



weaving support through community partnerships for strong healthy families

*The Enlace Project (“enlace” meaning link or bond in Spanish) supports the academic, economic, social, emotional, and health needs of expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers, and families in Washington. Started in 2013, it is funded by a four-year, \$6 million federal grant from the Office of Adolescent Health.*

## Focus Populations

Though our reach is statewide and serves adults, especially survivors of violence, we focus on:

- Young people (ages 13-24)
- Latina/Latino communities, including indigenous communities and migrant farm workers
- Washington counties with the highest teen birth rates: Yakima, Grant, Adams, and Franklin

## Key Goals

- Increase community capacity to serve these populations
- Increase clients’ access to and use of resources
- Increase early learning quality and cultural relevance
- Empower local and state stakeholders to address barriers and to sustain services

## Key Accomplishments

- Served over 1300 expectant and parenting participants and over 1600 children:
  - 200 received parenting classes or home visiting.
  - 110 used childcare centers in the Early Achievers Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS).
  - 1100 received developmental screening via the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ).
- Served 150 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 to improve their child care centers through QRIS
- Provided training to 200+ 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

### Enlace Core Partners

#### State Partners

- Office of the Attorney General
- Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs
- Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- WithinReach (non-profit)

#### Local Partners

- Benton-Franklin Health District
- Columbia Basin Health Association
- Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

## Key State and Regional Activities for the Future

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

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