

BEST STARTS FOR KIDS

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VISION

Healthy, Happy, Safe & Thriving

We want to see babies born healthy, kids thriving, and young people growing up to be happy, healthy, successful adults.



HOW DO WE DO IT?



PROMOTION



PREVENTION



**EARLY
INTERVENTION**



**POLICY & SYSTEMS
CHANGE**

Underlying Principles

- » Equity
- » Community
- » Resilience, Protective Factors, Social and Emotional Wellbeing
- » Multigenerational Approach
- » Transparency and Accountability

LEVY DETAILS

- Passed by voters November 2015
 - 14¢/\$1000 assessed value
 - ~\$65 million annually
 - 6 year levy (Jan 2016- Dec 2021)
- Implementation Plan and budget approved late fall 2016



A young boy with short dark hair, wearing a grey and white long-sleeved shirt and light-colored pants, is hanging from a black metal pull-up bar in a park. A woman with long red hair, wearing a grey jacket, stands next to him, cheering and clapping her hands. The background shows a grassy park area with trees and a bench.

PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

YOUTH AND FAMILY HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

- \$19 million of initial Levy collections intended to “prevent and divert children & youth and their families from becoming homeless.”
- **MODEL**
 - Flexible funding paired with case management
 - Learning circles and training for community providers
- **RESULTS**
 - About 4,200 people were served by YFHPI in 2017
 - 1,100 families with children (4,000 people total)
 - 200 unaccompanied youth and young adults
 - 94% of those served in YFHPI have stayed housed (not entered a program in HMIS)

INVESTING EARLY



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PRENATAL - 5 STRATEGIES (50% of levy funds)

- Public Health's parent child health & community health programming
- Home-based services
- Community-based and peer supports for parents
- Developmental promotion, including screening, early intervention services and infant mental health
- Child care health consultation
- Innovation fund
- Help Me Grow



SUSTAINING THE GAIN

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5 - 24 STRATEGIES (35% of levy funds)

- Partnerships with schools
 - Trauma-informed and restorative practices
 - Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
 - Out of school time
 - School-based health centers
- Youth development
 - Mentoring
 - Positive Identity Development
 - Leadership and engagement opportunities
 - Healthy Relationships and Partner Violence Prevention
- Healthy and safe environments
- Parent and community connections
- Stopping the School to Prison Pipeline

Strengthening Communities



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Communities of Opportunity (10% of levy funds)

- Place-base partnerships
- Systems & policy change
- Learning communities



Welcome!

Intro's
Presentation
Talk!!
Children present

Notes
What is your initial reaction?
Does this reflect your family
experience + the experience of other
families?
What questions come up for you?
What more do we need to know about
this?

MOH
P-ETAG-NOM

LUNCH

BREAKFAST

MEASURING SUCCESS

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Data and Evaluation (5% of levy funds)

- Best Starts Evaluation Plan
 - Approved by County Council in Fall 2017
- Evaluation Advisory Group
- Child Health Survey
- Community Data Dives
- Evaluation Partnerships
 - RFP open to work in depth on selected focus areas

HEADLINE INDICATORS

Prenatal to Age 5

Healthy birth outcomes

Source: Birth Certificates, Death Certificates

- *Infant mortality*
- *Pre-term birth*

Reduction child abuse and neglect

Source: Children's Administration, DSHS

Flourishing & resilient

Source: NEW Child Health Survey question based on HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau's National Survey of Children's Health

Kindergarten ready

Source: WA KIDS, OSPI

5 to 24 Years

3rd graders meet reading standard level

Source: OSPI

4th graders meet math standard

Source: OSPI

On-time high school graduation

Source: Roadmap, Eastside Pathways, OSPI

Youth & young adults in school or working

Source: American Community Survey

Excellent/very good health

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and NEW Health Survey

Reduction in youth substance use

Source: Healthy Youth Survey

Flourishing & resilient

Source: NEW Child Health Survey question based on HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau's National Survey of Children's Health

Career or college credential

Source: ERDC



Best Starts for Kids Investments in the City of Seattle

Thank you & Questions

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