

Gov. Gregoire approves Family Leave Insurance funding

Gov. Christine Gregoire has approved \$6.2 million in start-up funding for family leave in the Washington's 2008 supplemental budget, paving the way for state agencies to have Family Leave Insurance ready for new parents in October 2009.

State leaders and the Washington Family Leave Coalition also committed to bringing a dedicated funding proposal for the program to the 2009 legislature. The plan may include short- and long-term plans to fund benefits, and a schedule for expanding benefits to care for seriously ill family members and a worker's own serious illness. --| [Read more](#)



Mobilize now to ensure long-term funding is "Online in '09"

The debate (and vote) on long-term funding in 2009 is the last real chance opponents have to derail paid family leave in Washington State. We'll need all hands on deck - and we'll need to elect candidates who support Family Leave Insurance! Please be sure that fully funded Family Leave Insurance is part of your candidate questionnaires this summer and fall.

Looking for information? Ask us!

If you need materials or information about Family Leave Insurance, contact the Economic Opportunity Institute at 206-633-6580, or visit us [online](#). Our staff are also available to speak at pre-legislative briefings, conventions and other events.

On behalf of the Washington Family Leave Coalition, thank you for all of your support helping Family Leave Insurance come this far. We'll be in touch again soon.

Paid family leave grows in the Garden State New Jersey Assembly, Senate pass bill; Governor pledges to sign

Philadelphia Inquirer | New Jersey's paid family leave measure received final legislative approval today in the state Senate. The bill, which already cleared the Assembly, was approved in a 21-15 vote.

"I know this type of leave time is necessary because I've been there myself," said Majority Leader Stephen Sweeney, (D., Gloucester), referring to the birth of his 14-year-old daughter, Lauren, who remained in intensive care for 75 days after she was born. "In my case, I had an understanding employer, but I can't say the same for all of New Jersey's workers."

The bill heads to Gov. Corzine's desk; the governor has announced his support for the measure. ---| [Read More](#)

About the Washington Family Leave Coalition

The Washington Family Leave Coalition includes organizations representing seniors, women, labor, health professionals, children's advocates, faith communities, low income workers, employers, and others. We advocate for new state policies to promote healthy families, healthy businesses, and healthy communities in the 21st century economy. --| [Learn More](#)
