



Department of Corrections REENTRY DIVISION

A Summary and Overview

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mission and Values

Mission

To improve public safety by positively changing lives



Our Values

Cultivate an Environment of Integrity and Trust

Corrections values partnership and trust. We foster openness and support courageous conversations. We are committed to doing what we say we are going to do by being accountable and taking personal ownership in our actions.

People's Safety

Corrections believes in creating an environment that values physical, mental, and emotional security and well-being. We honor those who advance safety for all.

Positivity in Words and Actions

At Corrections, we assume positive intentions and believe there is a shared desire for the best outcome. We consistently demonstrate positive behavior and always put forth our best effort.

Respectful and Inclusive Interactions

Corrections appreciates and values individuals by promoting an inclusive and diverse environment, which encourages safety. We respect, value, and listen to the thoughts, feelings, and perspectives of our stakeholders and consider the impact on those we serve as well as each other.

Supporting People's Success

Corrections is committed to our community - understanding individuals, instilling hope, embracing change, and providing opportunities.

REENTRY DIVISION Overview

Operations

- Work/Training Release
- Parenting Sentencing Alternative
- Graduated Reentry
- Individual Reentry Plans
- Veterans

Service Alignment

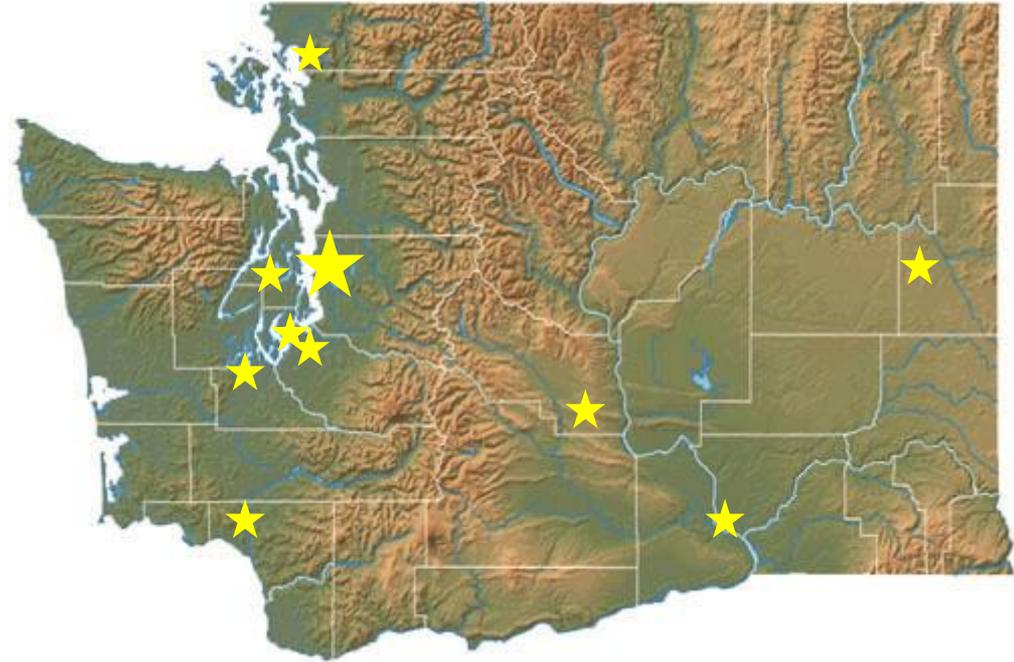
- Identification Cards
- Child Support Modifications
- Cash/Food Benefits
- Housing Vouchers

Administrative/Programs

- Vocational Education
- Correctional Industries Case Management Services (WA ONE)
- Cognitive Behavior Intervention Fidelity
- Strength in Families

Work/Training Release (WTR)

- 12** WTR program facilities
- 782 resident capacity
 - 636 COVID capacity
 - Work Release has existed in Washington state since 1967.



Parenting Sentencing Alternative (PSA)

STATISTICS AND OUTCOMES



Information above as of July 2020
Does not include active participants

PSA participants have only a **11%** return to prison rate.

