

Washington Approved for Competitive Home Visiting Federal Grant Funding

As part of the federal Affordable Care Act, Washington will receive \$6.6 million in the first year of a three-year competitive grant awarded to our state on April 3, 2012. This is in addition to the formula grant funds that Washington already receives from the federal government to support home visiting. This new expansion grant supports evidence-based home visiting in some of the state's most at-risk communities, and provides funding to measure the effectiveness of the home visiting system in Washington. In the first year, the grant will serve 545 additional families. In the other two years, another 1,000-1,300 families will be served.

The following high-risk communities, identified in the statewide home visiting needs assessment, have been approved to receive funding through this competitive grant to implement or expand evidence-based home visiting services the first year.

County	Agency	Program Model	Estimated Families Served by NFP
Franklin	Benton-Franklin Health District	NFP	100
Cowlitz	Cowlitz County Health Department	NFP	50
Snohomish <i>Council Districts 2,4,5,6</i>	Little Red School House	NFP	50
Spokane	Spokane Regional Health Department	NFP	100
Skagit	Skagit County Public Health	NFP	62
Yakima	Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital	NFP	100
Mason	Mason County Department of Health	NFP	25
South King County	Public Health – Seattle & King County	NFP	50

Other year one key grant activities:

- Support implementation of home visiting services with fidelity through the Thrive by Five Washington Implementation Hub.
- Work in high-risk rural communities to increase access to home visiting services based on community interest, need and readiness to implement home visiting. Counties include: Grays Harbor, Pacific, Okanogan, Pend Oreille.
- Support the ongoing development of the Parents-As-Teachers (PAT) and the Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP) to meet fidelity standards, meet data/benchmark requirements, and plan services in high-risk communities in subsequent years of the grant.
- Assess current availability of home visiting for Tribes, barriers to access, home visiting effectiveness with tribal families, and promising approaches to addressing high-risk factors.
- Measure the effectiveness of an implementation science approach to the development of a home visiting system in Washington.

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- Build sustainability and linkages with broader early learning systems in Washington, including developmental screening, state to local early learning coordination work, P-20 data system development, and public/private finance development.

DEL is working with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to finalize the grant activities for a three-year project timeline.

More information about the approved award activities will be shared at:

<http://www.del.wa.gov/development/visiting/>