

Office of the Assistant Secretary

Description: The Office of the Assistant Secretary provides leadership and support to all programs and services that are part of the Division of Prevention and Community Health. Internally, we work closely with division staff, other divisions, the Office of the Secretary, and Central Administration to fulfill this role. Externally, we partner with other state agencies, local health, and key stakeholder groups to support our mission to protect and improve the health of people in Washington.

Mission/Purpose: We believe our work helps people live longer, healthier lives in vibrant communities because our partners help promote policies, systems, and environments that prevent illness and injury, and encourage healthy lifestyles.

Our goals include:

- Reduce vaccine hesitancy and the kindergarten vaccination exemption rate.
- Convene effective community partnerships that promote healthy starts and address health disparities.
- Forge effective relationships with the clinical care system to improve the delivery of clinical and community preventive services.

Target Population: Residents of the state of Washington where they live, learn, work and play.

Major Functions

- Strategic planning
- Health promotion and education consultation
- Web and print communications
- Budget and operations
- Contract processing
- Legislative and policy coordination
- Constituent relations
- Performance measurement and accountability
- Rulemaking
- Public disclosure request response
- Workforce development
- Public health standards
- Health Education Resource Exchange (H.E.R.E.)
- Information design
- Results Washington
- Quality improvement
- Healthiest Next Generation

Major Issues

- Evolving external influences that shape our work:
 - Health reform
 - Ongoing federal and state budget adjustments
 - Issues facing our partners and funders
 - Changing populations and disease trends
- Reshaping Washington's public health through the Agenda for Change
- Identifying areas for integration
- Streamlining business functions
- Developing partnerships
- Community engagement

Budget: For the 2015-17 biennium, the Prevention and Community Health Division budget is \$656.8 million with interagency reimbursements included (IARs); and \$638.4 without IARs. This consists of General Fund State (5 percent), Federal (57 percent), General Fund Local from WIC infant formula rebates (10 percent), Vaccine State Funds (23 percent), Interagency Reimbursements (3 percent), State Budget Provisos (2%), less than one percent for Youth Tobacco, and less than one percent from the Tobacco Prevention and the Public Health Supplemental Account (included in local funds) from outside organizations supporting Breast and Cervical Health, Child Profile, and Patient-Centered Medical Home program activities. The division has 273 FTEs among two primary locations and a few local health departments to deliver public health services statewide.

**Division of Prevention and Community Health
Total Allotments by Fund Type
2015-17 Biennium**

Total = \$656,829,118 (With IARs)
Total = \$638,442,312 (Without IARs)