REENTRY OPERATIONS Graduated Reentry (GRE)

STATISTICS AND OUTCOMES



Information above as of August 4, 2020

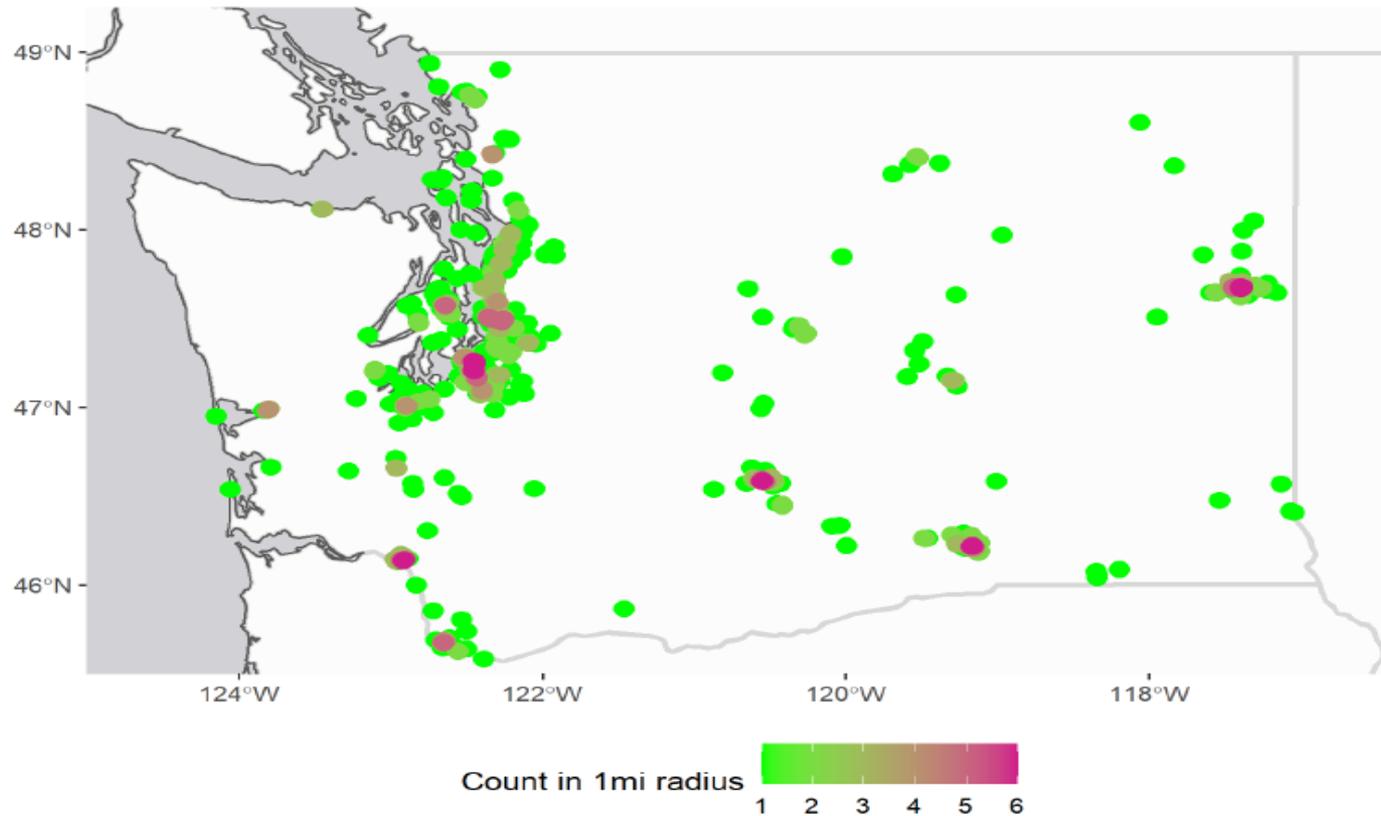
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*Work Release transfers to EHM, not supervision

REENTRY OPERATIONS

Graduated Reentry (GRE)

Figure 4. Release locations for all individuals assigned to EHM through June 30, 2020.



NOTE: Multiple individuals may have transferred to one location at some point between September 2018 and June 2020.

