

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
RESTRICTIVE HOUSING TIMELINE

• Partnered with Disability Rights Washington for Dr. Jeffrey Metzner's consultation on RH (Metzner CAP).

2016

• Implemented transition pod at Monroe Correctional Complex.

2018

• Developed strategy and prepared for repurposing RH beds.

2020

• Abolished disciplinary segregation.

2021

2022

• Announced plan to reduce solitary confinement by 90% over five years.  
• Formed Solitary Confinement Transformation Project team to work with staff, incarcerated individuals, and stakeholders to safely increase meaningful time out of cell.  
• Increased alternatives to solitary confinement through transfer and progression pod expansion.

2015

• Partnered with University of California Irvine on comprehensive RH study.  
• Implemented congregate programming in all facilities with an Intensive Management Unit.

2017

• Relunched initiative in partnership with Vera.  
• Implemented RH Steering Committee.  
• Eliminated death row. Most incarcerated individuals sentenced to death penalty moved into general population.  
• Developed Safe Harbor beds at Clallam Bay Corrections Center.

2019

• Adjusted RH policies to include narrowing placement reasons, expanding visitation, and allowing ad-seg to earn time toward the level system.  
• Developed, piloted, and implemented RH Field Training Officer Training Program.  
• Created and provided staff training on RH policy adjustments.  
• Held agency-wide RH summit/training.

• Significantly reduced max and ad-seg populations.  
• Initiated out of cell tracking project.  
• Achieved 2+ hours out of cell time in RH at the Washington State Penitentiary.  
• Increased RH education and evidence-based programming.

2023