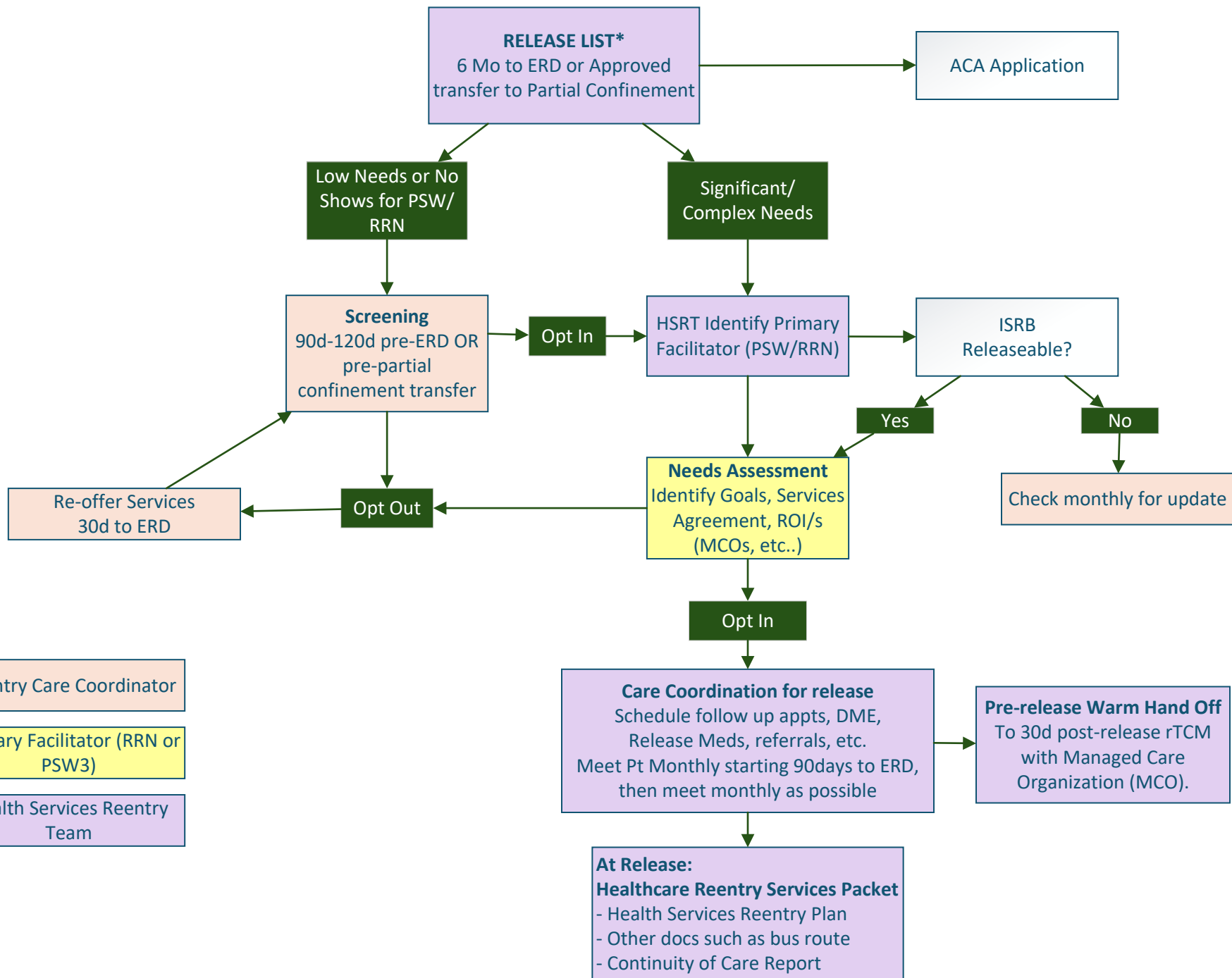


## Healthcare Reentry Services: reentry Targeted Case Management (rTCM)



- Reentry Care Coordinator
- Primary Facilitator (RRN or PSW3)
- Health Services Reentry Team



RCSP is a voluntary program that was created in 2000 to promote public safety by providing transition planning, mental health treatment, and community support for incarcerated individuals who have a mental disorder and are at risk to the public or themselves. RCSP is a collaboration between the Department of Corrections and the Health Care Authority.



For more information please contact:

RCS Program

Health Services Division

[docrcsp@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:docrcsp@doc1.wa.gov)

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## Who is Eligible for RCSP?

Incarcerated individuals who are currently housed in a Department of Corrections facility and:

- Are determined to be a high risk to public or self and...
- Have been diagnosed with a mental illness that significantly affects function.

### Referrals to RCSP

Referrals to RCSP can be made by the following:

- Classification counselors
- Facility mental health professionals
- Community providers
- Other Department of Corrections employees who believe that the incarcerated individual may meet eligibility for the program

Employees may submit a referral by completing the **DOC 14-030** Reentry Community Services Program Referral form.