REENTRY OPERATIONS GRE & PSA

“For me, graduated reentry helped me out a lot by rebuilding relationships with my family and being able to show them that I can change...”

-Current GRE Participant



“The FOSA program saved my family... The program gave us a second chance to live healthy and clean lives..”

-FOSA Participant

Individual Reentry Plans (IRPs)

▶ 3 step process

- **Prepare**
 - Institutional Phase 1
- **Transition**
 - Partial Confinement Phase 2
- **Stabilization**
 - Transition to Community Phase 3



Attachment 3 – Reentry System Implementation Model – Phase 1

Attachment 4 – DOC Navigators Roles – August 2020

Attachment 5 – DOC Navigator Area of Range

Attachment 6 – DOC Reentry Division – Program Status Update – July 2020 (pgs. 3–5)

REENTRY OPERATIONS Veterans Services

1,169 Current Incarcerated Veterans
1,156 Male
13 Female



- Establishment of first prison-based American Legion post
- Assist with benefit apportionment
- Identifying veterans benefits that need to be stopped when entering the system to avoid overpayment and then re-started when released

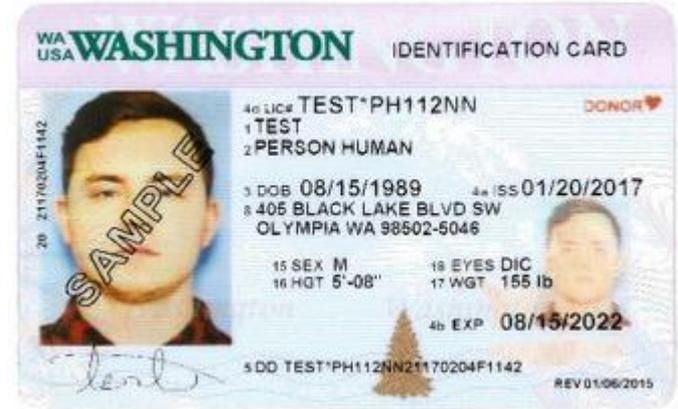
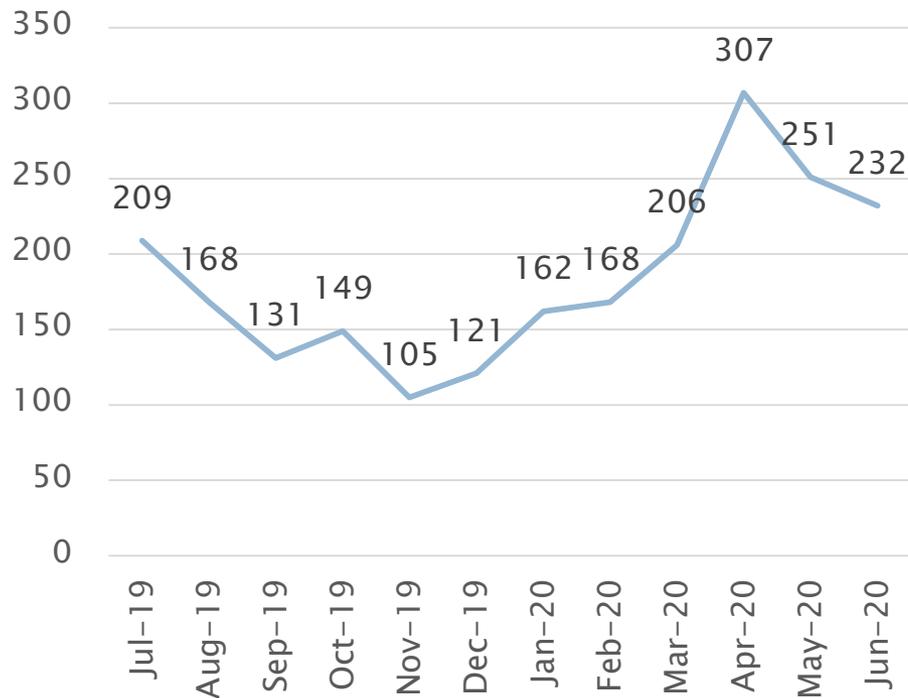
REENTRY SERVICE ALIGNMENT

Executive Order 16-05

- ▶ In 2016, Executive Order 16-05 directed state agencies to:
 - **Create mechanisms** that allow qualified individuals to be pre-screened for federal and state benefits before leaving a correctional facility.
 - **Create less barriers** for incarcerated individuals re-entering communities as it pertains to housing, employment, and other needs for successful community living.
 - **Work collaboratively** in meeting the needs of incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals.

