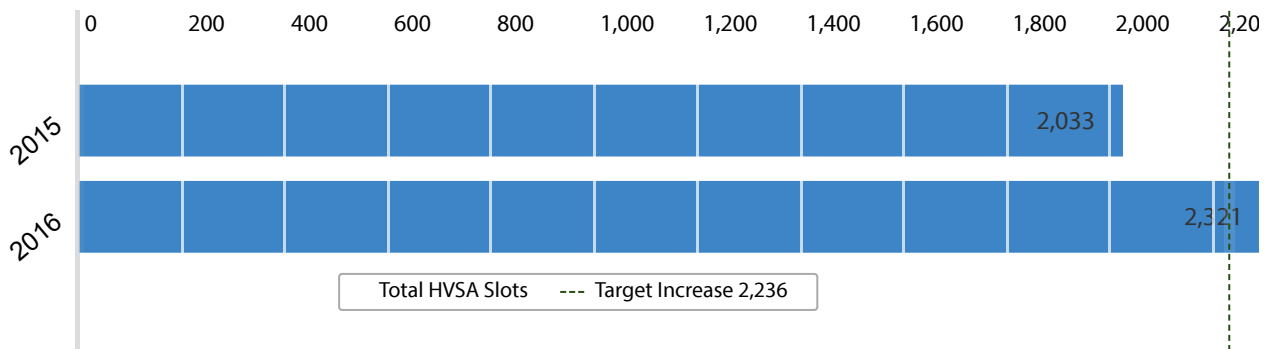




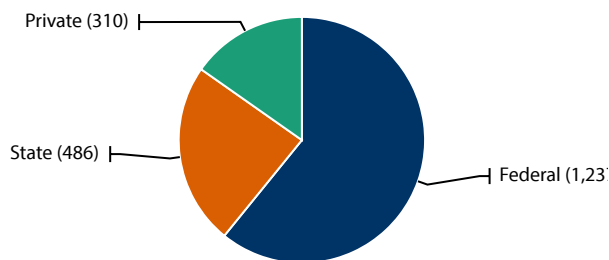
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### Total Number of Families Who Have Access to Support Through Voluntary Home Visiting

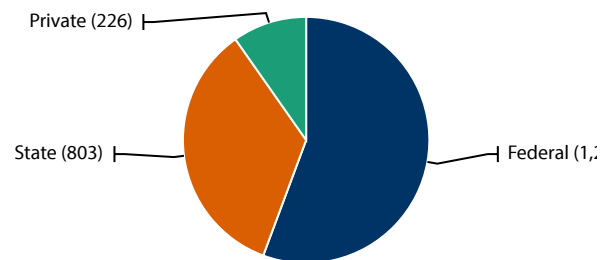


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### Number of Families Who Have Access to Support Through Voluntary Home Visiting by Funding Type and Year



Federal State Private  
As of June 30, 2015



Federal State Private  
As of June 30, 2016

Data source: Department of Early Learning and Thrive WA

**Supplemental Report:**

[September 6, 2016 \(click here\)](#)

Why is this a priority?



centered services with trained professionals for pregnant women, infants, young children and their families in communities across Washington. Home visiting is a proven strategy to support a number of positive outcomes with families across multiple domains of health and wellness.

## How are we doing?

Home visiting seeks to address and improve: maternal and child health, parenting and child development, economic self-sufficiency, child abuse and neglect and injury prevention, domestic violence and coordination of community resources and supports in high-risk communities. DEL administers the Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA) and partners with Thrive WA to oversee and advance home visiting service delivery and systems development through contracts with local organizations to provide home visiting services in high-risk communities. Funds from the Home Visiting Services Account support evaluation, training, and technical assistance to support local programs and provide high quality services.

## What are we working on?

- The development of a high quality system of home visiting includes focused efforts in the following 5 areas: Planning and Governance, Service Delivery and Access, Public Engagement, Finance and Sustainability and Quality Accountability.
- The Home Visiting Services Account supports programs to engage families to: improve maternal and child health, parenting and child development, economic self-sufficiency, coordination of community resources and supports, reduce child abuse and neglect and address injury prevention, and address domestic violence.

