

HOME VISITING: IMPROVES LIVES, SAVES MONEY

WHAT IS HOME VISITING?

Home visiting is a voluntary, proven program where trained home visitors and parents work together to strengthen and support families in the child's first years of life.



HOME VISITING OUTCOMES

Research has proven the benefits of home visiting, including:



Improved Birth Outcomes



Early Detection of Health Issues and Developmental Delays



Improved Coordination and Referral for Other Community Services



Improved Parenting Practices



Improved Kindergarten Readiness



Improved Family Self-sufficiency



Reduced Child Abuse and Neglect



Reduced Crime and Domestic Violence

HOME VISITING CONTINUES IN THE COVID-19 ERA

As the risk of COVID-19 became clearer in mid-March, home visitors quickly pivoted to provide telehealth/virtual visits. DCYF granted flexibility for programs to use current contract funds to purchase technology needed for families to engage in virtual visits. Most recent data show strong retention of participating families after the shift to virtual visits as well as continued enrollment of new families. Throughout our state, families are experiencing economic challenges and increased isolation due to shelter at home recommendations. As families navigate the many stresses of parenting during a public health pandemic, home visitors continue to serve as a trusted resource and support.

Having Zoom visits during Covid has given me an opportunity to have face to face conversation with someone in my home, without having to worry about social distancing. It has provided me with someone to connect to, voice my concerns, and get an easy peace of mind as to how I am parenting during a time when a lot of other avenues of support are hard to reach. I am very thankful to have been able to continue my visits and have such a smooth transition.

- JESSIE,
Parent, Washington State

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Less than 10% of eligible families receive home visiting from federal, state and local funding sources.

Eligibility is currently defined as families at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (\$43,440 for a family of three), with a child age 3 or younger.



PRIMARY HOME VISITING FUNDING: STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020

Federal \$45.4 million

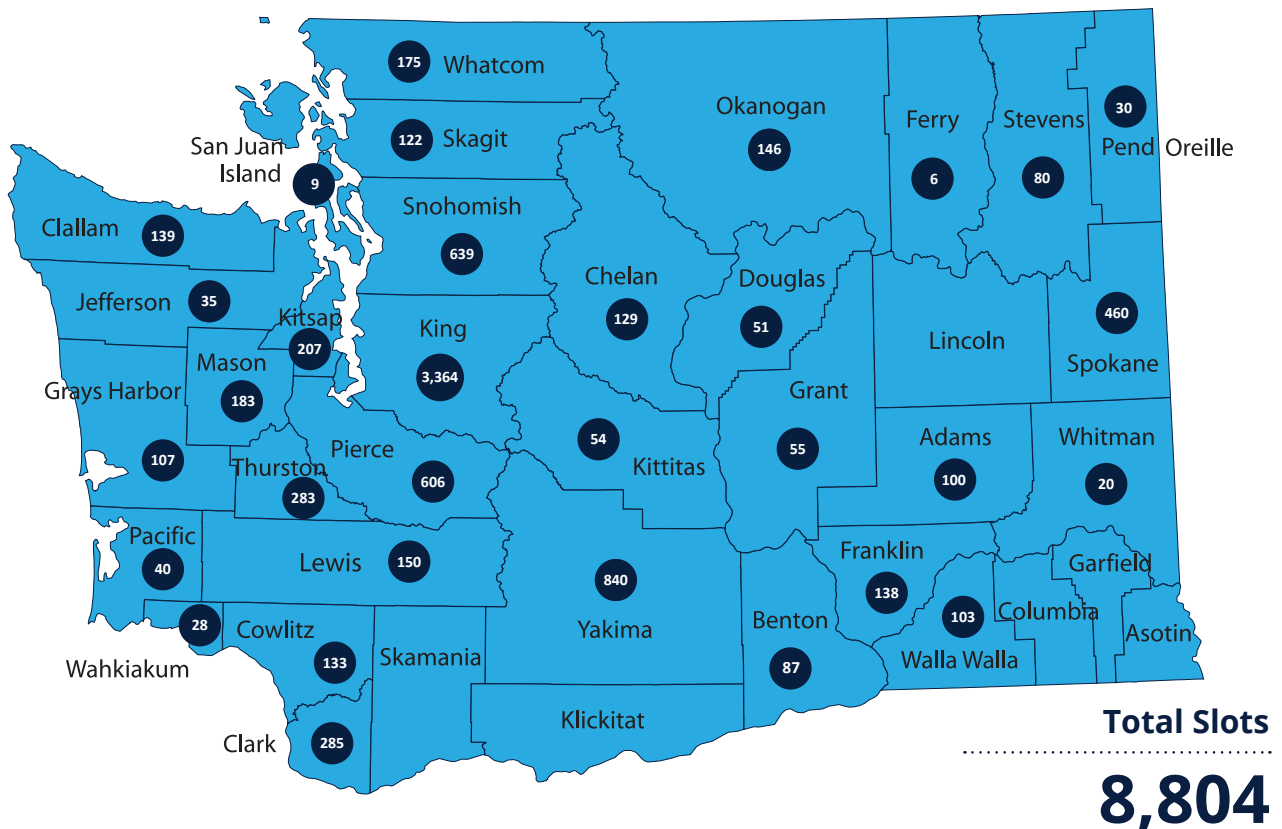
State \$9 million

Total \$54.4 million

*Additional private and local dollars also support home visiting

The Home Visiting Coalition supports passage of a fully-funded state budget with adequate revenue to address racial inequity and to fund a portfolio of home visiting models, early learning, child welfare, health and other prevention programs.

AVAILABLE HOME VISITING SLOTS IN WASHINGTON



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