All referral inquiries should be sent to the RCSP email. [docrcsp@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:docrcsp@doc1.wa.gov)

**Note:** A referral does not mean that the individual will become a program participant.



# RCSP

*Reentry Community  
Services Program (RCSP)*





## Planning Team

Members of the multisystem care planning team (MSCPT) may include:

- Classification Counselor
- Community mental health provider representative
- RCS Coordinators
- Community Corrections Officer
- Prison primary therapist
- Designated individual(s)
- Other approved individuals that may be providing community support



## Before Release

Before release, the multi-system care planning team will meet with the incarcerated individual and develop a plan focused on a successful transition into the community. The plan identifies likely sources of support in the community which may include family members and social service organizations.

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*Program Participants are expected to actively engage in recommended mental health treatment and recovery services to utilize the available 60 months of service and support*

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## After Release

The transition plan developed prior to release will include appointments and activities for the first seven days in the community, including transportation resources. The designated individual will then work with a community-based case manager to determine short and long-term goals focused on stability in the community.



## *What is RCSP?*

To promote public safety, the Reentry Community Services program (RCSP) provides intensive support services to incarcerated individuals who are reasonably believed to be dangerous to themselves or others and have a mental disorder as they transition back into the community. (RCW 72.09.370)

Upon release from prison, up to 60 months of support is provided contingent on treatment participation.

Program funds are intended to pay for:

- Pre- release transition planning
- Intensive case management with assigned community provider
- Enhanced mental health treatment services
- Substance use evaluation and treatment
- Medical costs not covered by health insurance
- Sex offender treatment
- Assistance with cost of housing
- Vocational training and supplies
- Personal care needs
- Other relevant programs or services

Program participants will not directly receive any money. The services will be authorized and funded by the program through the Health Care Authority

## Healthcare Reentry Services Overview

Health Services provides healthcare reentry services to make sure that you have support as you transition to the community or partial confinement. Healthcare Reentry Services are provided by Social Workers, Reentry Nurses, and Reentry Care Coordinators. Services are provided at no cost to you. These services are provided based on the DOC Health Plan and usually start at about 90 days to earned release date.

Healthcare Reentry Services include assessing needs, coordinating care and building a health services reentry plan. The focus is on continuity of care for healthcare and includes consideration of health related social needs to support your overall health and wellbeing.

Services may include:

- Medicaid Application for health insurance
- Scheduling appointments with community providers when possible (physical health, mental health, and substance use disorder services)
- Long Term Care Services such as an Adult Family Home
- Group Education on healthcare reentry when available
- Linkage with Managed Care Organization (Medicaid health insurance plan: Community Health Plan of Washington, Coordinated Care, Molina Healthcare of Washington, United Healthcare Community Plan, and Wellpoint Washington)
- Referral for benefits and services in your area of release
- Release medications and durable medical equipment
- Resources
- Other healthcare reentry services as identified

## FAQ's & Concerns

- Are these medications covered through Medicaid?

Yes.

- Which medication is best for me?

This is a mutual decision between you and your medical provider. Buprenorphine and naltrexone are available within DOC as a daily dose or a monthly injection.

- Will I have to take this medication forever?

It is recommended to use medication for Opioid Use Disorder as long as it is helpful. Discuss any change of medications with your medical provider. Treatment with medication is effective for long term recovery and prevention against opioid overdose.

- Am I going to be addicted to these medications?

This is a common concern and should be discussed with your medical provider or substance use disorder professional. Physical tolerance and dependence can occur, which is common with many medications used to treat chronic illnesses, but this is not "addiction".

## Community Resources

WA Recovery Help Line:

Call or Text: 1-866-789-1511

[www.warecoveryhelpline.org](http://www.warecoveryhelpline.org)

206-461-3219 TTY

Overdose Prevention & Education:

[www.stopoverdose.org](http://www.stopoverdose.org)

Never Use Alone—Overdose  
Prevention Lifeline:

[www.neverusealone.com](http://www.neverusealone.com)

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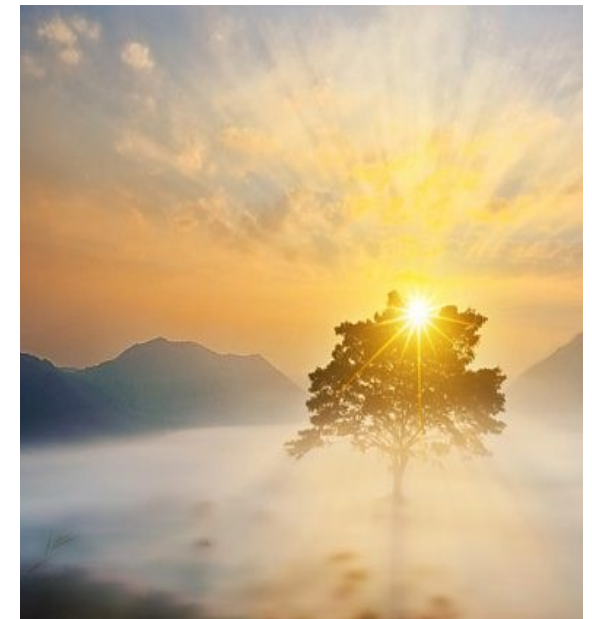
**Mission:**

