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# Contractor's Procedure Manual

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## **Breast, Cervical & Colon** Health Program

Saving Lives Through Early Detection

Clallam • Jefferson • King • Kitsap  
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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1. About the 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) now 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 31,040 women. Breast cancer was diagnosed in 420 women and cervical cancer or pre-cancerous cervical condition was diagnosed in 190 women. These women and an additional 150 women have received cancer treatment services through this program since 2001.

Community-based recruitment by trusted outreach staff assures that BCCHP exceeds the rarely or never screened performance indicator set by the CDC. Approximately half of clients screened each year are new to BCCHP. Of women enrolled during 2006, only 15% of women had received a mammogram within 2 years and 39% had received a Pap test within 3 years.

Priority populations enrolled exceed their representation in the community. In 2006, BCCHP screened 5,418 women: 56% were women of color, 42% spoke a language other than English and 3% identified as lesbian or bi-sexual. Forty women were diagnosed with breast cancer and 11 women were diagnosed with cervical cancer.

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. In 2009, the State of Washington received funding from the CDC to continue the Washington Colon Health Program. Colon cancer screening is now incorporated into the breast and cervical health program services.

From 2006-2009, the Washington Colon Health Program enrolled over 2,500 people. These clients completed 1,043 Fecal Occult Blood Tests and 538 colonoscopies. 236 people had polyps removed, potentially preventing cancer in these clients.

### **Goal:**

BCCHP is a population-based program intended to reduce mortality and morbidity from breast, cervical and colon cancer by early detection of cancer through regular mammogram and Pap test screenings, colon cancer screening, diagnostic services and prompt access to cancer treatment.

BCCHP is dedicated to eliminating health disparities among under-served populations, including women of color, women living in rural communities, lesbians and women aged 50 and older, as well as men needing colon cancer screening.

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**Prime Contractor:**

Public Health - Seattle & King County is a Prime Contractor for BCCHP and is responsible for implementing the program in partnership with health care providers and community agencies in Clallam, Jefferson, King and Kitsap Counties according to CDC and Washington State Department of Health requirements.

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