



**Subject: Discussions on Medicaid Funds for Home Visiting – Please join us!**

Evidence has shown that home visiting is a highly effective strategy for improving maternal and infant health and longer-term education, career and life goals, yet funding for these services is piecemeal and inadequate to meet community needs. Shoestring budgets and variable reporting and billing requirements leave local service providers in nearly impossible situations as they seek to meet local needs with the highest quality services possible.

**Could Medicaid funds help?**

As directed by the Washington State Legislature, the Washington State Health Care Authority, Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families, and Thrive Washington have partnered to explore how four options for infusing Medicaid funding into the provision of home visiting services would impact local providers.

**September learning sessions**

Seven workshops with local home visiting organizations will be held around the State of Washington during the month of September. During these workshops, we will talk with local providers about their experiences with current funding sources, share options for incorporating Medicaid funding, discuss potential impacts to their operations and services and identify any preferences they may have. We will also hold a culminating discussion with legislators, legislative staff and home visiting advocates on the results of these conversations.

**You are invited – please RSVP.**

You are invited to join us at any of the 7 provider workshops around the state (September 6-20) to listen and learn and/or to join in the **legislative conversation on September 24** in Olympia.

**Local Implementing Agency Workshops**

9/6 10:00 – 2:00 @ Spokane Public Library  
9/10 10:00 – 2:00 @ Tukwila Community Center  
9/11 12:00 – 4:00 @ Jamestown Community Center  
9/12 9:00 – 1:00 @ SPSCC Lacey Campus  
9/13 12:00 – 4:00 @ Burlington Public Library  
9/18 12:00 – 4:00 @ Vancouver Water Resources Ed. Center  
9/20 10:00 – 2:00 @ Yakima Valley Museum

**Legislative Information Session**

9/24 9:30 – 11:30 @  
Townsquare Building 1

Click [here](#) to complete the brief RSVP form – it should take you about 1 minute to complete.

**Thank you for your participation!**

We look forward to working with you on this important service for Washington’s children and families!