*To improve public safety by positively changing lives.*

**Our commitment:**

*To operate a safe and humane corrections system and partner with others to transform lives for a better Washington.*

# Medication for Opioid Use Disorder



## Why?

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- Studies show that individuals releasing from prison are **100 times more likely to die from a drug overdose in the first 2 weeks after release** than other state residents. A high percentage of these deaths are related to opioid overdose.
- Opioid Use Disorder is a chronic disease which effects the brain. Medications have been proven effective in treating this condition, preventing overdose and supporting long term recovery & healing.
- **Medications for OUD cut the risk of overdose death by 50%**
  - Reduce Cravings
  - Stay in treatment longer
  - Stabilize your life to focus on recovery and goals
- The Department of Corrections acknowledges the necessity of medical care for individuals with OUD, and is working to provide timely and effective treatment to reduce overdose death and re-incarceration .

## Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)

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There are three medications currently FDA approved that have been proven effective in the treatment for OUD:

- **Buprenorphine**— a *partial* opioid medication; manages cravings and withdrawal by binding to opioid receptors and blocking effects of other opioids. Available as daily dose or monthly injection (Sublocade).
- **Naltrexone**— is *not* an opioid, but rather an opioid blocker, and can manage cravings for some people. Available as a daily dose or monthly injection (Vivitrol).
- **Methadone**— a *full* opioid medication; manages cravings and withdrawal by binding to opioid receptors.

**Only buprenorphine and naltrexone are offered inside of Washington State correctional facilities.** All three medications are available options in the community, at specific medical providers and treatment programs. None of these medications cause euphoria or a “high” when used as directed.

## Who’s Eligible?

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- You must be diagnosed with an opioid use disorder (OUD) to be prescribed medication for this condition.
- The diagnosis of OUD can be made by a medical or mental health provider, or a substance use disorder professional.
- *Everyone with an OUD diagnosis is eligible for overdose prevention education as well as a lifesaving NARCAN kit upon release.*

## What’s Next?

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- A MAT Coordinator will contact you close to your release to coordinate treatment .
- You may be started on a medication before your release date and/or referred to a community provider upon release.
- Treatment may be continued in the community as long as you continue to work with a community provider and it is helpful to you.

# FISCAL YEAR 2025 AT A GLANCE

Washington State Correctional Industries (CI) is a division of the Department of Corrections. CI is a unique blend of business and government, using private industry tools and techniques to operate work training programs and provide opportunities for incarcerated individuals to learn marketable job skills. The value of CI is to enhance prison and public safety, reduce taxpayer burden, and foster successful workforce development and reentry.

**1,796**

Number of incarcerated individuals working at CI as of June 30, 2025.

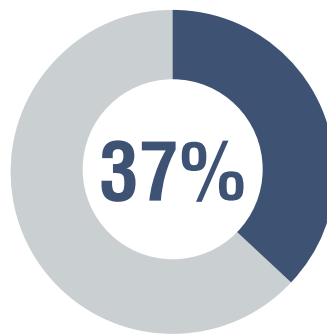


**2.5M**

Number of programming hours CI incarcerated individuals worked at CI.

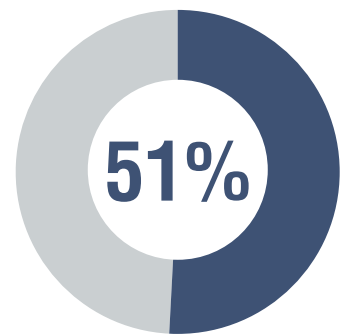
**12**

Number of correctional facilities operating Class II tax reduction industries.



## POST RELEASE EMPLOYMENT PERCENTAGES\*

Individuals who did not work for CI released during FY25 Q2\*\*



Individuals who worked for CI released during FY25 Q2\*\*

\*Data from FY25 Q4 Results WA: Employment Post Release Report

\*\*Data reflects a lag of at least 3 quarters to allow for job search duration and ESD reporting



# FISCAL YEAR 2025 AT A GLANCE

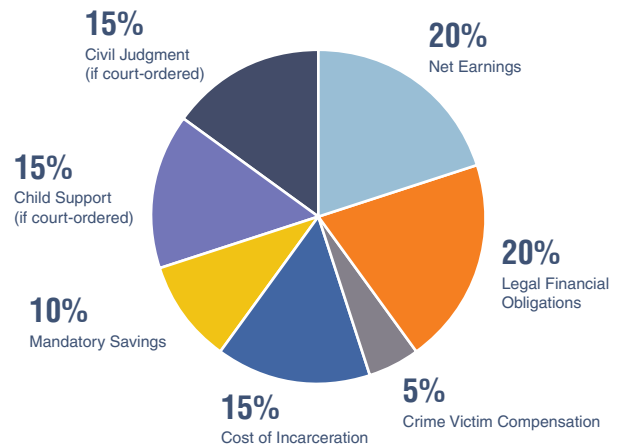
## \$1,166,116

Amount incarcerated workers contributed from CI earnings to meet their financial obligations.



