How do we Pay for Home Visits?

Parent Teacher Home Visits (PTHV) is a proven, fast, and inexpensive way to increase the capacity of the most important adults in a child’s life – their family and their teacher – 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 to 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.

**Training Costs** for the introductory home visit training average about $8,000 for a group of up to 80 teachers and staff. This includes the cost of the training ($5,000), average travel expense for the trainers, and compensation for the participating educators’ time.

How is the training paid? A variety of ways.

- **District Funds** – Title I funds are the most common funding source for home visits, but Title III and Title IV funds have also been used.
- **Direct Grants** – Check out local foundations or corporations for grants that could be used to support home visits.
- **Union Funds** – National, state, and local teachers’ unions sometimes provide funding to support home visit efforts.

**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 I funds or another specific funding source. The rate of compensation and the source of the funding is often included in teacher contracts.

**Total Program Budgets** range widely. Our model has been adapted in a wide variety of settings: a single school may spend about $15,000 per year, while a few of our biggest projects have grown to over $1 million per year, and may include evaluations, coaching, and dedicated staff time as well as training and teacher compensation.

If you have any questions about funding PTHV training and visits, please don’t hesitate to contact Gina Martinez-Keddy, Executive Director, at 916-448-5290 or gina@pthvp.org.