

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS RESTRICTIVE HOUSING PROGRESSION TIMELINE

The Washington State Department of Corrections (WADOC) is committed to ensuring Restrictive Housing is utilized appropriately and only when all general population options have been explored and exhausted. The Agency has safely implemented many policy and process improvements regarding the utilization of Restrictive Housing. WADOC pledges to continue to identify and implement strategies to decrease the use, improve the conditions, eliminate the use in response to non-violent/low-level behavior and eliminate its use for particularly vulnerable populations. While improving processes WADOC has collaborated with many outside stakeholder groups including Disability Rights Washington (DRW) and VERA. This important work is an Agency priority and will continue.

Prior to 2012	2011-2013	2014-2016	2017-2018	2019-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maximum (MAX) custody utilized isolation and containment. ➤ MAX custody used as an extension for Administrative Segregation (Ad-Seg). ➤ Specific placement timeframes assigned around MAX custody. ➤ Over reliance on MAX custody as a disciplinary mechanism. <p>Different types of MAX custody offenders managed the same (Violent/Mentally Ill, Protective Custody).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ High level of restriction, low or no level of programming. ➤ Lack of face-to-face interaction and limited opportunity for congregate activity. ➤ CBCC Intensive Transition Program (ITP) identified as promising program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2011 - Began partnering with VERA Institute of Justice regarding Restrictive Housing. ➤ 2012 - Significantly adjusted Restrictive Housing (RH) policy series to include 320.200 Administrative Segregation, 320.250 Maximum Custody, 320.255 Restrictive Housing and 320.260 Secured Housing (Included reducing Ad Seg timeframe from 180 days to 47). ➤ Headquarters position developed to manage statewide oversight of Restrictive Housing. ➤ 2012 – First congregate classroom started at the Washington State Penitentiary (WSP). ➤ 2013 – Max Custody Committee membership enhanced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2014 – Eliminated 713/714 (self-harm/attempted suicide) serious infractions. Isolation as a sanction eliminated. ➤ Conducted statewide staff training concerning the agency’s vision concerning the use of Restrictive Housing and Individual Behavior Management Plans (IBMP’s). ➤ 2014 – Integrated Ad-Seg process into electronic Offender Management Network Information (OMNI). ➤ 2015 – Partnered with Disability Rights Washington (DRW) for Dr. Jeffrey Metzner consultation of RH (Metzner CAP). ➤ 2016 – Began partnership with University California, Irvine regarding comprehensive RH study. ➤ Implementation of Congregate Programming in all facilities with a Intensive Management Unit (IMU). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2017 – Transition Pod started at Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC). ➤ 2018 – RH Steering Committee (RHSC) implemented. ➤ 2018 – Death Row eliminated. Most ISDP offenders moved into general population. ➤ 2018 – Application submitted to partner with VERA Institute of Justice on “From Isolation to Dignity and Wellness Behind Bars” initiative. ➤ Reduced Ad Seg timeframe from 47 days to 30. ➤ Developed Close custody “Safe Harbor” beds located at Clallam Bay Corrections Center (CBCC). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2019 –Began partnership with VERA institute of Justice. ➤ 2019 – RHSC Guiding Principles developed and adopted. ➤ 2019 – Developed strategy and prepared for repurposing of RH beds. ➤ 2019 – Vera completed site surveys of RH staff and Incarcerated. ➤ 2020 Adjusted RH policy series to include: narrowing placement reasons, reducing the time limit from 47 to 30 days, expanding the visitation, allowing Ad-Seg to earn time toward the level system, requires Superintendents to receive updates every 3 days for those with high mental health needs. ➤ 2020 – Developed, Piloted and implemented RH Field Training Officer Training Program. ➤ 2020 – Created and provided Staff Training on Adjustments to RH Policies. ➤ 2020 – Agency Wide RH Summit/Training.