



The PAF Project supports the academic, economic, social, emotional, and health needs of expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers, and families in Washington.

# **Focus Populations**

Though our reach is statewide and serves adults, especially survivors of violence, the Pregnancy Assistance Fund Project focuses on:

- Young people (ages 13-24)
- Four counties (Grant, Adams, Benton and Franklin) with large Hispanic and Latino populations
- Pierce County with a large black population
- Native Americans in local settings

## **Key Goals**

- Implement evidence-based and evidence-informed programs and services that are medically accurate to improve personal health, child health, educational and social outcomes.
- Improve access to services that ensure educational success and self-sufficiency.
- Increase awareness of and education about services available to focus populations and regions.
- Ensure programs and all services provided are life-affirming; medically accurate; culturally and linguistically appropriate and inclusive; implemented in a safe and supportive environment.
- Engage and empower state and community stakeholders to form partnerships and ensure coordination.

# Key Accomplishments 2013-2018

- Served over 2,700 expectant and parenting participants and over 3,000 children
  - o 270 received home visiting services
  - More than 500 used child care centers in Early Achievers Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS)
  - Over 1600 received developmental screening through the Ages and Stages Questionnaire
- Served over 600 youth (ages 8-18) in primary prevention programs on healthy relationships and social support

#### • Funded 17 Graduation, Reality and Dual-role Skills (GRADS) teen parent programs.

- Provided training to 300+ health and social service providers, domestic violence and sexual assault advocates, and GRADS teen parent teachers on a range of issues, including:
  - Adverse Childhood Experiences and Resiliency, Reproductive and Sexual Coercion, Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARCs), and Role of Advocacy.
- Produced revised guidelines for serving Latina expectant or parenting survivors of violence

# Key State & Regional Activities for the Future

- Continue to expand capacity of community partners through training and collaborative efforts
- Develop strategic partnerships to ensure sustainable support for these focus populations

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## **Enlace Core Partners**

#### **State Partners**

- Office of the Attorney General
- Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

#### **Local Partners**

- Benton-Franklin Health District
- Columbia Basin Health Association
- Black Infant Health Ministers

