Home Visiting Pilot Proposal

2024 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROVISO

Home visiting is a voluntary and proven program where home visitors and parents work together to strengthen and support families in a child's first years of life. The benefits of home visiting include strengthened parenting skills, improved coordination to community services, early detection of developmental delays, and improved maternal/infant health.

As the state looks at various approaches to combat the opioid crisis, supporting parents must be a central strategy.

WHAT IS THE PILOT?

Funding to establish a pilot to provide contracted home visiting slots to families involved in child welfare.

- 150 contracted home visiting slots.
- Contracted slots will be targeted to families involved in child welfare cases where parental substance use is a factor.
- Home visiting can provide a valuable support for families who may be at high risk but not meet the imminent physical harm threshold for out-of-home placement.

COST

FY 2025 - \$1.6M

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DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Safely reduce the number of children in out-of-home care
- Improve quality and availability of provider services

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