### PAYING THEIR WAY

Work opportunities help to develop positive work ethics and provide participants the means to build a mandatory savings account, help support their families, pay court-ordered financial obligations, victim restitution, and their incarceration costs.



## \$66.9M

Amount CI contributed to the Washington State economy through purchases from local suppliers and staff salaries.



WASHINGTON STATE  
CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES

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#### ADDRESS

Department of Corrections  
PO Box 41115  
Olympia, WA 98504

#### PHONE

Phone: 360.725.9100

## \$337,663

Amount deposited into incarcerated worker savings accounts from CI earnings.

## \$12.68

Amount saved in future criminal justice costs in relation to each dollar spent on correctional industries programs (taking into account arrest, conviction, incarceration, post-release supervision, and crime victimization costs) due to a reduction in recidivism.\*

*\* Findings based on a February 2018 Washington State Institute for Public Policy study*

## FY25 HIGHLIGHTS

**5,577**

# of individuals that participated in education programs representing **40 percent** of the total population

**873**

473 high school diplomas and 400 GED® certificates awarded

**1,143**

# of college academic and vocational certificates awarded

**116**

# of postsecondary associates (107) and bachelor's (9) degrees awarded

## IMPACT

✚ Incarcerated people who participate in postsecondary education programs are **48 percent** less likely to recidivate than those who do not (Vera Institute of Justice, 2020)

✚ **For every dollar invested in education in Washington State, \$19.74 is saved** from reduced recidivism (Washington State Institute for Public Policy, 2023)

## About

Washington is a national leader in delivering quality educational programming to a significant proportion of the Department of Corrections' (DOC or the Department) incarcerated population. DOC aims to provide basic academic skills, pre-apprenticeship, and postsecondary education programs to meet individuals' needs and enhance post-release employment and/or education pathways. To accomplish these aims, DOC partners with the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, multiple colleges and universities, and private entities. Washington's correctional education system provides opportunities for incarcerated students to earn a high school equivalency, learn high-wage and high-demand workforce skills, and earn postsecondary certificates and degrees.

✚ A statewide network of facility- and community-based Education Reentry Navigators provides incarcerated individuals education and employment reentry support.

✚ Per DOC Policy 500.000, the Department prioritizes program referrals based on risk level, individual needs, expected release date, and availability of program resources.

## Education Pathways

Each facility offers adult basic education pathways to help individuals obtain high school equivalency. Education pathways include three bachelor's degrees, 18 associate degrees, 31 certificate programs, and nine state-recognized pre-apprenticeship programs. The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities accredits all credit-bearing programs.

### Certificate and Degree Programs

Automotive Mechanics Technology | Bookkeeping | Business Administration and Management | Carpentry | Construction Trades | Computer Numerical Controlled Manufacturing (CNC) | Diesel Technology | Digital Design Direct-Transfer Degrees Drywall, Roofing, and Siding | Electrical Systems Entrepreneurship | Facilities Maintenance | Game Design and Development Graphic Design and Web Development | Hair Design | Horticulture, Floriculture, and Organic Farming | HVAC Technology | Liberal Studies | Pastry and Specialty Baking | Technical Design | Trades Related Coaching | Web Developer Applications | Welding Technology



## College & Program Partners

### Airway Heights Corrections Center

Spokane Community College

### Cedar Creek Corrections Center

Centralia College

### Clallam Bay Corrections Center

Peninsula College

### Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Walla Walla Community College

### Monroe Correctional Complex

Edmonds College

### Olympic Corrections Center

Peninsula College

### Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Grays Harbor College

The Evergreen State College

### Washington Corrections Center

Centralia College

### Washington Corrections Center for Women

Clover Park Technical College

Freedom Education Project Puget Sound

Grays Harbor College

University of Puget Sound

### Washington State Penitentiary

Walla Walla Community College

## Community Education Partners

Centralia College

Clover Park Technical College

Columbia Basin College

Edmonds College

Lower Columbia College

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

Pierce College

Renton Technical College

Seattle Central College

Skagit Valley College

Spokane Community College

South Seattle College

The Evergreen State College

University of Washington Tacoma

U.S. Department of Education

Washington Student Achievement Council

Wenatchee Valley College

Yakima Valley College

## Expanding Education Programs

### Student Access to Federal and State Financial Aid

In FY24, the legislature passed Substitute Senate Bill 5953 that allows incarcerated students to use federal and state financial aid. After the bill passed, DOC initiated a Request for Information from all Washington States institutions of higher education interested in providing education programs to incarcerated individuals using Title IV Pell Grant funds and the Washington College Grant.

