



How Do We Pay For Home Visits?

Parent Teacher Home Visits is a proven, fast and inexpensive way to increase the capacity of the most important adults in the child's life, their family and their teachers, to better support the child's academic and developmental success. Although this initiative is relatively inexpensive, we know from experience that careful budgeting and planning will ensure your long-term and sustainable success with the program. How much money is needed? Enough to train educators, and then compensate them when they go out and do visits. You may also want to earmark funds for ongoing or periodic coaching or professional development to support the progress you've made with home visits.

To begin, local members of the school district, teachers' union and/or community groups bring PTHV staff to train their school personnel. Training costs average between \$5,000 - \$7,000, for training a group of around 20-60 teachers and staff. This includes the cost of the training (\$3,500), average travel expense for the trainers, and compensation for the participating educators' time.

How is the training paid? A variety of ways.

- **District funds** For example, the Sacramento City Unified School District pays for training out of Title 1 funds.
- **Direct grant** For example in Portland, a non-profit community group used grant funds to bring PTHVP to their city to train.
- **Union funds** For example, the National Education Association provides funding for the Priority Schools Campaign.

Teacher compensation costs average \$70 per visit (covers two teachers per visit), and is usually paid by **District funds**. Typically the district tracks the number of teacher visits and compensates them, usually from Title 1 funds or another specific line item. For example, Denver Public Schools has budgeted enough teacher compensation for ten thousand visits in the 2016-2017 school year. The amount of the compensation, and the source of the funding, is often included in teacher contracts. For examples of St. Paul Public Schools and Sacramento City Unified School District contracts, see the pthvp.org Toolbox.



Additional professional development The PTHVP national network convenes peer-led regional and national conferences focused upon best practices. Cost per person averages around \$400, including registration, meals, hotel and travel. Funding for this comes from a variety of sources, including district, foundation, and union underwriting. The Network also provides more in-depth training on cultural connection, as well as a Training of Trainers for established home visit communities.

Project Budgets As our model has been adapted in a wide variety of settings, Project budgets range widely: **a single school may spend about \$15,000 a year**, while a few of our biggest Projects (such as Washington, DC) have grown to over \$1 million per year, and may include evaluations, coaching, and dedicated staff time as well as training and teacher compensation.

PTHVP Network The national network does training, research, technical assistance and advocacy on behalf of the PTHVP high-impact home visit model across the US, including the support of established Projects in 19 states. The national network budget is funded by foundation grants, individual donors and training fees.

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