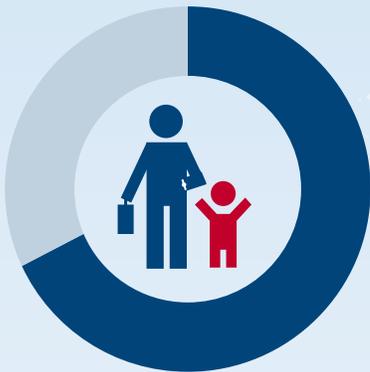


DID YOU KNOW?



1 in 6 Children in Washington lives in poverty



59%

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COST OF CHILD CARE

\$799/mo for toddlers

\$1,061/mo for infants

WA children were confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in 2014.



7,341

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75,000

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517,000

Washington children were enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP in 2014.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

When every child gets a fair shot at success, America's families, communities and the economy as a whole will benefit. Lifting children from poverty and removing discrimination or other barriers to development and achievement are a key government function. As noted by eminent political scientist Robert Putnam, the denial of equal opportunity is a dagger to the heart of the American Dream. ***One in six children in Washington lives in poverty, and the gap continues to grow.***

WORKING FAMILIES

Working and having a family shouldn't be so hard. Paid sick and family medical leave, access to affordable childcare and better incomes can help provide the economic security and flexibility that parents need to build their careers and support their families. Sixty-seven percent of children under the age of six have all available parents in the labor force, ***and in Washington child care in a center costs about \$1,061 per month for infants and \$799 per month for toddlers and young children.***

EDUCATION

We believe all kids should have access to high quality schools regardless of their parents' income and whether they live in urban, rural or suburban areas. For early childhood and higher education, let's level the playing field. To educate the next generation of leaders and innovators, early childhood education and college affordability must be priorities. ***60% of Washington's families did not attend a preschool program from 2012-2014. The good news is that children enrolled in the state's ECEAP program show remarkable growth in literacy development and the ability to use numbers. Unfortunately, only 32% of children have access to the program. (<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/Reports/549>)***

A year of tuition at Washington State University is \$10,916. Add room, board, books, and incidentals and the yearly total is about \$15,000. The maximum Pell Grant award covers only \$5,775.

SAFE CHILDREN

All children need a safe environment at home, in school and in their neighborhoods. Preventing child abuse and neglect and child deaths from maltreatment, as well as minimizing the gun violence that is a leading killer of children and teens, should be top priorities. ***In Washington, 7,341 children were confirmed victims of abuse and neglect in 2014.***

HEALTHY CHILDREN

No child should be denied health care. While the State Children's Health Insurance Program (**SCHIP**) and the recently enacted comprehensive health reform bill will ensure that most children and youth receive timely and comprehensive medical attention, we must continue to advance policies that preserve and enhance this progress. ***75,000 Washington children were without health insurance in 2014, and 517,000 Washington children were enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP in 2014.***

BE A VOICE FOR WASHINGTON'S KIDS!
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