All financial aid-eligible correction education programs must receive approval from DOC, a national accrediting agency, and the U.S. Department of Education. To date, DOC has approved 10 college academic pathways at seven facilities. Seven programs received Prison Education Program approval and are eligible to provide student access to Federal Pell and Washington College Grants.

## Enhancing Student Success

### Secured Internet Access

To support our college partners to deliver high-quality education programs, the Department implemented an off-state network (OSN), which is a secure internet system for educational use. The OSN has the following key features:

- 3,547 active student users as of October 2025
- Access to the JSTOR library and research database
- Online GED® testing services at all 10 facilities
- Expanded access to safe websites for student use.

In FY26, DOC plans to expand the OSN to include Wi-Fi capability in classrooms and living units at five prison facilities.

### Student Support Services

In collaboration with college partners, the Department established a process to evaluate students with a potential learning disability and to provide them with appropriate education accommodations through college student disability services.

### For additional information, please contact:

Janece Levien, M.Ed., Education Services Administrator at [janece.levien@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:janece.levien@doc1.wa.gov)





## Housing and Successful Reentry

Housing is a key indicator of successful community reentry. With access to safe and affordable housing, individuals can reunify with support persons, engage in employment and educational services, and participate in programming.

### About the Program

The Department of Corrections (DOC) established the Reentry Housing Assistance Program in 2009 to implement the Earned Release Date (ERD) Housing Vouchers that was passed by the legislature. The Reentry Housing Assistance Program provides up to six months of housing assistance to individuals transferring to partial confinement or releasing to the community.

In addition to the ERD Housing Voucher, the Reentry Housing Assistance Program offers the following types of housing assistance::

- Reentry Housing Voucher
- Graduated Reentry (GRE) Housing Assistance
- Community Parenting Alternative (CPA) Housing Assistance.

Individuals receive up to six months of combined rental assistance per release/transfer. Reach out to the program if you have questions about eligibility.

## Contact a Regional Housing Specialist (RHS) for assistance with housing in your county.

### Section 1

**Jeff O'Bleness** (509) 710-5900

Counties served: Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, and Whitman

### Section 2

**Kevin Glover** (509) 728-8062

Counties served: Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat, and Yakima

### Section 3

**Brendan Playle** (360) 480-6224

Counties served: Grays Harbor, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston

### Section 4

**Sean Raybell** (253) 377-1192

County served: Pierce

### Section 5

**Steve Dalton (A-J)** (206) 423-2351

**Angie Gogerty (K-Z)** (206) 678-2673

County served: King

### Section 6

**Lou Turner** (425) 508-3034

Counties served: Clallam, Jefferson, Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom

### Section 7

**Dan Johnson** (360) 772-2037

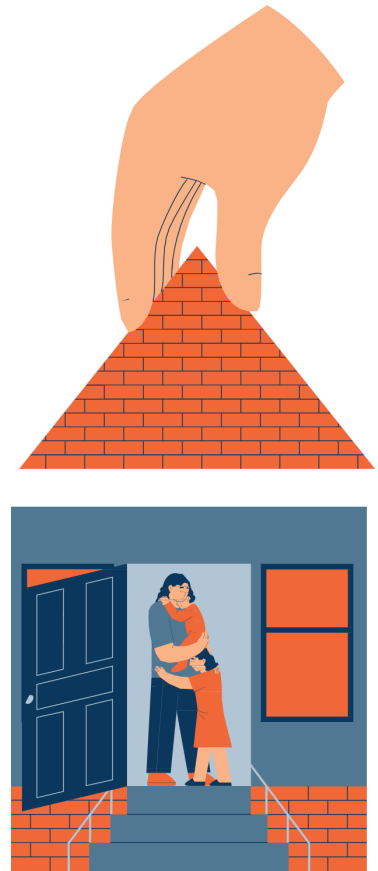
Counties served: Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, and Wahkiakum

### Program Email Address

DOCHousingAssistance@doc1.wa.gov

### Program Mailing Address

PO Box 41100  
Olympia, WA 98504



## Reentry Housing Assistance Program



## Voucher Types

### ERD Housing Voucher

Individuals who require an approved release plan to release to community custody may be eligible for an Earned Release Date (ERD) Housing Voucher. This program provides a maximum benefit of \$700 per month up to six months.

### Reentry Housing Voucher

Individuals releasing from a DOC facility who are not eligible for the ERD Housing Voucher may be eligible for a Reentry Housing Voucher. This program provides a maximum benefit of \$700 per month up to six months.

