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1 AN ACT Relating to community networks; and amending RCW 70.190.080.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.190.080 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 305 are each amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The community network's plan may include a program to provide  
6 postsecondary scholarships to at-risk students who: (a) Are community  
7 role models under criteria established by the community network; (b)  
8 successfully complete high school; and (c) maintain at least a 2.5  
9 grade point average throughout high school. Funding for the  
10 scholarships may include public and private sources.

11 ~~(2) ((The community network's plan may also include funding of~~  
12 ~~community-based home visitor programs which are designed to reduce the~~  
13 ~~incidence of child abuse and neglect with [within] the network.~~  
14 ~~Parents shall sign a voluntary authorization for services, which may be~~  
15 ~~withdrawn at any time. The program may provide parents with education~~  
16 ~~and support either in parents' homes or in other locations comfortable~~  
17 ~~for parents, beginning with the birth of their first baby. The program~~  
18 ~~may make the following services available to the families:~~

1       ~~(a) Visits for all expectant or new parents, either at the parent's~~  
2 ~~home or another location with which the parent is comfortable;~~  
3       ~~(b) Screening before or soon after the birth of a child to assess~~  
4 ~~the family's strengths and goals and define areas of concern in~~  
5 ~~consultation with the family;~~  
6       ~~(c) Parenting education and skills development;~~  
7       ~~(d) Parenting and family support information and referral;~~  
8       ~~(e) Parent support groups; and~~  
9       ~~(f) Service coordination for individual families, and assistance~~  
10 ~~with accessing services, provided in a manner that ensures that~~  
11 ~~individual families have only one individual or agency to which they~~  
12 ~~look for service coordination. Where appropriate for a family, service~~  
13 ~~coordination may be conducted through interdisciplinary or interagency~~  
14 ~~teams.~~

15       ~~These programs are intended to be voluntary for the parents~~  
16 ~~involved.~~

17       ~~(3))~~ The community network may include funding of:

18       (a) At-risk youth job placement and training programs. The  
19 programs shall:

20       (i) Identify and recruit at-risk youth for local job opportunities;  
21       (ii) Provide skills and needs assessments for each youth recruited;  
22       (iii) Provide career and occupational counseling to each youth  
23 recruited;

24       (iv) Identify businesses willing to provide employment and training  
25 opportunities for at-risk youth;

26       (v) Match each youth recruited with a business that meets his or  
27 her skills and training needs;

28       (vi) Provide employment and training opportunities that prepare the  
29 individual for demand occupations; and

30       (vii) Include, to the extent possible, collaboration of business,  
31 labor, education and training, community organizations, and local  
32 government;

33       (b) Employment assistance, including job development, school-to-  
34 work placement, employment readiness training, basic skills,  
35 apprenticeships, job mentoring, and private sector and community  
36 service employment;

37       (c) Education assistance, including tutoring, mentoring,  
38 interactions with role models, entrepreneurial education and projects,

1 violence prevention training, safe school strategies, and employment  
2 reentry assistance services;

3 (d) Peer-to-peer, group, and individual counseling, including  
4 crisis intervention, for at-risk youth and their parents;

5 (e) Youth coalitions that provide opportunities to develop  
6 leadership skills and gain appropriate respect, recognition, and  
7 rewards for their positive contribution to their community;

8 (f) Technical assistance to applicants to increase their  
9 organizational capacity and to improve the likelihood of a successful  
10 application; and

11 (g) Technical assistance and training resources to successful  
12 applicants.

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