

Our Work

Start Early Washington is committed to promoting equity and increasing the visibility and voice of early learning. We work across policy and program to ensure that early learning systems support all children and families with equitable access to services that nurture healthy, lifelong positive outcomes.

In partnership with public and private organizations, we support comprehensive prenatal-to-5 learning experiences for children and families statewide with a unique focus on home visiting services.



Home Visiting Programs

High quality home visiting programs positively impact maternal and child health, child development, parent-child interaction and school readiness. Because families are their child's most important resource, our team is grounded in a strengths-based approach.

We strengthen and expand Washington state's home visiting systems by:

- Providing statewide technical assistance, professional development, coaching and consultation to new and experienced home visiting programs
- Supporting the statewide development of strong home visiting systems that ensure programs are scalable and accessible to all families

Policy and Advocacy

Our policy team works at the legislative and administrative levels to secure robust, equitable and sustainable state and local policies and funding that prioritizes systemically marginalized children and families.

We provide resources and opportunities to track progress by:

- Developing timely state, local and federal policy analysis tools
- Publishing weekly policy updates during legislative session: [Notes From Olympia](#)

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