

HOME VISITING: IMPROVES LIVES, SAVES MONEY

2023 BUDGET REQUEST

Invest in the Home Visiting Workforce and Expand Access to Voluntary Home Visiting Services (a total of \$16.05 million):

- Investment of \$9.3 million to help sustain the home visiting workforce pending completion of a cost study currently underway
- Investment of \$6.75 million in SFY25 to expand home visiting to an additional 750 families with a focus on reaching BIPOC and rural families
- Ensure sufficient spending authority and maintenance of effort funding to leverage federal Maternal Infant Early Child Home Visiting funds



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.

Research proves the benefits of home visiting, including:



Improved Birth Outcomes & Maternal/Infant Health



Strengthened Parenting Skills



Early Detection of Developmental Delays



Improved School Readiness



Improved Family Self-Sufficiency



Improved Coordination & Referral to Community Services

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For many families, their home visitor is one of their few consistent supports, providing parents and caregivers assistance with parenting skills, child development questions or accessing resources, many of which are scarce, particularly in rural communities. It is important to remember that families continue to face great uncertainty, with many working to catch up after the pandemic whether it's in finding a job, child care or housing.

- Annette
Home Visitor, Lewis County

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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 (\$46,060 for a family of three), with a child age 3 or younger.



PRIMARY HOME VISITING FUNDING: STATE FISCAL YEAR 2023

Federal \$10.2 million

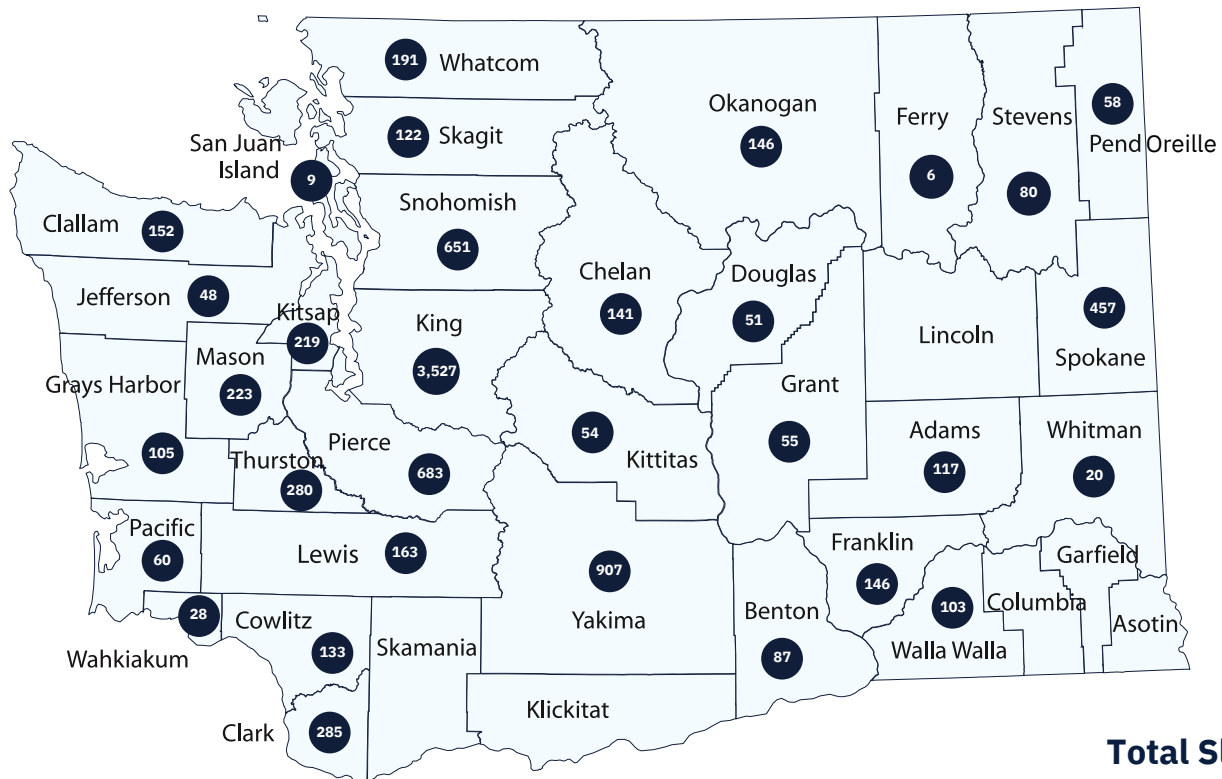
State \$15.8 million

Total \$26 million

*Additional private and local dollars also support home visiting

The Home Visiting Advocacy Coalition supports the availability and funding of a portfolio of home visiting models

AVAILABLE HOME VISITING SLOTS IN WASHINGTON



Total Slots
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9,307

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