

Washington State Retail Marijuana Context

The retail marijuana system is implemented by several agencies across the state. Some high-level policies for context:

- Retail and growing licenses are limited to a number estimated to be necessary to handle demand by the Liquor and Cannabis Board.
- Jurisdictions within the state may implement more stringent policies, including not allowing retailers in the jurisdiction.
- Home grows are not allowed except for medical patients who can have up to six plants.
- Public consumption is not allowed. Indoor marijuana smoke prohibited as part of state Clean Indoor Air Law.
- Age 21+.
- Relatively stringent marketing rules as of 2017
(<https://lcb.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Marijuana/5131-Advertising-Notice.pdf>).

Agencies and their respective roles related to public health, surveillance and evaluation are below...

Department of Health

- Marijuana Prevention and Education Program (~\$9M/year from Dedicated MJ funds per RCW 69.50.540, to reduce youth marijuana use and adverse outcomes), partner with DOH Tobacco/Vape Program.
- Co-lead the state's youth risk behavior survey (the Healthy Youth Survey) with the Health Care Authority and education department. Also implement the state's BRFSS, which has included marijuana questions since 2009.
- Medical Marijuana Program: administer medical marijuana authorization database, certify medical marijuana consultants, define standards for marijuana products that may be medically beneficial

Liquor and Cannabis Board

- Enforcement of statute and WAC - license growers, processors and retailers.
- Rule-making, e.g., regulate retail system, advertising, product labeling and safety.
- Track sales and production.

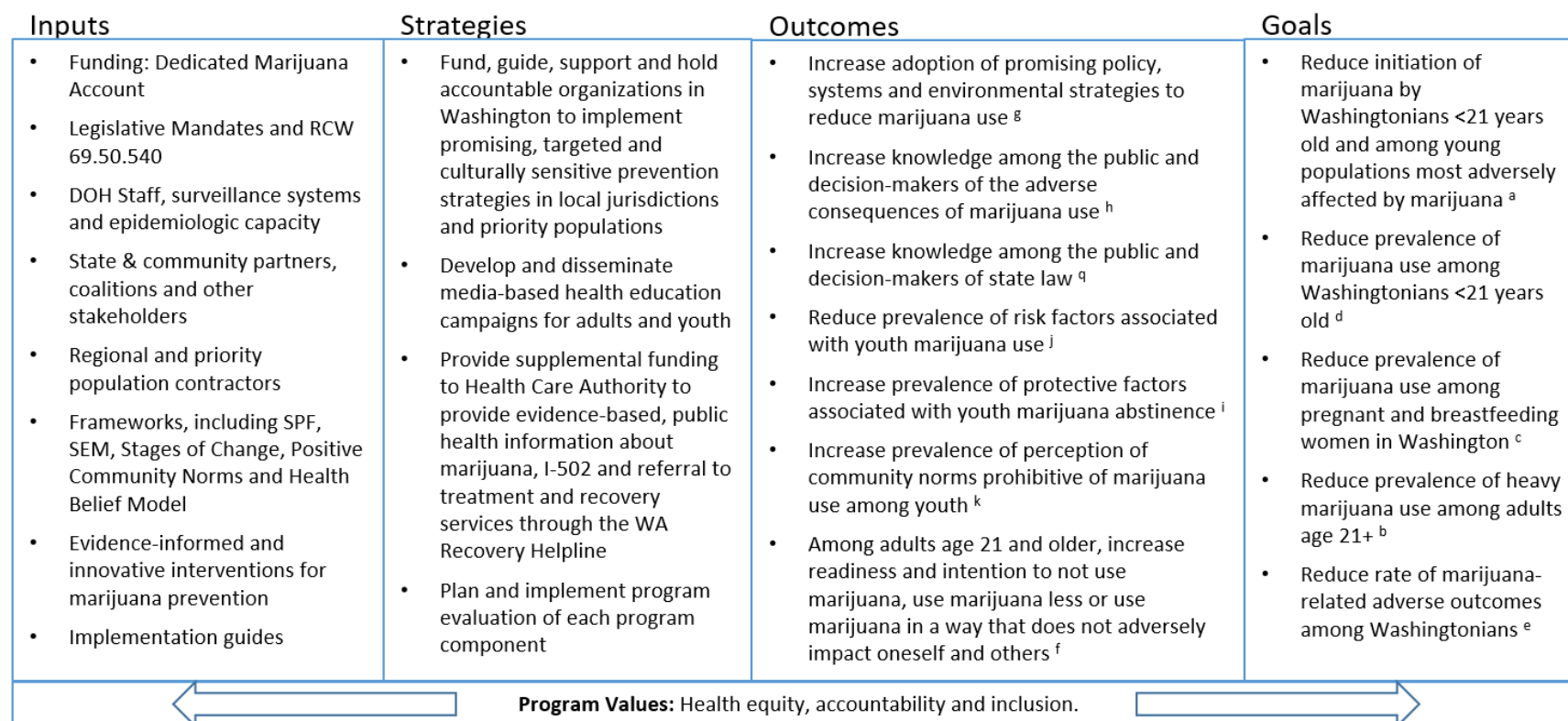
Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery at the Health Care Authority

- SAMHSA block grant for substance abuse prevention
- Community-based substance abuse prevention grants (CPWI)
- Substance abuse treatment services

Washington State Institute for Public Policy

- Charged with evaluating the effects of marijuana legalization.
- Most recent report: http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/ReportFile/1670/Wsipp_I-502-Evaluation-and-Benefit-Cost-Analysis-Second-Required-Report_Report.pdf

Marijuana Prevention and Education Program's current logic model, Washington State Department of Health, April 2019



Other resources:

Healthy Youth Survey Substance Use Report: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/portals/1/Documents/Pubs/340-320-TobaccoEcigMarijuanaHealthyUseSurvey.pdf>

Liquor and Cannabis Board Marijuana Dashboard (sales, productions, licensing): <https://data.lcb.wa.gov/stories/s/WSLCB-Marijuana-Dashboard/hbnp-ia6v/>

More on MPEP and the Medical Marijuana Program: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Marijuana>