

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SERVICE
INTEGRATION ADMINISTRATION**



Safe Babies, Safe Moms (SBSM)

2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Reduction Option	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
GF-State	(\$895,000)	(\$895,000)	(\$1,790,000)
Total	(\$1,608,000)	(\$1,608,000)	(\$3,216,000)

REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY

As required by 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration (BHSIA) is submitting the following reduction option that would eliminate funding for Safe Babies, Safe Moms (SBSM). These funds are used to support highest risk women and their drug affected infants and children in the contracted counties. These women are pregnant or parenting, alcohol and/or drug abusing, with a history of multiple system involvement and need services of longer duration and greater intensity than women enrolled in or served by the current First Steps program. By implementing this reduction, BHSIA expects to impact approximately 590 clients annually, which may result in clients not connecting with community resources, targeted intensive case management, and other education components.

REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL

This proposal will eliminate SBSM, affecting approximately 590 clients and their children annually. Services connect these clients with resources within the community that will best serve their needs. SBSM would be eliminated for three providers in four counties (Snohomish, Benton-Franklin, and Whatcom).

The reduction will decrease the resources available in local communities, such as medical, educational, justice, and social services. Pregnant, postpartum, and parenting women with substance use disorders who are not successful in accessing community resources will no longer have targeted intensive case management to provide supports for accessing substance use treatment and continuing care. Since this is a contracted program, no state FTEs are associated with this reduction.

For every state dollar that is lost, an equal amount of Federal Medicaid funding associated with this contract will be lost. Some of the funding related to SBSM is state only funds for women who are not Medicaid eligible (7 percent) and for discretionary spending for client needs.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

Pregnant, postpartum, and parenting women with substance use disorders, their current and future children, immediate family, community resource providers, and counties will be affected. In the past, legislators have been opposed to



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reducing services to pregnant and parenting women due to their vulnerable nature. The Children's Administration makes referrals to this program and would be affected by the loss of services for substance abusing women and their children.



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