



Spring Program & Policy Showcase Overview

June 2024

Thank you for attending WSAC's 2024 Spring Program & Policy Showcase! Please refer to the notes below for more information about featured programs and policy clusters. The webinar [recording](#) and [slides](#) are now available online.

OtterBot

OtterBot is a free texting service to support all Washington high school students and their parents/guardians. It is open to all students and provides information about financial aid, college planning and more.

- Home page: <https://wsac.wa.gov/otterbot>
- OtterBot [flyer](#)
- February 2024 [research brief](#) about future opportunities to improve OtterBot

Washington Health Corps

Washington Health Corps programs offer loan repayment assistance to licensed health professionals who provide care at approved sites in critical shortage areas. Almost 20 provider types are currently eligible for up to \$75,000 in assistance over a minimum work period of two to three years.

- Home page: <https://wsac.wa.gov/washington-health-corps>
- Program comparison and eligible provider [chart](#)
- 2024 eligible sites [search tool](#)

Student Basic Needs Security (“Student Supports”)

WSAC's Student Supports policy cluster aims to support postsecondary institutions and catalyze partnerships toward comprehensive and coordinated supports for students' basic needs. WSAC works with partners on and off campuses to learn about and strengthen supports for students.

- Home page: <https://wsac.wa.gov/student-supports>
- “The Myth of ‘Full-Ride’ Financial Aid” [policy brief](#)
- 2023 *Basic Needs Security Among Washington College Students* [report](#)
- 2023 *Supporting Student Experiencing Homelessness (SSEH) Pilot* [report](#)

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