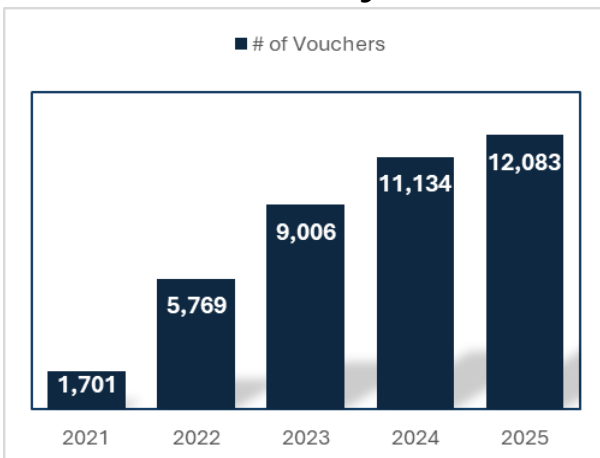
### GRE Housing Voucher

Individuals approved for Graduated Reentry (GRE) may be eligible for housing assistance if they are unable to secure an approved address on their own. GRE housing assistance may last up to six months. If a participant exits the GRE Program and requires ongoing assistance, they must apply for the ERD or Reentry Housing Voucher, provided they do not exceed the cumulative limit of six months of housing assistance.

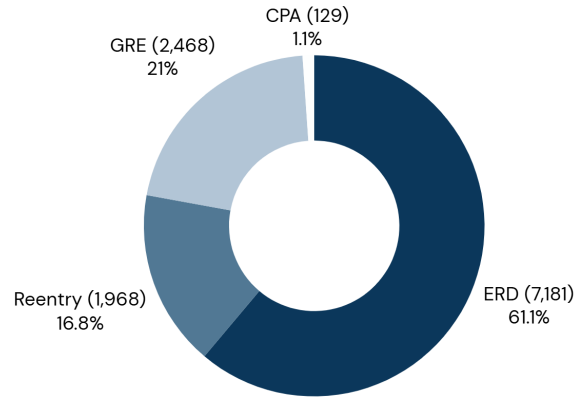
### CPA Housing Voucher

Individuals approved for Community Parenting Alternative (CPA) may be eligible for housing assistance if they are unable to secure an approved address on their own. CPA housing assistance may last up to 18 months while the individual is in the program.

## Vouchers, by Year



## Vouchers Issued from 7/1/2024–6/30/2025



From 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025, 53.3% of investigative ORPs used ERD voucher assistance and 27.2% of Notification ORPs used Reentry Housing Assistance.

## Housing Directory

The Reentry Housing Assistance Program maintains an internal directory of housing vendors who accept DOC vouchers. Housing types vary across the state and include residential homes, apartments, and converted hotels. Vendors include non-profits groups, private landlords, and religious organizations. Each vendor has different rules and application processes. The Facility Case Manager will contact housing vendors for possible placement. Housing Specialists are available to assist.

- Vendors are not under contract with DOC – these are relationship-based partnerships
- Over 900 residences accept DOC vouchers
- 26 counties have at least one housing vendor.

Incarcerated individuals can access a copy of the Statewide Transitional Housing Directory on their tablets so they may be involved in their reentry planning. The tablet version, updated every two months, shows the house name, county, fees, amenities, and program requirements.

## Referral Process

To be eligible for a voucher, the individual must release from a DOC facility. Individuals apply, with their Case Manager's assistance using form 02-336, when they are 60 days from their ERD. Applications submitted more than 60 days before the ERD will not be accepted. Individuals should apply for voucher assistance prior to releasing or transferring to the community to ensure housing availability.

A Regional Housing Specialist (RHS) screens the ERD and Reentry Housing Assistance applications. The RHS will consider infractions, program history, individual circumstances, and need when screening for housing assistance.

- If there is a current infraction behavior and it is on the Infraction Matrix, the RHS will request a letter from the individual regarding the infraction.
- If an individual has over \$5,000 in their accounts, the RHS will request a letter asking for specific details regarding their need for housing assistance.

The individual must stay in compliance each month to continue receiving housing assistance. If the individual is on a Reentry Voucher with no supervision, they must contact their RHS each month to notify them of their need for continued assistance.



## HIGHLIGHTS

9

# of Reentry Centers across the state

8

# of state-operated Reentry Centers

1

# of Reentry Centers operated in partnership with a contract agency

778

Funded capacity of current facilities

## REENTRY CENTER LOCATIONS

**Bellingham**, *Bellingham*

**Brownstone**, *Spokane*

**Eleanor Chase**, *Spokane*

**Longview**, *Longview*

**Olympia**, *Olympia*

**Helen B. Ratcliff**, *Seattle*

**Reynolds**, *Seattle*

**Tacoma**, *Tacoma*

**Wenatchee Valley**,  
*Wenatchee*



## About

Reentry Centers, formerly known as Work/Training Releases, were first in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) in 1967 with the first program opening in 1969. The 50-year longevity of this partial confinement program indicates the State of Washington acknowledges that the program significantly and efficiently contributes to successful reintegration and benefits the community.