## How can you help?

- Thrive WA: <https://thrivewa.org/work/family-engagement-2/>
- DEL: <http://del.wa.gov/helpful-resources/home-visiting/>
- HRSA: <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/>
- AIHC: <http://www.aihc-wa.com/aihc-health-projects/home-visiting/>

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services, increased revenue is needed to support high quality services that reach at-risk families. There are challenges with varying levels of stability of funding streams including: federal funding (short term reauthorizations, competitive grants vs. predictable formula grants), state funding (multiple priorities in early learning), and private/philanthropic investment (based on specific or shifting priorities and role separate from government). This volatility in funding impacts the stability of local programs.

**Partner**

• Health Care Authority • Department of Health • Thrive Washington • National Technical Assistance partners for Pay for Success (Institute for Child Success and Third Sector Capital Partners)

**Measure Lead** DEL

explored in 2015-17 including the development of a Finance and Sustainability Work Plan. Focused efforts are planned to explore the feasibility of a Pay for Success model and explore options to increase Medicaid funding of core home visiting services.

**Expected Outcome**

Washington state will have a completed feasibility study to determine if Pay for Success is the appropriate tool for financing home visiting in Washington State. Washington will also determine if there are opportunities through Medicaid to finance home visiting.

was launched on May 18, 2015 with more than 30 key stakeholders. The PFS feasibility study is supported by technical assistance grants awarded by the Institute for Child Success and Third Sector Capital Partners. Four working groups have been established to address the required components of the feasibility study. Additionally, DEL will work with Health Care Authority to build capacity within HCA to explore financing strategies for home visiting with funds awarded through the federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program.

**Task Lead**

Laura Alfani, Home Visiting Project Manager and Melanie Maltry, Home Visiting Finance and Sustainability Specialist

**Status** Complete

**Problem / Opportunity**

In the SFY15-17 biennium, the HVSA received an increase of \$1M from the 502 fund. DEL and Thrive are working with DBHR to determine how the HVSA programs meet the 502 funding parameters. Funds will likely be distributed in early 2016, increasing the number of slots funded through state funds.

**Partner**

DSHS DBHR, Thrive WA, DOH

**Measure Lead** DEL

**Strategies**

DEL and Thrive will work closely with DBHR to determine how to utilize funds most efficiently and according to both HVSA and 502 requirements through a series of meetings.

**Expected Outcome**

Increased evidence-based and research based home visiting slots in communities

**Task**

Leaders meet together, establish an interagency agreement, develop and execute an RFP for funds to communities and issue contracts by spring 2016.

**Task Lead**

Laura Alfani, Home Visiting Project Manager and Marcy Miller, Director of Family Engagement

**Due Date**

04/01/2016

**Status** Complete

**Problem / Opportunity**

Medicaid is financing some components of home visiting in many states across the country via various Medicaid Authority. Washington State isn't leveraging Medicaid funding for early childhood home visiting in a systematic way at this time.

**Partner** DEL, HCA, DOH

**Measure Lead** DEL

**Strategies**

DEL and HCA will work closely together to determine which route to deeply examine which Medicaid authorities that may be leveraged for financing early childhood home visiting services during SFY17. At the end of the state fiscal year, HCA will produce a report with recommendations for the highest leverage strategies for Medicaid financing.

**Expected Outcome**

Increased financing for evidence-based and research based home visiting slots in communities and improving a continuum of care from short

**Task**

Health Care Authority is exploring what Medicaid Authorities other states are leveraging for home visiting services, such as Parents as Teachers, Nurse-Family Partnership, Family Spirit, Parent Child Home Program or other home visiting models.

**Task Lead**

Laura Alfani, Home Visiting Project Manager and Shannon Blood, Health Care Authority Home Visiting and Early Learning Program Manager

**Due Date**

06/30/2017

**Status** On Track



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