

PRESERVE AND PROTECT VOLUNTARY HOME VISITING: SUPPORTING THRIVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Voluntary home visiting programs connect Washington families with the education and supports they need to thrive – especially in times of hardship.

Home visiting is a voluntary, proven program that makes it possible for trained educators to work together to identify and meet the needs of our state's youngest families.

WHAT IS HOME VISITING?

Home Visitors:

- Develop trusting relationships with parents during in-home visits
- Bring engaging activities and information about prenatal and infant care, and child development
- Support parents' new skills and relationships to their children



Home visiting largely focuses on birth to age three. More than 85% of children served by home visiting services are under the age of three (Source: [DCYF](#)).

Research shows this close partnership between parents and home visitors results in positive early learning experiences and parent-child interactions. This multi-generational approach has the power to positively change the trajectory of an entire family.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF HOME VISITING?

Voluntary home visiting programs contribute to improved child and family outcomes, such as:



Early detection of developmental delays



Improved coordination to other community service



Strengthened parenting skills



Improved family self-sufficiency



Improved birth outcomes and maternal/infant health



Improved school readiness

WHO QUALIFIES FOR HOME VISITING?

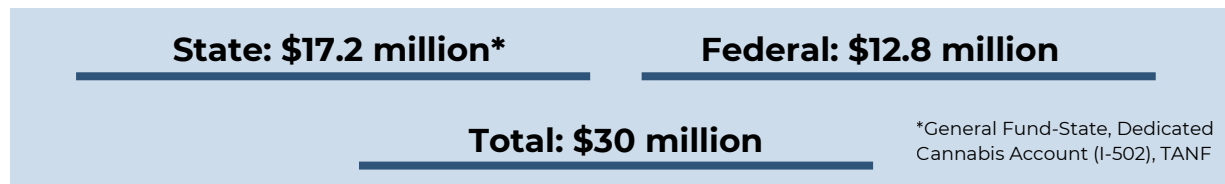
Eligibility is currently defined as families at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (\$54,640 for a family of three), with a child age 5 or younger. Less than 10% of eligible families receive home visiting from federal, state and local funding sources.

"My home visiting program not only focuses on the development of the child, but also the mom. Home visiting has set me up for success in the future because it has provided me with the proper tools and knowledge to pass on to my daughter Michelle for her development. I will forever and eternally be grateful, and it's something that I'm going to take away forever." - Parent

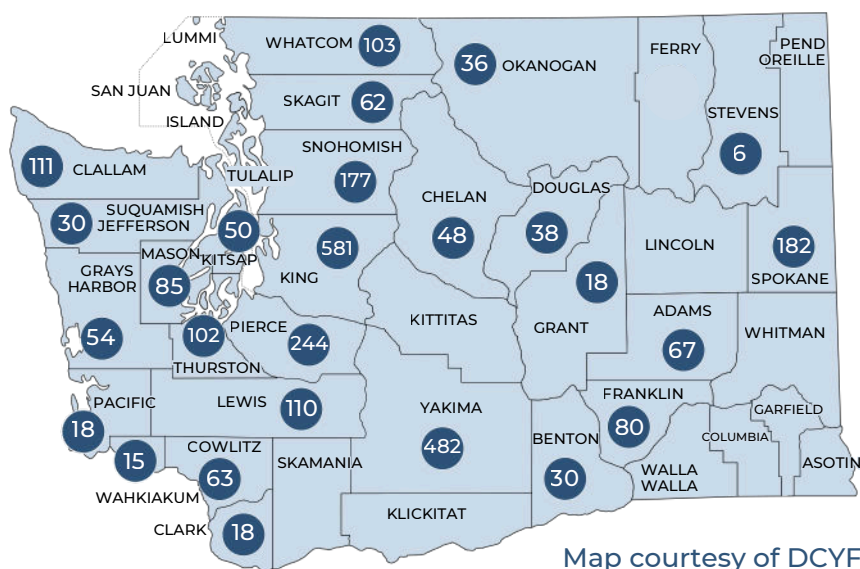
HOW IS HOME VISITING FUNDED IN WASHINGTON STATE?

Created in 2010, the Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA) supports a total of 8 community-based, research-based and evidence-based home visiting models. This portfolio approach of models focusing on early learning, child welfare, health and other prevention programs help meet the varying needs of families with young children.

TOTAL YEARLY FUNDING



FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDED HOME VISITING SLOTS IN WASHINGTON



Total Families:

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2,810*

*Another 6,000+ families receive home visiting services outside of the HVSA

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