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The attached PowerPoint from scholars at Chapin Hall cites research studies indicating that:

For every \$1000 additional dollars per person living in poverty states spend on child care subsidies annually:

- there are 40% fewer CPS reports
- 35% fewer substantiated cases of child maltreatment
- 63% fewer foster placements
- 50% fewer child maltreatment related fatalities

Each additional \$1000 states spend annually on public benefit programs for persons living in poverty results in:

- a 4.3% reduction in CPS reports
- a 4% reduction in substantiated cases of child maltreatment
- a 2% reduction in foster care
- a 7.7% reduction in child maltreatment fatalities

Re the effect of housing subsidies: The HUD Family Options study found that among families referred for permanent housing subsidies:

- there was a 50% reduction in foster care placements after 20 months; and
- the families reported less interpersonal violence and less psychological distress

What the Chapin Hall analysis does is to provide a research based answer to the question, "How large of an enhancement to current expenditures for child care, housing subsidies and income support is necessary to have a large preventive effect on CPS reports and the number of children in foster care?" My best guess: \$100,000,000 of additional annual investment in poverty related services in Washington State, with reducing child care burden among low income families and eliminating child homelessness as the first priorities, followed by eliminating extreme poverty, i.e. annual incomes less than half of the federal poverty standard.



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