

Improving Public Safety by Positively Changing Lives

Reentry Centers

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Reentry Centers

At a Glance

Reentry Centers across the state: **11**

State-operated Reentry Centers: **8**

Reentry Centers operated in partnership with a contract agency: **3**

Funded capacity of current facilities: **778**

Reentry Center

Locations

Ahtanum View, Yakima
Bellingham, Bellingham
Brownstone, Spokane
Eleanor Chase, Spokane
Longview, Longview
Olympia, Olympia
Peninsula, Port Orchard
Helen B. Ratcliff, Seattle
Reynolds, Seattle
Tri-Cities, Kennewick
Wenatchee Valley,
Wenatchee

About

Reentry Centers, formerly known as Work/Training Releases were first included in RCW in 1967 with the first program opening in 1969. The value of this partial confinement program has been acknowledged for over 50 years; creating successful reintegration that includes a cost benefit to the community.

Current Initiatives

Partnership with AMEND Program through the University of California San Francisco

The Reentry Division management team has worked with representatives of AMEND to move into implementation at all reentry centers. Each Reentry Center has participated in training to champion the principles of AMEND. AMEND champions have worked with staff to develop local action plans at each Reentry Center. Implementation of the program at each Reentry Center is underway, with opportunities for staff to work with AMEND Ambassadors for feedback and support of the initiatives they have identified for their individual program. This initiative has enhanced programming to include family-friendly events as well as many normalization activities.

Behavior Management

The current Washington Administrative Code (WAC) specific to Reentry Centers (137-56) has been revised through the work of agency stakeholders to separate prison discipline from Reentry Centers and creating a behavior management model across partial confinement that allows for addressing behavior at the lowest level to influence positive change. This allows for a continuum that supports and acknowledges successes as well as addresses behavior concerns through interventions that may include a hearing but uses lower-level interventions and investment from staff to support the individual through the partial confinement setting.

Increased Safety

With the fentanyl epidemic there was a renewed focus on safety for people at Reentry Centers. This included additional training for Narcan use, lifesaving AED machines, increased security staff presence through facility walkthroughs, and revised facility count processes.



Ahtanum View Reentry Center



Wenatchee Valley Reentry Center



Bellingham Reentry Center



Olympia Reentry Center

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