Department of Corrections

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Reynolds Work Release, King County

Work Release Data Sheet

A Structured Transition back into the Community

Work release facilities serve as a bridge between life in prison and life in the community. Offenders at work release focus on transition, to include finding and retaining employment, re-connecting with family members, and becoming productive members of the community. They also learn and refine social and living skills such as riding the bus, going to the grocery store, and managing their personal finances – all while under supervision. Work release is an opportunity for self-improvement, while assisting offenders in creating a safe and productive lifestyle that can be sustained upon release.

Who is eligible for Work Release?

- Both male and female offenders.
- Offenders who are within six months of release.
- Offenders who are awarded minimum security status based on a behavior-driven classification process.

What are the benefits of Work Release?

- Offenders resume responsibility for their decisions and actions, and they establish employment prior to release. As a result, they are able to contribute to the support of their families and make payments towards their court-ordered legal financial obligations including paying restitution to their victims.
- Offenders are able to pay a portion of their room and board.
- While they are in the program, work release staff assist the offenders to establish community ties though education, treatment, family and support groups.

Mission Statement

The mission of DOC is to improve public safety.

Vision Statement

Working together for safe communities.

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Statewide Work Release Demographics

Current Number of Offenders
In Work Release 689

Total number of Offenders
Who participated in Work Release 2,672

Risk Level Classification (Offender Risk to Reoffend)

- High Violent 45% 302
- High Non-Violent..... 33% 230
- Moderate Risk..... 15% 105
- Low Risk 4% 30
- Unclassified..... 3% 22

Offense Types

- Murder 1 and 2.....2%
- Manslaughter 3%
- Sex Crimes 1%
- Robbery 9%
- Assault 19%
- Property Crimes.....37%
- Drug Crimes 22%
- Other/Unknown 7%

Gender

Male.....580

Female.....109

Madison Inn Work Release, King County

All figures contained in this report reflect data as of June 30, 2012 unless specified.

Are there specialized programs?

- Helen B. Ratcliff Work Release offers the Mother/Baby program with a nursery where mothers can live with and care for their children, while developing resources for childcare and securing employment.
- Rap/Lincoln Work Release assists mentally ill offenders to gradually phase back into the community and establish non-criminal connections, while participating in treatment programs.
- Eligible offenders participate in Chemical Dependency treatment and Offender Change programs.

What are the expectations of Work Release?

- All offenders must abide by the rules and regulations of the program. Deviations can result in disciplinary action, to include termination from the program.
- Offenders work on job development, search, placement, and retainment of employment. On-site job visits and verifications are completed to assure the offender is employed at the designated site. Offenders are also monitored on their trips back and forth to work to ensure their movements allow enough time to get to work without any pre-arranged stops.
- Offenders are only allowed out of the facility if they work, are conducting business or are on a supervised outing to visit family members. These outings are always in the presence of a sponsor who has undergone a criminal background check and adjudged responsible for the offender's actions.
- Offenders must continue therapy, parenting classes, anger management training, and substance abuse treatment that may also include participation in Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, as identified in their reentry plan.
- Offenders must submit to frequent tests for substance abuse.

Progress House Work Release, Pierce County

Work Release Road to Re-Entry

- Offenders participate in family friendly events to re-establish relationships.
- Several facilities have a garden cultivated by offenders, with produce going to the facility kitchen and local food banks.
- Many facilities are involved in recycling programs which reduce waste and cost.

What the Research Says

- The Program achieved its primary goal of preparing inmates for final release and facilitating their adjustment to the community …We can conclude from the results… that vocational training and/or work release programs are effective in reducing recidivism as well as improving job readiness skills for ex-offenders. ---Kadela Seiter, Prisoner ReEntry: Crime and Delinquency, July 2003.

Work Release Facility locations

Work Release Facilities

Benton County

1. Tri-Cities Work Release

Clark County

2. Clark County Work Release

Cowlitz County

3. Longview Work Release

King County

4. Bishop Lewis Work Release
5. Helen B. Ratcliff Work Release
6. Madison Inn Work Release
7. Reynolds Work Release

Kitsap County

8. Peninsula Work Release

Pierce County

9. Progress House Work Release
10. Rap House and Lincoln Park Work Releases

Snohomish County

11. Snohomish County Work Release

Spokane County

12. Brownstone Work Release
13. Eleanor Chase House Work Release

Thurston County

14. Olympia Work Release

Whatcom County

15. Bellingham Work Release

Yakima County

16. Ahtanum View Work Release

Statewide Prison Demographics

Number of Prison Facilities.....12

Number of Work Release Facilities 16

Total Offenders in Confinement.....17,697
Offenders in prison.....16,395
Offenders in work release 689
Offenders in out-of-state rented beds 0
Offenders in in-state rented beds 617

Average Daily Cost of Incarceration
(FY2011) $91.57

Average Age.....37.8

Gender
Male 92.5%
Female.....7.5%

Citizenship
United States.....94.8%
Mexico.....2.7%
Other 2.5%

Offense Types
Murder 1 and 2.....13.3%
Manslaughter 1.9%
Sex Crimes 21.2%
Robbery 10.7%
Assault 23.4%
Property Crimes.....17.5%
Drug Crimes.....8.7%
Other/Unknown 3.3%

Length of Sentence
Less than two years 15.5%
Two to five years 23.9%
Five to ten years 20.4%
Over ten years 24.8%
Life with possible of Parole or Release 11.8%
Life without release 3.6%

Average length of stay for offenders released in the past year ..... 24.2 months

Commitment Types
New admission 49.8%
Readmission 44.3%
Other (from out-of-state or violators) 5.9%

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Other Facts About Work Release

- The average cost per offender was $26,188 annually or $71.54 per day.
- Offenders earned $4,046,543 while employed during their stay at work release.
- 2,672 offenders participated in the work release program with an average stay of 101 days.

Olympia Work Release, Thurston County

Brownstone Work Release, Spokane County

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