Reentry Centers serve as a bridge between life in prison and life in the community. Incarcerated people at Reentry Centers focus on transition, including finding and retaining employment or education; participating in treatment; reconnecting with family members, and developing life skills. At Reentry Centers, individuals learn and refine social and living skills to create a smoother transition from prison confinement. Reentry Centers provide people with focused opportunities for success.

## Current Initiatives

### Partnership with the AMEND Program through the University of California San Francisco

The Reentry Division’s Management Team and representatives of AMEND collaborated to implement AMEND at all Reentry Centers. Each Reentry Center participated in training on the principles of AMEND. AMEND champions worked with staff members to develop local action plans at each Reentry Center. In FY26, the Reentry Centers will implement the initiatives in their action plans and will be able to rely on AMEND Ambassadors for feedback and support. The initiatives expand and enhance programming to include family-friendly events as well as normalization activities.

### Behavior Management

Agency stakeholders revised the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) specific to Reentry Centers (137-56) to separate prison discipline from Reentry Centers. The updated WAC also established a behavior management model across partial confinement that addresses behavior at the lowest level to influence positive change. This behavior management model promotes a continuum that supports and acknowledges successes as well as addresses behavior concerns through interventions. Intervention options designed to support the individual in partial confinement range from a low-level staff intervention and investment to a formal hearing.

### Increased Safety

With the fentanyl epidemic, Reentry Centers renewed focus on people’s safety. Reentry Centers provided additional staff training on Narcan use and lifesaving AED machines. Security staff members increased their presence through facility walkthroughs and revised facility count processes.

**For additional information, please contact:**

Visit the [DOC Reentry Center website](#) or contact Paul Daniel, Reentry Center Administrator, at [phdaniel@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:phdaniel@doc1.wa.gov)

# Improving Public Safety by Positively Changing Lives

## Reentry Systems

Fact Sheet | October 2025



### FY25 HIGHLIGHTS

**2389**

Individuals referred for Navigation Services

**1873**

Individuals who received assistance with an Individual Reentry Plan

**1137**

Individuals who received assistance with a Release Needs Survey

**1077**

Reentry Team Meetings conducted

**72**

Participants attending Reentry Planning Workshop Pilot



### Program Overview

The Reentry Systems Unit within the Reentry Division plays a vital role in fulfilling the department's mission and strategic plan by directly supporting the Governor's Executive Order 24-03 Building Safe and Strong Communities Through Successful Reentry, Washington's commitment to Reentry 2030, and in accordance with RCW 72.09.270 concerning Individual Reentry Plans.

The Reentry Navigator team consists of 25 committed staff who provide services statewide. This includes two Cultural Specialist Navigators who work with releasing Veteran and Native American/Alaskan Native populations. Our work ensures that reentry is not just a process, it's a pathway to stability, opportunity, and reduced recidivism.

### Reentry Navigation

The Reentry Navigators for the Reentry Division works closely with various navigators throughout the state including college/education navigators, workforce navigators, health services navigators (psychiatric social workers and medication-assisted treatment navigators), housing specialists, and community partners. In addition, the Reentry Navigators receive requests for assistance from classification counselors, various community stakeholders, and DOC leadership to support individuals in their reentry planning efforts.

Primary services include assisting individuals in identifying strengths by completing their individual reentry plan, essential needs planning to prepare for their transition to the community, and resource navigation. Additionally, services include helping transitioning individuals and corrections staff to navigate through numerous supportive services being offered and addressing potential barriers to transition.

The primary focus of Reentry Navigators is connecting individuals to essential needs and support services, which may include food, clothing, phones, healthcare, wellness, supportive housing with pathways to permanent housing, identification, education, vocational training, job search assistance, financial benefits, and support. In addition to these services, Navigators collaborate with community partners and stakeholders to create a more efficient handoff process to ensure a smooth transition to community-based providers. They also follow up with individuals in the community to assess their progress toward meeting their goals, identify barriers, and address those challenges.

In 2025, Reentry Navigators served 68 intensive management unit (IMU) direct release participants, 157 Indeterminant sentence review board (ISRB) participants, 13 Community Parenting Alternative participants, 650 Graduated Reentry Participants, 514 Reentry Center participants, and 290 other referrals. Cultural Specialist Navigators served 293 participants, with 132 veterans and 161 Alaskan Native/ American Indian.

## Integrated Reentry Model

The department utilizes an integrated reentry model that focuses on individual needs, collaborates across divisions, and leverages connections to state, local, and community-based resources to assist with transition and help individuals in the community.

