

Division of Prevention and Community Health

We collaborate with state agencies, community partners and tribal nations to prevent disease and promote a healthy start, healthy choices and access to services. Through our work, we hope to enhance the health of individuals, families and communities and eliminate health inequities in disproportionately impacted populations. The division has four programmatic offices, an administrative office and a COVID-19 Response team. Close to 500 employees work to deliver public health services statewide.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary (OAS) provides leadership and support for the entire division in the areas of constituent and external relations; internal operations; policy, rules and legislative affairs; organizational culture; health equity; continuous improvement and performance management; epidemiology and data; public disclosure; strategic thinking and planning.

- **Michele Roberts**, *Assistant Secretary*
- **Stephanie Dunkel**, *Deputy Assistant Secretary*
- **Heather Drummond**, *COVID-19 Vaccine Director*
- **Amy Underwood**, *Lead Admin-Executive Assistant*
- **Maria Courogen**, *Community Based Care Coordination Director*
- **Cindil Redick-Ponte**, *Equity and Social Justice Manager*
- **Amy Sullivan**, *Division Epidemiologist*
- **Colleen Thompson**, *Policy and Legislative Relations Director*
- **Chi Sharma**, *Financial Operations Manager*

The Office of Family and Community Health Improvement (OFCHI) is responsible for ensuring optimal wellness for families and communities with a focus on primary prevention. This office oversees the following bodies of work: Genetics and Screening, Community Engagement and Workforce Development, Thriving Children and Youth, Community Health Improvement and Linkages (includes sexual and reproductive health and breast, cervical, and colon cancer), Surveillance and Evaluation, and Healthy Systems.

Katie Eilers, *Office Director*

- **Alex Padilla**, *Acting Deputy Office Director*

The Office of Healthy and Safe Communities (OHSC) is responsible for improving access to healthy environments and nutrition, and the prevention of chronic disease, substance abuse, violence, injuries, and more. OHSC includes the National Violent Death Registry and Washington State Cancer Registry teams. This office oversees the following programs: Planning, Partnership, Policy and Operations; Community Based Prevention, Injury Violence Prevention, and Surveillance and Evaluation.

Allen Christensen, *Office Director*

- **Amy Ellings**, *Deputy Office Director*

The Office of Immunization (OI) is responsible for establishing and maintaining statewide infrastructure to support vaccine supply and access, clinical guidance on immunizations, immunization data collection and analysis, and promotion of immunization across the lifespan. This office collaborates with healthcare providers, government agencies, and community organizations to educate parents on healthy choices and preventive care.

Jamilia Sherls-Jones, *Office Director*

- **Jolene Black**, *Acting Deputy Office Director*

The Office of Nutrition Services (ONS) is responsible for addressing food insecurity, supporting healthy eating, active living, breastfeeding and child development. This office oversees the following programs: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition program, SNAP-Education, breastfeeding peer counselors and the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program.

Paul Throne, *Office Director*

- **Brittany Tybo**, *Deputy Office Director*

2021 FACTS AND FIGURES

Office of Family and Community Health Improvement (OFCHI)

Clients served by state-funded Sexual and Reproductive Health clinics.....	86,380
Participants who completed the Community Health Worker training.....	372
Clients who received a breast or cervical screen through the Breast, Cervical and Colon Health Program.....	6,775

Office of Healthy and Safe Communities (OHSC)

Calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.....	64,916
Calls to the Tobacco Quitline from residents of Washington.....	8,351
Impressions delivered via digital media buys for the You Can youth cannabis prevention campaign.....	78,000,000

Office of Immunization (OI)*

Public school districts using Washington Immunization Information System.....	295 (100%)
Provider offices enrolled in the State Childhood Vaccine Program.....	983
Vaccine doses ordered/dollar value of vaccines ordered for kids aged 0-18.....	2,417,408 / \$170,269,548

*Numbers are for the period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Office of Nutrition Services (ONS)

Participants in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition program.....	190,206
Dollar value of redeemed WIC benefits.....	\$78,932,226
People reached through SNAP-Ed services, public health approaches and health promotion.....	1,140,352

BUDGET

The 2021–23 biennium budget is illustrated below by fund type.

ALLOTMENTS BY FUND TYPE

FUND TYPE	BUDGET (direct)	FTE
General Fund-State	\$55,388,490	137.53
General Fund-Proviso	\$36,679,870	26.04
General Fund-Federal	\$350,162,623	176.94
General Fund-Local*	\$73,718,582	3.87
General Fund-Foundational Public Health Services	\$1,610,618	4.60
Private Local	\$3,289,235	3.87
Dedicated Accounts**	\$184,488,268	20.73
Dedicated-Proviso	\$11,186,370	4.20
Inter-Agency Agreements	\$29,674,121	28.47
COVID-19 Response	\$167,013,425	162.98
TOTAL	\$913,211,602	569.23

* Bulk of local funds are from WIC rebates from infant formula..

**Dedicated Accounts include Tobacco, Marijuana, 988 Crisis Line, and Universal Vaccine.

***Mixture of COVID Vaccine grant and ARPA. Doesn't include FEMA spending.

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