

## Office of Family and Community Health Improvement

The Office of Family and Community Health Improvement is dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities. The Office works with local health jurisdictions, tribal public health partners, community-based organizations, health systems, healthcare providers, and other state agencies. The Washington State Plan for Healthy Communities guides the Office's work to promote health at every stage of life through policies, systems, and environmental changes with emphasis on health equity, life course theory, social determinants of health, and community-clinical linkages.

### POPULATION OF FOCUS

All residents of Washington State

### SECTIONS

- Community Healthcare Improvement Linkages
- Community Workforce and Partnership
- Operations and Health Systems
- Screening and Genetics
- Surveillance and Evaluation
- Thriving Children and Youth

### MAJOR FUNCTION

Increase access to preventive services for un- and underinsured residents (e.g., Cancer screening and cardiovascular disease)

Support healthcare improvements to achieve better outcomes, individual experience, and reduce costs (e.g., Cancer screening and genetics)

Increase health equity among infants, children, youth, women, adults, and families

Ensure safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for families

Promote access and connections to responsive services for children in WA

Use science and data in public health planning, implementation and recommendations

Evaluate public health programs and activities

Monitor trends in health outcomes for women, children, adolescents, and families

Improve the health of people with, or at risk of, genetic disease or hearing differences

### MAJOR ISSUES

Enhanced policy and fiscal innovation to address the holistic needs of families and communities to promote wellness through coordinated state and local approaches to connect families to relevant and appropriate supports

Support the development of the Community Healthcare Worker workforce and integration into existing health systems

Ensure continued progress to reduce unintended pregnancies and increase sexual health

Prevent child abuse and neglect by increasing child health and kindergarten readiness and reducing adverse childhood experiences by community-driven state systems integration

Serious disparities in health for children and families, especially among people of color and low-income communities and rural communities

Access to and meaningful use of relevant data for policy and programmatic action

Delayed access and utilization of preventive services due to COVID (e.g., Cancer screening and fiscal impact of COVID on service providers)

**BUDGET**

For the 2019–2021 biennium, the Office of Family and Community Health Improvement budget is \$82.1 million with interagency reimbursements (IARs)\* included. This includes General State Funds (41%) and Federal (51%) and Local\*\* (4%).

This office has 79 FTE among offices located in Tumwater, Shoreline and Kent.

**TOTAL ALLOTMENTS BY FUND TYPE**

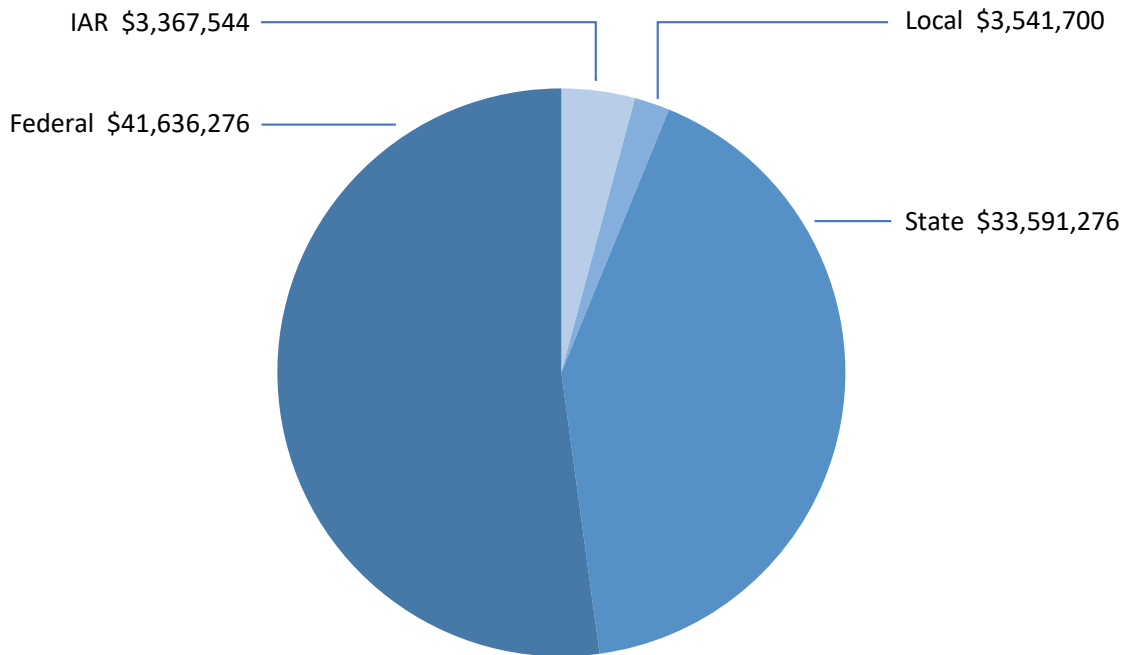
Division of Prevention and Community Health – Office of Family and Community Health & Improvement

2019–21 Biennium

Total (with IARs) = \$ 82,136,796

Total (without IARs) = \$ 78,769,252

**TOTAL (with IARs)**



\* Interagency agreements represent another state agency funding DOH to complete work on their behalf  
 \*\* Local dollars are comprised of private foundation funding, funding from MCO and other private sources