

HOME VISITING: IMPROVES LIVES, SAVES MONEY

2018 Supplemental Budget

Invest \$5 million in state funding to expand home visiting to an additional 665 families.



What is Home Visiting?

In a voluntary home visit, a trained educator helps families develop basic parenting skills.

Why Home Visiting?

Trauma has a serious, negative impact on young children. Trauma can range from growing up around alcohol or drug abuse to parental divorce to abuse or neglect. Trauma can even permanently impact a child's brain. Twenty three percent of American children have been exposed to multiple traumatic incidents.¹

Children who have experienced emotional or physical trauma are 1.5 times more likely to abuse drugs and twice as likely to commit a crime later in life.² Voluntary home visiting has been shown to reduce trauma in children.

What are Home Visiting's Outcomes?

Research has proven the benefits of home visiting³, including:

- Reduced need for child welfare services
- Reduced child abuse and neglect
- Healthier births
- Better ready for school
- Reduced crime
- Reduced domestic violence
- Improved family self-sufficiency
- Improved coordination and referral for other community services



Home visiting programs have been shown to result in a 50% lower likelihood of child abuse and neglect.⁴

¹ http://www.childhealthdata.org/docs/drc/aces-data-brief_version-1-0.pdf

² Olds D, et al. (1997). JAMA

³ <https://www.strongnation.org/articles/413-parenting-works-the-publicsafety-and-economic-benefits-of-home-visiting>

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Home visiting changed my life and helped me break the cycle of poor parenting and verbal abuse.

-Jessie, Parent
Washington State

Home visiting has the power to break cycles.

For Jessie, it was finding a new way to parent that did not include the yelling and hitting she grew up with.

Primary Home Visiting Funding: State Fiscal Year 2016

Federal	\$36.3 MM
State	\$7.1 MM
Total	\$43.4 MM

**Additional private and local dollars also support home visiting.*



Only 7,552 of Washington state's 37,000 eligible families receive home visiting from federal, state and local funding—leaving more than 29,000 families unserved.

Eligibility is currently defined as families at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (\$40,480 for a family of three), with a child age 3 or younger.

The Home Visiting Advocacy Committee supports the availability and funding of a portfolio of programs that support family needs.

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