

Full speed ahead for paid family leave in Washington

Agency staff, legislators keep ground-breaking program on track

With just over a year to go, Washington's innovative Family Leave Insurance program passed another milestone in early July. The program is on track to deliver the twin benefits of healthier families and more productive workplaces in October 2009.

The state's Information Services Board (ISB) recently approved the design of a computer system that will deliver checks to new parents who take time off work as part of the state's paid family leave program.

Speaking at the ISB meeting, Karen Lee, Commissioner of the Employment Security Department (which is charged with administering the program), reiterated her department's commitment to having benefits ready for parents on time.

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Help make sure Family Leave Insurance goes "Online in '09"

Next year's vote will be the last real chance for opponents 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. [Join](#) the Washington Family Leave Coalition to learn more.

Want more 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.



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](#)