

Washington State Perinatal Collaborative **Five Years of Impact (2020–2025)**

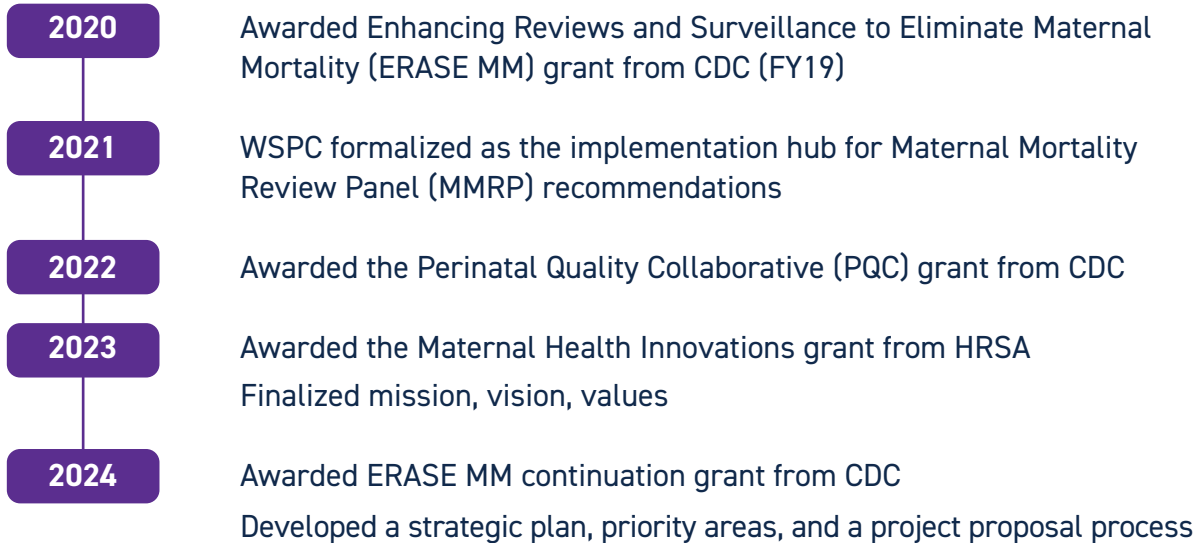
The Washington State Perinatal Collaborative (WSPC) works to strengthen perinatal care systems through coordination, shared learning, and partnership. The WSPC brings together public and private organizations, state agencies, health care providers, and community members to improve the health of pregnant and postpartum people in Washington, their infants, and their families.

This summary highlights the growth of the WSPC across Washington, supported by dedicated federal funding for perinatal quality improvement initiatives. The following sections include a timeline of key activities over the past five years, a summary of accomplishments, and an overview of where the WSPC is now.

Funding Source	Total Amount
ERASE MM (2019-2024)	\$1,995,000
PQC (2022-2027)	\$1,616,300
MHI (2023-2028)	\$7,500,000
ERASE MM (2024-2029)	\$2,475,000
Total	\$13,586,300

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\$13.5 million
 In funding obtained for 2020–2029
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1,900 subscribers
 to the WSPC monthly newsletter
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87% participation
 of birthing hospitals in
 Quality Improvement activities
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48% increase
 in biannual meeting attendance
- 
38 QI initiatives
 led or supported by WSPC
- 
7 hospitals certified
 as Centers of Excellence for
 Perinatal Substance Use
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7 staff positions
 created through acquired funding
- 
5 data snapshots
 to inform priority area projects
- 
2 awards
 for innovative approaches