This model includes three phases:

- Facility Phase begins at reception with continuous case planning, orientation, evidence-based programs and treatment, education, and employment readiness as identified in the Washington State risk assessment tool which assesses the individual's criminogenic risks and programmatic needs. In addition, the Individual Reentry Plan guides the individual through setting individualized SMART goals to prepare for their reentry based on the goals they identify.
- Transition Phase begins at the time the individual is approaching transfer to partial confinement or release to the community. The transition phase includes updating the Individual Reentry Plan, essential needs planning, health and wellness transition, short-term housing assistance, community navigator connection, continuity of care transition planning, identification, and connections to resources.
- Community Phase begins at the time the individual is stable in the community and includes pro-social supports, long-term housing, health and wellness, financial stability, long-term employment, and educational pathways.



## Why Our Work Matters

Being prepared for release changes outcomes. Individuals who participate in structured IRP workshops and have access to coordinated resources are more likely to secure housing, obtain employment, and maintain stability in the community. When we follow up post-release, we not only address immediate needs—we also reinforce long-term success by helping people stay connected to support and opportunities.



### Contact information:

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# Improving Public Safety by Positively Changing Lives

## Strength in Families

Fact Sheet  
October 2025



### Total Individuals

#### Impacted:

Fathers: 1,142  
Spouses/Co-Parents:  
1,839  
Children: 3,689

### Total SIF Program

#### Completions:

652

### Parent Related

#### Outcomes:

71% of the respondents reported that they work better together as parents with at least one of their children's mothers.

85% of the respondents reported that they feel more confident about their ability to stay connected with their child(ren).

94% of the respondents reported that they feel more confident that they have the skills necessary to be an effective parent.

*\*Data period July 2024-July 2025*

### **Our Mission**

To partner with reentering parents in the development of skills and knowledge that focus on positive parenting and healthy relationships to create safe, stable, and nurturing environments for children and families.

### **Our Vision**

We envision children living in safe homes, having a positive relationship with parents and their care providers, and being supported by families who have the skills and access to the resources and services needed to thrive.

### **Our History**

Individuals incarcerated within Washington DOC facilities often face a range of complex and interrelated challenges. The majority of incarcerated individuals are also parents, with the responsibility to support and care for their children. DOC recognizes that positive and engaging fathers and fatherhood figures are vital for the health and wellbeing of WA State children and families.

The Strength in Families (SIF) Program targets counties in Western Washington with disproportionate rates of poverty and incarceration.


SIF has made exceptional strides in the development of incarcerated father engagement services and continuous quality improvement. Elements of the program are currently being evaluated for change for alignment with other reentry and family programs.

### **Eligibility**

- A father or "father figure" of a child ages birth to 18 years.
- Approximately 24-60 months before release from a total confinement facility (applications are accepted for review up to 48 months from Earned Release Date or transfer to partial confinement).
- The program screening process considers criminal history, family and community safety, and prison behavior.
- The SIF program is offered at Washington Corrections Center, Stafford Creek Corrections Center, Cedar Creek Corrections Center, Reynolds Reentry Center, Tacoma Reentry Center, Olympia Reentry Center, and Longview Reentry Center.

### **Program Structure**

The Strength in Families Program focuses on building skills and knowledge in healthy relationships with partners and co-parents, responsible and positive parenting, and healthy communication skills. Participants will complete Parenting Inside Out and Walking the Line prior to release.



**Parenting Inside Out (PIO):** This curriculum taught by SIF Instructors is 60 hours in length. PIO is an evidence-based program developed specifically for incarcerated and criminal justice-involved parents. The program builds skills and strengths in parents based on cognitive behavioral and social learning theories with proven methodologies for creating positive change within incarcerated parents. PIO includes topics such as communication skills, problem-solving skills, anger management, family dynamics, giving effective directions, discipline techniques, and using positive reinforcement.

**Walking the Line (WTL):** This curriculum taught by SIF Instructors is approximately 28 hours in length. This individually-based curriculum focuses on the development of a considered approach to relationships and life through discussions of families of origin, individual characteristics, values, perceived roles as a partner and a father, and the development of skills in interpersonal communication, emotion and stress regulation, and conflict management.

### **Case Management Services**

Each participant is assigned to a case manager who will begin partnering with them and their families approximately 24 months prior to release. Assigned case managers will provide case management services up to six months post-release for participants releasing to King, Pierce, Kitsap, Mason, Grays Harbor, Thurston, Lewis, Skamania, Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, and Pacific Counties.

Case managers will work with the participant to identify their personal and family strengths and challenges. SIF Case Managers also provide the following for participants:

- Strength-based, trauma-informed, and culturally sensitive case management
- Coach fathers through the reintegration into their communities
- Provide tools and resources to support children and families
- Bridge the communication gap for fathers with active dependency cases
- Support participants with dependency cases through the dependency process
- Provide connections to community-based resources based on Individual needs

*“This is a life-changing program. The children, families, and our community will benefit from fathers like me who will use the tools learned from Strength in Families. This would not be possible without the amazing staff, and coaches who dedicate their life and heart to this cause.” – Past SIF Participant*

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