

# Home Visiting in Washington State



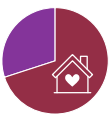
Home visiting is one of the best ways to meet the needs and change the trajectory of Washington State's youngest and most vulnerable children and their families.

## Home Visiting: A Two-Generation Approach

High-quality home visiting is a proven way to support and strengthen families in those foundational first years of life. Working together, trained home visitors and parents talk about prenatal care, infant care, child development and parenting skills. As a result, children are healthier and better prepared for school; parent-child bonds are stronger; and abuse and neglect are less likely.

The power of home visiting comes from the relationship and trust between the home visitor and the parent. For many parents, this relationship gives them the strength to leave abusive relationships, go back to school or find a new job that helps them better provide for their family. Home Visitors also provide valuable connections to other community services and ensure coordination of resources.

## Who We Serve



More than 1/2 of the families enrolled in our home visiting programs are experiencing poverty at or below the Federal Poverty Level.



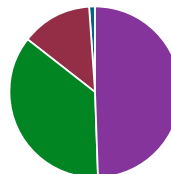
69% of caregivers served were racial groups recognized as experiencing disproportionate impact of adverse outcomes.



44% of caregivers are employed full-time or part-time.

## Children Served by the HVSA

■ Under 1 Year Old	..... 50%	■ 3-4 Years Old	..... 13%
■ 1-2 Years Old	..... 35%	■ 5 Years Old and Over	..... 1%



## Home Visiting Works

Rigorous research continues to prove the short- and long-term benefits of home visiting. While outcomes vary depending on the model used, home visiting is proven to result in:



Healthier Births



Improved Parenting Practices and Parent-Child Relationships



Reduced Child Abuse and Neglect and Need For Child Welfare Services



Early Detection of Health Issues and Developmental Delays



Increased Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness



Reduced Crime or Domestic Violence



Improved Family Economic Self-Sufficiency



Improved Coordination and Referral for Other Community Resources



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## Home Visiting Services Account:

### Investing in Washington Families

In 2010, the state Legislature created the state's Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA) to expand high-quality services to our most vulnerable families by bringing together and leveraging public and private funding sources. The HVSA funds a portfolio of home visiting models to help meet the diverse needs of families and communities. The HVSA has made Washington State a national leader in home visiting.

### Home Visiting Services Prioritizes Families with Certain Risk Factors:

- Teenage parents
- Underserved populations
- Homeless families
- Families with multiple young children between birth to age 5 not connected to early learning resources

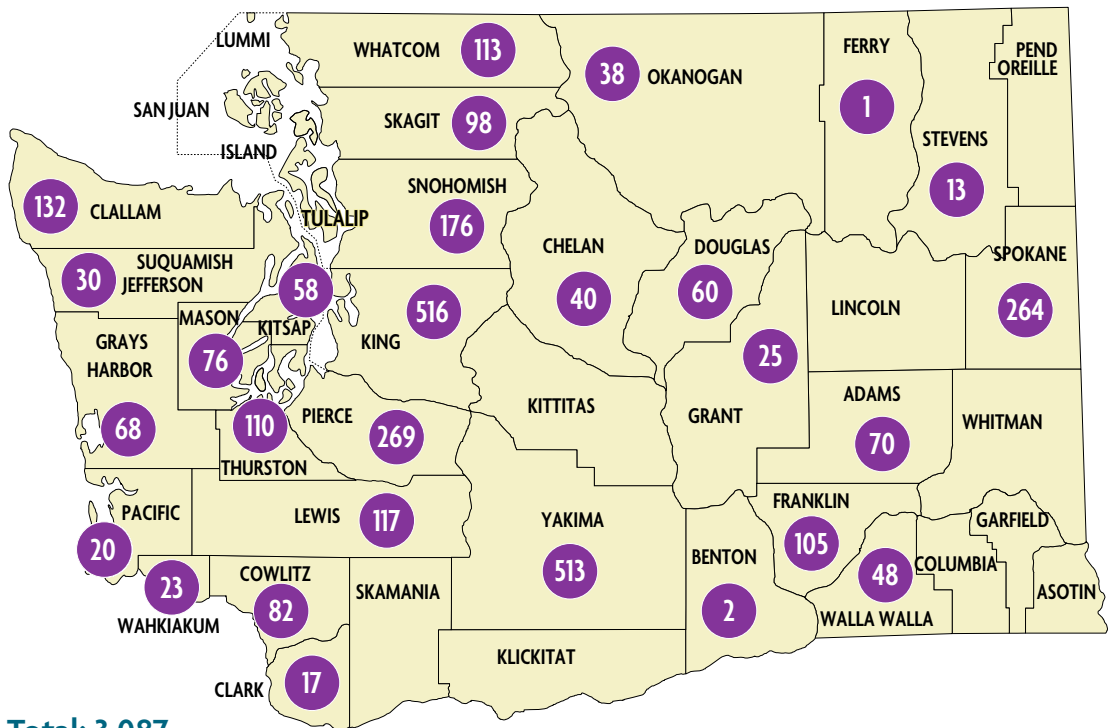


More than 85% of children receiving home visiting services through HVSA funding are under age 3.

## HVSA Family Slots in 2024

### By County

Adams.....	70
Benton.....	5
Chelan.....	40
Clallam.....	132
Clark.....	17
Cowlitz.....	82
Douglas.....	60
Ferry.....	1
Franklin.....	105
Grant.....	25
Grays Harbor.....	68
Jefferson.....	30
King.....	516
Kitsap.....	58
Lewis.....	117
Mason.....	76
Okanogan.....	38
Pacific.....	20
Pierce.....	269
Skagit.....	98
Snohomish.....	176
Spokane.....	264
Stevens.....	13
Thurston.....	110
Wahkiakum.....	23
Walla Walla.....	48
Whatcom.....	113
Yakima.....	513



**Total: 3,087**

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

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