

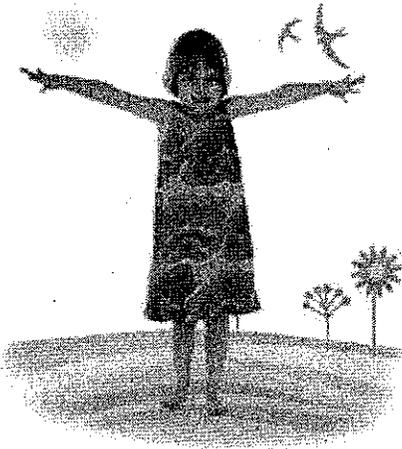
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Home Visiting in Washington State



Evidence-based home visiting is a voluntary early childhood strategy that can enhance parenting, and promote the growth and development of young children. Evidence-based home visiting programs are focused, individualized and culturally competent services for expectant parents, young children and their families, and caregivers (including friends, neighbors and kinship caregivers) in their homes. They help families strengthen attachment, provide optimal development for their children, promote health and safety, and reduce the potential for child maltreatment.

Four evidence-based home visiting programs are in use in Washington: Nurse-Family Partnership, Parents as Teachers, Parent-Child Home Program, and Early Head Start. The total capacity of the four programs is enough to serve only 2 percent of estimated eligible families who would choose to participate. In addition, Thrive by Five Washington has been providing a range of home visiting programs, including evidence-based home visiting, in its two demonstration communities.

There are other home visiting programs across Washington State such as as Department of Health's (DOH) Children with Special Health Care Needs program, the Department of Social and Health Services' (DSHS) First Steps program and DEL's Early Support for Infants and Toddlers program and the Early Head Start program funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These programs support families in different ways, depending on the program's focus and the family's needs.

Find home visiting programs near you

Currently, there is no single entry point for locating programs near you. Families that are interested in receiving home visiting services can call the Family Help Line at 1-800-932-HOPE or go to www.parenttrust.org/for-families/community-resources. You can also contact home visiting programs directly by following the links on the right side of this page.

Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA)

The Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA) was established by a budget proviso from the 2010 Washington state legislative session. These funds are administered in partnership between DEL and Thrive by Five Washington.

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Home visiting in the federal Healthcare Reform Act

In August 2010, Washington was awarded a \$1.3 million Home Visiting Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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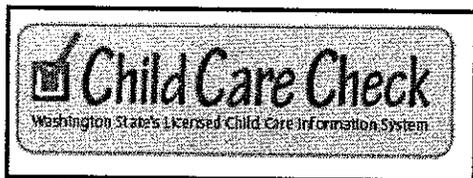
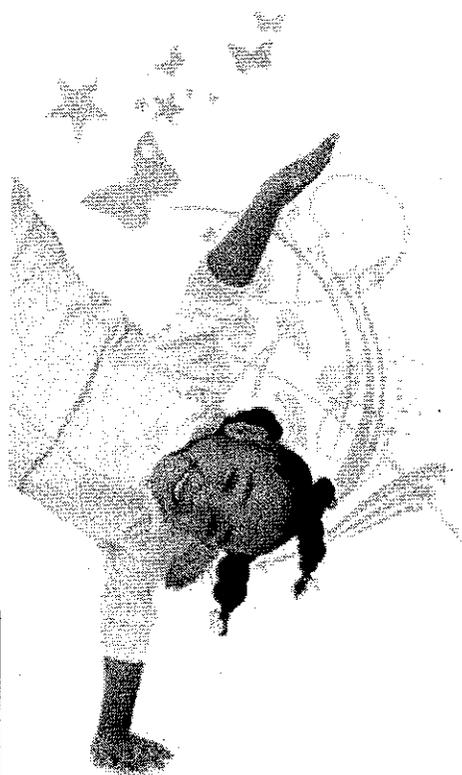
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