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## Our Goals

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Reentry Centers provide a bridge between incarceration and community living, offering services to help individuals successfully reintegrate.

The primary goal is to improve public safety by positively changing lives and reconnecting families.

Other Reentry Center goals include:

- Finding and retaining employment, or education.
- Addressing substance abuse/mental health issues.
- Reunification with families, and other prosocial support in the community.

Reentry Centers are designed to assist Residents in addressing their primary needs before rejoining the community and becoming good neighbors.



Helen B. Ratcliff House Reentry Center - Seattle, WA



Eleanor Chase House Reentry Center - Spokane, WA

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## Reentry Centers Provide Hope

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The best prison is one where people leave and don't come back. It's one where those within are being readied for life on the outside. It's a place where they have the opportunity to receive an education and take advantage of a wide range of professional skill-building opportunities.

Nearly every incarcerated individual in Washington will be released someday, and it's our hope that each person is provided targeted opportunities to be successful.



"Hope is the courage to take one more step, try one more thing, to believe that things will get better."

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## Reentry Centers

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Brownstone Reentry Center  
Spokane, WA

Reynolds Reentry Center  
Seattle, WA



Olympia Reentry Center  
Olympia, WA

Bellingham Reentry Center  
Bellingham, WA



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## From Our Residents and Staff

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## Eligibility and Expectations

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## Our History

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"I'm grateful for all the support. I've had people at the reentry center really step up for me," said Jason. "You don't see that much – people who genuinely care."

– Former Bellingham Reentry Center Resident

"I gained time to get my life in order. It's a structured environment that offers food and shelter. People need to stabilize mentally to get back on course."

– Longview Reentry Center Resident

"A lot of people leave prison with a handshake and a 'good luck'. They release straight from prison back to their own devices...and their old vices. But here, people really have an opportunity to prove themselves and gain confidence as they get back into the community."

– Wenatchee Valley Reentry Center Community Corrections Officer



**Who:** Incarcerated people may spend up to the final 18 months on their sentence in a Reentry Center, pending screening for eligibility and suitability.

**When can individuals be referred to:** Individuals can be referred by their classification counselor up to 30 months from their earned release date.

**Are there specific criteria to be eligible:** Individuals must be assigned Minimum 1 custody level and there must be bed space available at the reentry facility. Those individuals approved for Graduated Reentry may also transfer to a Reentry Center with 18 months left to serve on their sentence and then transfer to electric home detention with up to nine months left to serve on their sentence.

**Are there restrictions for individuals on certain medications or medical needs:** There are no restrictions on types of medications people can continue while at a Reentry Center. People in Reentry Centers leverage community-based health services and there may be limits based on what is available in the community. We work with people with disabilities and there are some facilities which may be more equipped to address individual needs.



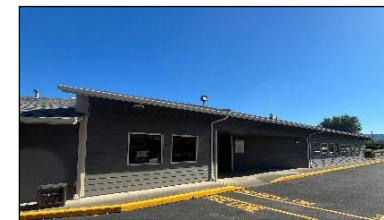
Wenatchee Valley Reentry Center – Wenatchee, WA

Washington State's Reentry Centers, originally called Work/Training Releases, have a history dating back to 1967 when they were first included in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW). Initially, work release focused on allowing individuals to serve their sentence in the community while gaining work training and experience.

Reentry Centers in Washington state have evolved and expanded over several decades. The centers are now working to assist individuals transitioning back into society by not only providing employment support, but also education and treatment options and the opportunity for family reconnection.

In recent years, Washington's approach to Reentry has been enhanced by the "Washington Way" initiative.

This initiative emphasizes increasing staff wellness while working to better support incarcerated individuals through a human-centered culture of healing, positive communication, and a normalization of the facility environment.



Longview Reentry Center – Longview, WA