

Chapter 1 - Introduction

1.1. About BCCHP

The Breast, Cervical and Colon Health Program (BCCHP) began in Washington State in 1993. BCCHP is part of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP). The program was created by the United States Congress to improve access to breast and cervical cancer screening for women with low incomes and no health insurance. Through this landmark program, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) supports comprehensive screening activities in all 50 states, 4 U.S. territories, in the District of Columbia and in 13 American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations. Since 1990 the program has served more than 3 million women in the U.S.

Since 1994, BCCHP in Clallam, Jefferson, King and Kitsap Counties has provided services to over 58,000 women. Breast cancer was diagnosed in over 1000 women and cervical cancer or pre-cancerous cervical condition was diagnosed in over 350 women. These women and many others diagnosed at BCCHP-contracted facilities have received cancer and pre-cancer treatment services through the Medicaid Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP) since 2001.

Outreach staff at community-based organizations recruit women who have never or rarely been screened to enroll in the program. Approximately 43% of clients screened each year are new to BCCHP.

Priority populations enrolled exceed their representation in the community. Of the women screened in 2019, 86% represent women from BIPOC communities. 91% spoke a language other than English. More than 2% identified as lesbian or bi-sexual.

In 2005, the Washington Colon Health Program started screening clients for colon cancer through a grant from the CDC. This program was initially a pilot program in King, Jefferson and Clallam Counties. CDC did not provide screening dollars as part of the program effective in June, 2020.

Goal:

Finding cancers early can save lives. The BCCHP helps eligible clients get screened for breast, and cervical cancers. We also connect clients to diagnostic services and treatment. We work to improve access to services, especially for people who face extra barriers to getting health care. Everyone should be able to get recommended cancer screenings.

Funding:

The BCCHP receives funding from the CDC and Washington State.

Prime Contractor:

Public Health - Seattle & King County is a Prime Contractor for BCCHP. In this role, we partner with health care providers and community agencies to provide program services in Clallam, Jefferson, King and Kitsap Counties. The program follows requirements set by the CDC and the Washington State Department of Health.

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