

# BELLINGHAM REENTRY CENTER (BRC)



## FACT SHEET

### ABOUT

#### Custody Level:

- Minimum Security Classification Facility

#### Capacity:

- 42 men, 8 women

#### Annual Operating Budget:

- \$1,456,804

**BRC is temporarily closed, with an anticipated reopening date in early 2024.** BRC is located in the northwest corner of Washington state, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It operates in two side-by-side buildings in a downtown college area of Bellingham. BRC has operated since 1976 and has been in its current location since 1981. BRC's primary goal is to improve public safety by positively changing lives by supporting residents' reestablishment of positive family ties, access to employment and education and other services that aid in their transition back to the community.

Residents who meet the screening criteria may be transferred to BRC 12 months before their earliest release date. The facility is leased and operated by the Washington State Department of Corrections and provides 24/7 safety and security, food services, case management and maintenance.

### BRC TEAM

- **Facility Contact:** Vicky Neufeld, Reentry Center Manager
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- Jeri Reid, Community Corrections Officer 3
- Evan Lee, Community Corrections Officer 2
- Long Nguyen, Administrative Assistant 3
- Michael DeAnnutis, Sergeant
- Food Service Manager (Vacant)
- Const. and Maint. Project Lead (Vacant)
- Correctional officers, food service staff

**COVID-19 Operations:** In May 2023, federal and state COVID-19 emergency declarations ended, and DOC transitioned to a new normal operation. DOC continues to follow DOH and CDC guidelines for managing and preventing infection control.

**Individuals with Disabilities:** The Reentry Centers meet applicable American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and DOC policies regarding ADA. We will coordinate with the statewide ADA coordinator prior to the arrival of residents requiring ADA accommodations to ensure the facility has the necessary items. We will ensure the facility continues to meet the accommodated residents' needs during their incarceration.



1125 & 1127 N. Garden St., Bellingham, WA  
360-676-2150

### FACILITY INFORMATION

#### Community Resources:

- Family-friendly activities
- Goodwill and WorkSource employment counseling agencies
- Substance abuse recovery programs (self-help, outpatient treatment and Medically Assisted Treatment)
- Western Washington University
- Whatcom Community and Bellingham Technical Colleges
- YWCA Back to Work Boutique

#### Employment Opportunities:

- 360 Modular Express
- An Employment Solution
- Bellingham Grocery Outlet
- Bienvenido's Restaurant
- Dairy Queen
- Denny's Restaurant
- Express Employment
- Professionals
- Final Touch Auto Spa
- Five Guys Burgers
- Four Points by Sheraton
- Goodwill
- Hempler's Foods
- Homeport Seafoods
- Maaco Auto Body
- Manpower
- Mount Baker Products
- Northwest Chevrolet
- Port Of Subs
- People Ready
- Smith Gardens
- Specified Fittings

#### Community Partners:

- Catholic Community Services
- Christ the King Community Church
- Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services
- Goodwill
- Lummi Tribe
- Sea Mar Community Health Programs
- Unity Care NW
- Whatcom Community College