA portfolio approach opens the door to diverse models and programs, so that communities can get what they want. With HVSA funding comes technical assistance and training that supports improved home visiting implementation — a benefit for the families as well as the field.

Pivotal Moment in Home Visiting

The state funding commitment to home visiting has not kept pace with the needs of families. Until now, an innovative braiding strategy of federal and private investment has bolstered the Home Visiting Services Account. Now, investment from the state is critical to maintain and improve service to families and to continue to build a robust system in Washington state.

What is home visiting?

Either before their child’s birth or in their child’s first few years of life, families are voluntarily matched with trained professionals who provide information and support related to children’s healthy development, the parent-child relationship and the importance of early learning. Research shows that in a child’s brain development, this early time is critical to later success in school and life.

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Counties with HVSA-funded services

Services prioritized for families in high-risk communities with children
0 to 3

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home visiting models funded by the HVSA portfolio approach

In the Early Learning Plan, home visiting is strategy
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INVESTING IN FAMILIES

Setting up our children – and our state’s future – for success.

HVSA Funding Streams (SFY2013)

Projected

Private: **22%**

Federal: **70%**

State: **8%**

Total Investment: \$11.3 million

HVSA Spending (SFY2013)

Projected

Type	Amount	
Direct Service	\$6,981,574	62%
Quality of Implementation	\$2,865,688	25%
Thrive Indirect Rate	\$1,173,391	10%
DEL Home Visiting Oversight	\$290,911	3%
TOTAL	\$11,311,565	100%

Home Visiting Programs Funded by the HVSA

31 programs | 17 counties | 1,700 families

County	Programs	Capacity*
Clallam	1	91 families
Cowlitz	2	50+ families
Franklin	1	100 families
Grays Harbor	1	25 families
Jefferson	1	50 families
King	7	190+ families
Klickitat	1	18 families
Mason	1	47 families
Pend Oreille	1	25 families

County	Programs	Capacity*
Pierce	3	75+ families
Skagit	1	62 families
Snohomish	2	196 families
Spokane	2	100+ families
Thurston	1	22 families
Wahkiakum	1	40 families
Whatcom	1	25 families
Yakima	4	441 families

* Some programs cover more than one county, so the capacity varies.

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