

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SERVICE  
INTEGRATION ADMINISTRATION**



**Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP)**

**2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET**

Reduction Option	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
GF-State	(\$2,171,000)	(\$2,171,000)	(\$4,342,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$3,547,000)</b>	<b>(\$3,547,000)</b>	<b>(\$7,094,000)</b>

**REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY**

As required by 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration (BHSIA) is submitting the following reduction option that would eliminate funding for the Parent-Child Assistance program (PCAP), which supports mothers who are at high risk for alcohol and/or drug abuse during pregnancy. These funds are used to support highest risk women and their drug affected infants and children in the contracted counties. BHSIA expects this reduction will impact 903 clients annually. By implementing this reduction, clients will have difficulty connecting with community resources, accessing and retention in treatment, and receiving targeted intensive case management and other education components.

**REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL**

This proposal will eliminate PCAP funds allocated to provide targeted case management affecting 903 clients and their children annually. PCAP providers connect these clients with resources within the community that will best serve their needs. PCAP would be eliminated for ten providers in eleven counties (King, Pierce, Grant, Spokane, Cowlitz, Skagit, Clallam, Kitsap, Yakima, Clark, and Grays Harbor).

The reduction will decrease the resources available in local communities, such as medical, educational, justice, and social services. Referral, support, and advocacy for high-risk, pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorders will no longer be available. Since this is a contracted program, no state FTEs are associated with this reduction.

For every state dollar that is lost, an equal amount of federal Medicaid funding associated with this contract will be lost. Some of the PCAP funding is state only for training and evaluation, for women who are not Medicaid eligible (7 percent), and for providers that cannot fully utilize Medicaid due to staffing configurations.

**STAKEHOLDER IMPACT**

Pregnant, postpartum, and parenting women with substance use disorders, their current and future children, immediate family, community resource providers, and counties will be impacted by this reduction. In the past, legislators have been opposed to reducing services to pregnant and parenting women due to their vulnerable nature. The Children’s



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Administration makes referrals to this program and would be affected by the loss of services for substance abusing women and their children.



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