REENTRY SERVICE ALIGNMENT with DOL Identification Cards

- **2,000+** IDs issued in FY20



REENTRY SERVICE ALIGNMENT with DCS Child Support Modifications

- **97%** of new (parental) admissions were reached by DCS (Division of Child Support) in first 18 months of the program
- **\$112,000** reduction of missed payments per month (have surpassed \$1.6 million in arrears reduction)
- **375** licenses released from suspension



- **Senate House Bill 2302** (automatic abatement) was passed with an implementation date of February 2021

REENTRY SERVICE ALIGNMENT with DSHS

Cash/Food Benefits

- **MCCCW/SCCC pilot**

- Processed 40–50 applications per month beginning in Summer 2018
- Halted in March 2020 due to COVID



- **100%** of those released and transferred (per Governor's Proclamation) during Commutation and Rapid Reentry, due to COVID, were able to receive applications
- **Interim process** was created for DOC immediate releases during COVID and can be adapted to meet the needs of statewide releases

REENTRY SERVICE ALIGNMENT

Housing Vouchers

- ▶ **320** (average) voucher payments per month totaling \$160,000 (2017–2019)
- ▶ **21%** average of releases utilize an ERD voucher monthly (July 2019 – March 2020)



COVID Response

29% of Commutation individuals utilized a housing voucher

57% of Rapid Reentry individuals utilized a housing voucher

REENTRY ADMINISTRATIVE/PROGRAMS

Vocational Education

In FY20,

- ▶ **16,000+** participants in educational programs
(including GED, vocational, CTAP, and associate degrees)



COVID Response

- Much of education was able to continue throughout COVID with reduced class sizes or distance learning

REENTRY ADMINISTRATIVE/PROGRAMS

Correctional Industries (CI)

2,100 incarcerated workers (as of May 2020)

\$463,333 total amount deposited into savings accounts in FY2020

▶ TRAC

- **154** graduates (as of July 2020)
- **\$26/hour** average starting wage

▶ Workforce Development

- **75% employment** for releases
- **16 days** average to employment following release



COVID Response

Produced by CI to date:

- **500,000+ PPE items** (including gowns, face coverings, face shields, and screening stations)

REENTRY ADMINISTRATIVE/PROGRAMS Case Management Services

The **Washington ONE** is a validated RNR Assessment Tool implemented in December 2017.

Risk = Who to focus resources on

Need = What to Target

Responsivity = How to work with the individual

Provides foundation for individualized continuous case planning



REENTRY ADMINISTRATIVE/PROGRAMS

Case Management Services

▶ 8 Needs/Goals Domains

- Residential
- Education/Vocational
- Employment
- Social Influences
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health
- Aggression
- Attitudes/Behaviors

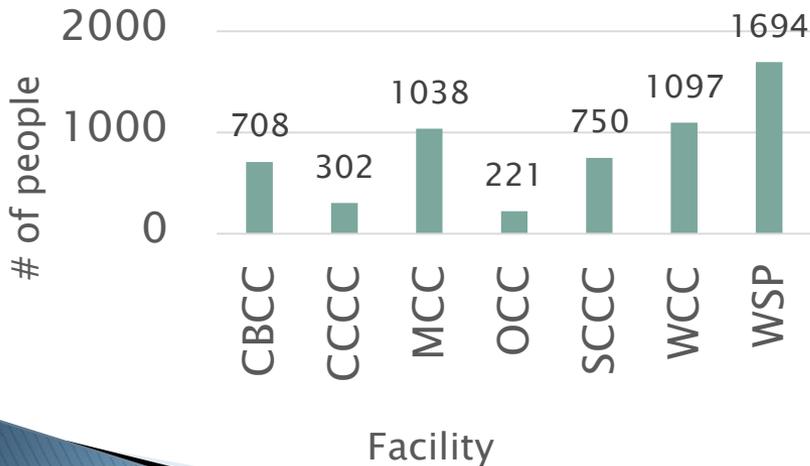


Cognitive Behavioral Fidelity Intervention (CBI)

