

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



Over half of the families enrolled in our home visiting programs are experiencing poverty at or below the 100% Federal Poverty Level threshold (58%)

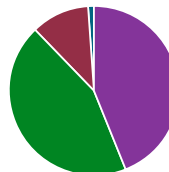
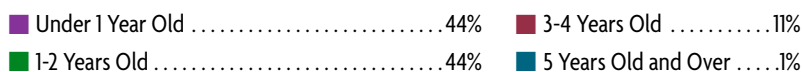


61% of caregivers served were racial groups recognized as experiencing disproportionate impact of adverse outcomes. These caregivers self-identified as non-Hispanic Native American/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic Black, non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander or Hispanic <https://dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/2020NeedsAssessment-RaceEthnicityBrief.pdf>



41% of caregivers are employed full-time or part-time

Children Served by the HVSA



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

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.

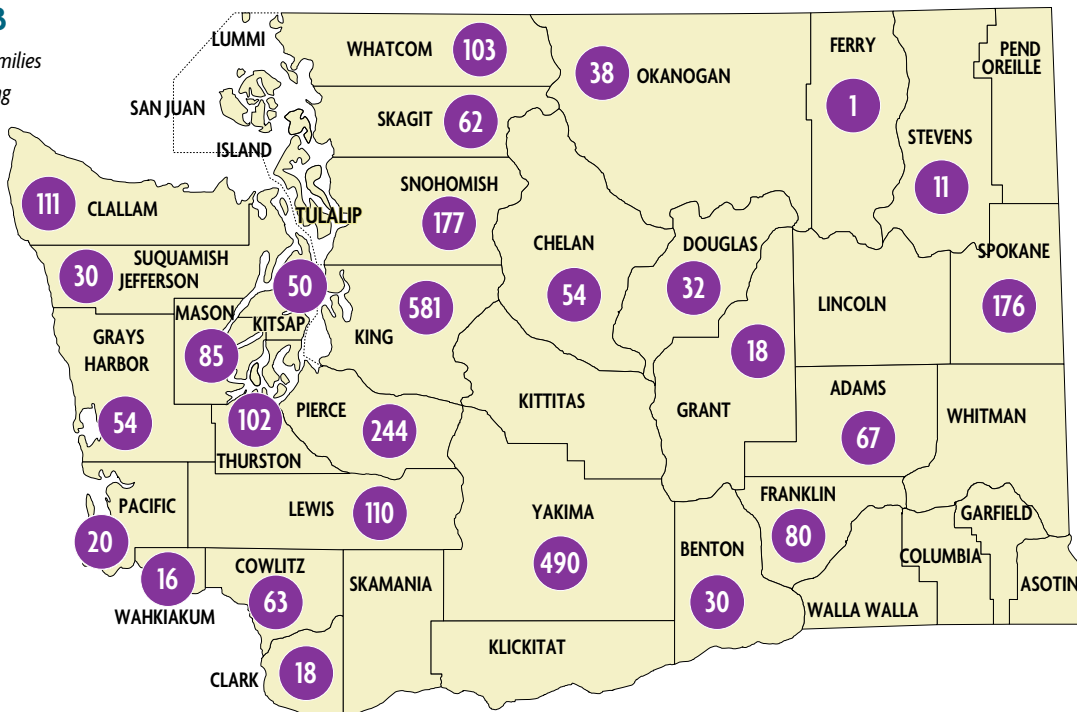
HVSA Family Slots in 2025

By County

Adams..... 67	Ferry1	Lewis..... 110	Spokane 264
Benton 30	Franklin..... 80	Mason..... 85	Stevens 11
Chelan..... 54	Grant.....18	Okanogan 38	Thurston.....102
Clallam111	Grays Harbor..... 54	Pacific 20	Wahkiakum16
Clark18	Jefferson..... 30	Pierce 244	Whatcom.....103
Cowlitz 63	King581	Skagit 62	Yakima 490
Douglas..... 32	Kitsap 50	Snohomish.....176	

Total: 2,823

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



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