Key Milestones

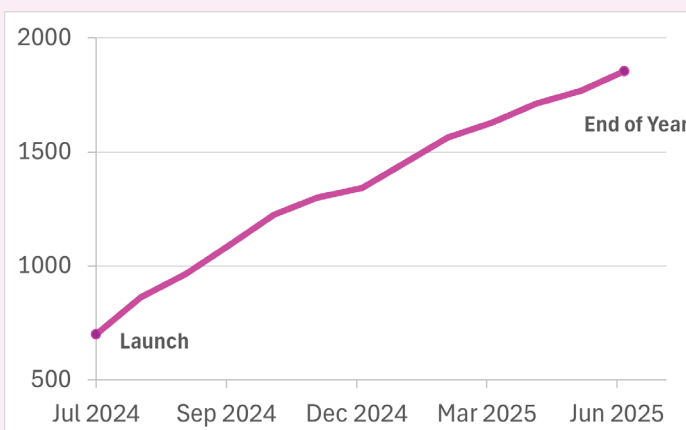


Key Accomplishments

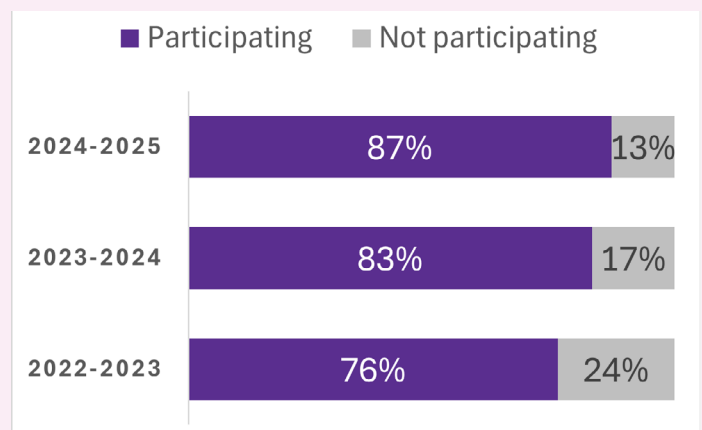
WSPC has strengthened its capacity and partnerships to support perinatal quality improvement across Washington.

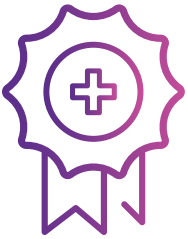
- **Webpage, logo, and newsletter:** Established a dedicated webpage, logo, and monthly newsletter to increase visibility, build credibility, and create a central place to share updates and resources.
- **Governance council:** Formed WSPC's first Governance Council framework, co-led by clinical, state, and community partners, to support shared decision-making and promote equity in project selection.
- **Strategic plan:** Developed a strategic plan to guide the work, define priority areas, and identify leads for each focus area.
- **Data team:** Built a team of epidemiologists to develop data snapshots, track progress, and support data-informed decision-making.
- **Partnerships:** Strengthened relationships with community, Tribal, and Urban Indian partners, who now help guide and lead WSPC's work.
- **Quality improvement projects:** Expanded from an initial goal of a single project per year to an average of 7 projects annually.

Newsletter Subscribers



Birthing Hospital Participation





Awards

In 2025, the Centers of Excellence for Perinatal Substance Use received a Cutting-Edge Practice designation from the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP).

In 2023, the Blue Band initiative was awarded the Quality Improvement Award by WA Chapter of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN).

Projects Implemented

Over the past 5 years, WSPC supported and implemented projects across multiple perinatal health focus areas.

Community-Based Perinatal Care and Parent Support

Family Tours: Doula Medicaid Reimbursement Training

Future Ancestors birth worker stipend

MMRP Across WA

Infant and Neonatal Care

Donor milk

Safe Haven

RSV provider guidance

Syphilis prevention

Stillbirth awareness

NICU data analysis

Mental Health

Provider toolkits

Access and capacity building community grants

Medicaid discovery sprint

MaMHA ECHO training

Rural Access to Care

Mobile obstetric emergency simulations

Rural nursing education

Midwifery education campaign

Maternity desert analysis

Rural hospital and birth center training grants

Substance Use Disorder

Respectful, SUD care education

Lactation guidelines

Center of Excellence for Perinatal Substance Use

Behavioral health community grants

SUD learning collaborative

Plan of Safe Care online referral portal

Behavioral health gap analysis

Pregnant & Parenting Recovery Services resource directory

American Indian and Alaska Native Led

Tribal listening sessions

Indigenous Perinatal Status Report

Tribal maternal health grants

Obstetric Care Quality

Autopsy guidelines

Higher weight & pregnancy guidelines

LOCATe survey (Levels of care)

Hemorrhage response grants

Obstetric emergency drills

Smooth Transitions

Low Dose, Big Benefits campaign

Blue Band initiative

After Pregnancy Coverage awareness

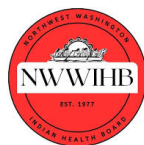
SPEAK UP! Implicit and explicit bias training

Partnerships

Collaboration is central to the WSPC's work. Over the past 5 years, the WSPC has strengthened partnerships with community, Tribal, Urban Indian, and health care organizations. The organizations shown represent some of our partners, with much of the work led alongside individuals and community members.



Harm Reduction Doulas



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