Office of Immunization and Child Profile

PURPOSE
The Office of Immunization and Child Profile promotes healthy choices and works to make Washington free of preventable diseases. We are committed to two primary goals:

1) establishing and maintaining statewide infrastructure to support vaccine supply, clinical guidance on immunizations, immunization data collection and analysis, and promotion of immunization across the lifespan; and

2) collaborating with healthcare providers, government agencies, and community organizations to educate parents on healthy choices and preventive care.

TARGET POPULATION
All residents of Washington State

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

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

Provide immunization data to help healthcare providers give the right vaccine at the right time.

Conduct clinic-based assessments to deliver performance feedback, provide technical assistance, 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 disease 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 nutrition, development, and 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.

Addressing inaccurate and misleading information about vaccines.
BUDGET
For the 2017–19 Biennium, the Office of Immunization and Child Profile budget is about $157.1 million with interagency reimbursements (IARs) included. This consists of General Fund State (1.66 percent), Federal (8.53 percent), Vaccine State Funds (82.86 percent), and 6.94 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 $97 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 56 full time and project staff, funded through a combination of direct appropriations and interagency reimbursements. All staff are located in Tumwater.

TOTAL ALLOTMENTS BY FUND TYPE
Division of Prevention and Community Health – Office of Immunization and Child Profile
2017–19 Biennium

Total (With IARs) = $157,142,582
Total (Without IARs) = $146,243,135