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1       AN ACT Relating to development and funding of evidence-based  
2 prevention and intervention services; and adding a new chapter to Title  
3 43 RCW.

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

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is credible  
6 evidence that certain well-implemented prevention and intervention  
7 programs can achieve significantly more benefits than costs. As  
8 research continues to develop, the array of proven prevention and  
9 intervention programs continues to expand. By keeping abreast of the  
10 latest research and investing in proven prevention and intervention  
11 programs, the state can ensure the best possible return on the  
12 investment of the state's resources.

13       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply  
14 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

15       (1) "Evidence-based" means a program or practice for which there is  
16 consistent scientific evidence showing that the interventions improve  
17 client outcomes.

1 (2) "Research-based" means a program or practice that has some  
2 research demonstrating effectiveness, but that does not yet meet the  
3 standard of evidence-based.

4 (3) "Theory-based" means a program or practice that has general  
5 support among treatment providers and experts, based on experience or  
6 professional literature, may have anecdotal or case-study support, and  
7 has potential for becoming a research-based program or practice.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The prevention and intervention investment  
9 council is hereby created to direct and support the following:

10 (1) The investment of state resources in evidence-based prevention  
11 and intervention programs in the state; and

12 (2) Ongoing research and evaluation of sound, theory-based and  
13 research-based prevention and intervention programs with the goal of  
14 expanding the number and type of available evidence-based programs.

15 In conducting its work, the council shall consult a broad range of  
16 available research, including research conducted by the Washington  
17 state institute for public policy on prevention and early intervention  
18 programs.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The prevention and intervention  
20 investment council shall develop and maintain a defined menu of  
21 evidence-based prevention and intervention programs that have been  
22 demonstrated to achieve significantly more benefits than costs with  
23 respect to the two following outcomes: Reduction in child abuse; and  
24 reduction in child neglect.

25 (2) The council shall also develop guidelines for implementation of  
26 the identified programs, which shall address quality control, adherence  
27 to program design, monitoring, and evaluation.

28 (3) By July 1, 2006, the council shall identify additional outcomes  
29 for which it shall develop and maintain defined menus of evidence-based  
30 prevention and intervention programs that have been demonstrated to  
31 achieve significantly more benefits than costs with respect to those  
32 outcomes.

33 (4) The council shall encourage public and private efforts to  
34 support training of state staff and service providers and to expand  
35 capacity for the provision of theory-based, research-based, and  
36 evidence-based prevention and intervention services.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.** (1) The prevention and intervention  
2 investment council shall consist of ten members as follows:

3        (a) The secretary of the department of social and health services,  
4 the secretary of the department of health, and the director of the  
5 office of financial management;

6        (b) Three individuals appointed by the governor, two of whom shall  
7 be researchers; and

8        (c) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the  
9 speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member  
10 of the majority caucus and one of whom shall be a member of the  
11 minority caucus, and two members of the senate appointed by the  
12 president of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the majority  
13 caucus and one of whom shall be a member of the minority caucus.

14        (2) Members of the council shall be compensated in accordance with  
15 RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided  
16 in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

17        (3) The council shall employ an executive director who is exempt  
18 from the provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW. The council may fix the  
19 compensation of the executive director. The executive director may  
20 employ such other staff as are necessary to carry out the purposes of  
21 this chapter.

22        (4) The council shall create a prevention and intervention  
23 investment work group to provide technical support to the prevention  
24 and intervention investment council.

25        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.** Twenty percent of state spending for  
26 alternate response systems, family preservation services, and early  
27 intervention public health nurse services shall be spent on evidence-  
28 based prevention and intervention programs identified by the prevention  
29 and intervention investment council pursuant to section 4(1) of this  
30 act. This funding shall be limited to spending for services to  
31 families involved with the child welfare system. With the approval of  
32 the council, the department of social and health services may spend up  
33 to ten percent of the amount provided in this section to meet costs of  
34 staffing, training, and information system changes necessary to  
35 implement this act.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 7.** Existing state entities that support  
2 prevention and intervention programs, including but not limited to the  
3 Washington council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect, the  
4 family policy council, and the governor's juvenile justice advisory  
5 committee, shall focus on funding sound, theory-based and research-  
6 based prevention and intervention programs with the goal of expanding  
7 the number and type of available evidence-based programs. These state  
8 entities shall coordinate their activities with the activities of the  
9 prevention and intervention investment council.

10        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 through 7 of this act constitute  
11 a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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