

## Office of Immunization and Child Profile

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**Description:** The Office of Immunization and Child Profile is committed to two primary goals: 1) promoting immunization to protect children, teens, and adults from preventable diseases; and 2) collaborating with healthcare providers, government agencies, and community organizations to educate parents on healthy choices and preventive care.

The Office of Immunization and Child Profile consists of five sections:

- Budget and Operations
- Clinical and Quality Assurance
- Health Promotion and Communication
- Immunization Information System
- Vaccine Management

**Mission/Purpose:** We promote healthy choices and work to make Washington free of preventable diseases.

**Target Population:** All residents of Washington State.

### Major Functions

- Provide immunization data to help healthcare providers give the right vaccine at the right time.
- Conduct clinic-based assessments to improve immunization services and increase immunization rates.
- Inform the public and healthcare workers about needed immunizations to prevent disease.
- Measure immunization rates, identify factors that contribute to under-immunization, and implement strategies to increase rates.
- Support parents, schools, child care and early learning facilities in meeting immunization requirements.
- Respond to vaccine-preventable diseases outbreaks.
- Purchase and distribute vaccines to public and private providers for children aged birth through 18 years.
- Purchase and distribute a limited amount of vaccines for uninsured and underinsured adults.
- Educate families with children aged birth to 6 years on immunizations, well-child visits, and other health and safety issues through Child Profile mailings.

### Major Issues

- Meeting our immunization coverage rate goals.
- Risk to infants from vaccine-preventable diseases, such as whooping cough. We also work to make sure pregnant women are vaccinated appropriately to help protect babies.
- High rates of vaccine exemption from schools, child care centers, and early learning facilities.
- High rates of children who are out of compliance with school and childcare immunization requirements.
- Helping the public understand immunizations as a community safety measure.
- Access to care and vaccine coverage for Medicaid-eligible and uninsured populations.
- Helping providers, local health and other partners use geographic coverage data in the Immunization Information System to better target interventions.
- Identifying and developing partnerships with private organizations to sustain our work.
- Updating the Child Profile distribution methods in order to keep pace with how families want to receive information.

**Budget:** For the 2015-17 Biennium, the Office of Immunization and Child Profile budget is about \$174.4 million with interagency reimbursements (IARs) included. This consists of General Fund State (1.2 percent), Federal (9 percent), Vaccine State Funds (86.5 percent), and 3.4 percent from other state agencies for items including Title XIX Medicaid Program Match for Child Profile Health Promotion and Immunization Information System activities. The office also gets about \$79 million per year in vaccines in lieu of cash from the federal Vaccines for Children to support purchasing vaccines for children eligible for this program. The office has 52 full time and project staff, funded through a combination of direct appropriations and interagency reimbursements. All staff are located in Tumwater.

**Division of Prevention and Community Health  
Office of Immunizations & Child Profile**

**Total Allotments by Fund Type  
2015-17 Biennium**

**Total = \$174,357,386 (With IARs)**  
**Total = \$168,452,595 (Without IARs)**

