

### CI Mission

Correctional Industries (CI) is committed to maintain and expand work training programs which develop marketable job skills, instill and promote positive work ethics, and reduce the tax burden of corrections.

### CI Vision

Transform lives and increase successful reentry through training and mentoring.

### Core Values

**Lead** - We walk the talk to motivate change.

**Humanity** - We provide opportunity for second chances.

**Connections** - We foster understanding and mentor growth.

**Teamwork** - We build unity and strength through collaboration.

**People** - We inspire and empower individual success.

### Who We Are

Correctional Industries is a unique blend of business and government, using private industry tools and techniques to operate voluntary work programs in prisons and provide incarcerated individuals with marketable job skills. The value of CI is to foster success in their development and reentry, enhance prison and public safety, and reduce taxpayer burden.

### Workforce Development

Correctional Industries workforce development has three objectives to enhance work training programs. The first is to ensure every qualified incarcerated individual working for CI is 'work ready' and employable upon release. The second is to achieve post release employment as part of a unified employment plan developed by the program specialists in collaboration with the person releasing. The third objective is to develop partnerships with community providers on job readiness, job placement, and training and education. Rapid attainment of gainful employment can help releasing men and women achieve success upon release.



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## CI OPTICAL PROGRAM



## CI Optical Operations

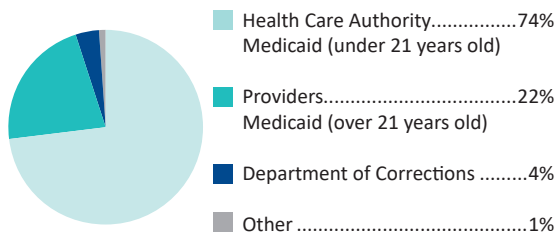
The Correctional Industries (CI) optical program has been producing high quality, cost effective prescription eyewear since 1997. Our high capacity optical production facility is designed to supply large volume contracts as well as small entities.

Correctional Industries optical supervisors oversee incarcerated workers and the production of 500-600 pairs of eyewear daily. CI provides optical laboratory services to over 600 Medicaid vision care providers throughout Washington who serve Medicaid clients under the age of 21. Low-cost adult eyewear is also available for qualified adults through eligible providers. CI employs two licensed dispensing opticians who visit Department of Corrections facilities throughout the state to fit incarcerated individuals with prescription eyewear. Incarcerated individuals who do not meet minimum qualifications to receive state provided eyewear may purchase low-cost eyewear directly through CI. CI Optical partners with some Lions Clubs throughout the state to assist in their recycling eyewear efforts.

### Just the Facts

Average number of eyewear produced annually:	135,000
Average number of eyewear produced monthly:	11,250
Average number of eyewear produced daily:	560
Number of eyeglass frame choices available:	400

### Customer Base:



Incarcerated workers processing orders in the optical lab.

### Technical and Social Skill Development

All CI operations provide incarcerated individuals with opportunities to develop their technical and social skills. CI optical workers gain valuable and transferable skills by participating in a 2-year training program. An optional American Board of Opticianry prep class is available for those that wish to expand their optical knowledge. Bi-weekly lean meetings are held with the goals of reducing waste and establishing best practices. CI also provides these individuals with cognitive behavioral training. The skills they learn in the classroom are reinforced when they work side-by-side with CI employees who model the expected behaviors.



## Lions Clubs International Outreach Program

Correctional Industries has teamed up with Lions Clubs International to assist the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (NWLERC) in Olympia, Washington. NWLERC's mission is to provide used eyeglasses free of charge to people in remote areas of developing countries, delivered at the hands of volunteer eye care professionals. They also redistribute specifically marked readers and sunglasses within the U.S.

Founded in 2004, the NWLERC is one of 18 Lions' eyeglass recycling centers around the world; 12 of which are in the U.S. including the one located in Olympia. NWLERC has received millions of pairs of used eyeglasses. Now CI's optical lab at Airway Heights Corrections Center is helping with the recycling efforts.

Incarcerated workers sort, clean, neutralize (read the prescriptions), catalog and send them to NWLERC where they are placed in inventory for distribution to eyeglass missions around the world annually. As of November 2021, NWLERC has been involved in 350 worldwide eyeglass missions where 291,000 pairs of glasses have been donated to those in need.

“ When our NWLERC Executive Board was introduced to this potential partnership we were excited to see where it would go. We appreciate Past District 19B's Governor, NWLERC's Director and CI's efforts to make this happen. Thanks to all the hard work it looks like together we will help the world see one pair of glasses as a time. The incarcerated workers at CI optical were interested in having a donation box of their own and excited to be making a difference with their newly developed skills. ”

— Suzanne Gayda, NWLERC President