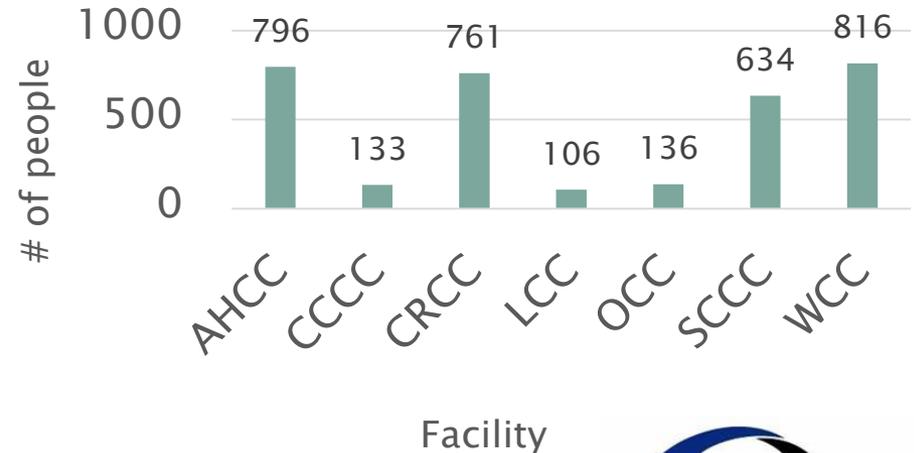
- ▶ **100%*** CBI utilization pre-COVID
- ▶ **62%*** CBI utilization during COVID

*at facilities where program exists

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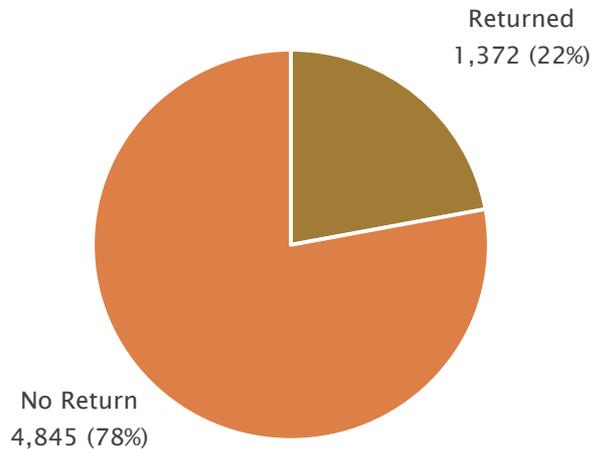
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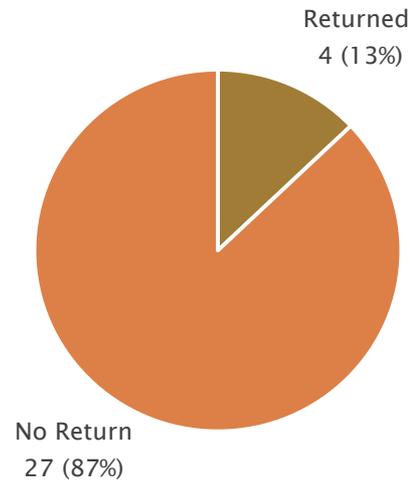
REENTRY ADMINISTRATIVE/PROGRAMS

Strength in Families (SIF)

2-Year Recidivism Rate of All Released Males



2-Year Recidivism Rate of Released SIF Graduates



- Recidivism is calculated as returning to prison as an inmate (non-violator) within 2 years of the original release from incarceration.
- Releases from CY 2017 are utilized here.

Source: OMNI and nFORM

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***These services are available to all eligible persons, regardless of race, gender, age, disability, or religion*

REENTRY DIVISION Future Outlook

- ▶ DOT Partnership
- ▶ Social Security Benefits
- ▶ Cell phones and driving privileges in Work/Training Release
- ▶ Greater technology utilization
- ▶ Enhancing community partnerships



Questions?

Working Together for Safe Communities