

# Statewide Reentry Centers

Reentry Division  
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## Reentry Centers across the state

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- Ahtanum View – in Yakima
- Bellingham – in Bellingham
- Bishop Lewis – in Seattle
- Brownstone – in Spokane
- Eleanor Chase – in Spokane
- Longview – in Longview
- Olympia – in Olympia
- Peninsula – in Port Orchard
- Progress House – in Tacoma
- Helen B. Ratcliff – in Seattle
- Reynolds – in Seattle
- Tri-Cities – in Kennewick

7 state operated

5 operated in partnership  
with a contract agency

## Total Capacity

608 men

174 women

## About

Reentry Centers, formerly known as Work/Training Releases were first included in RCW in 1967 with the first program opening in 1969. The value of this partial confinement program has been acknowledged for over 50 years; creating successful reintegration that includes a cost benefit to the community.

## Current Initiatives

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

Throughout 2022, the Reentry Division management team has worked with representatives of AMEND to move into implementation at all reentry centers. Beginning in first quarter of 2023, staff from each center will participate in training to champion the principles of AMEND. AMEND champions will work with staff to develop local action plans at each Reentry Center. Implementation of the program at each Reentry Center is underway, with opportunities for staff to work with AMEND Ambassadors for feedback and support of the initiatives they have identified for their individual program.

### Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Revision

The current Washington Administrative Code (WAC) specific to Reentry Centers (137-56) is linked to the prison WAC (137-25). This creates a scenario of managing individuals under a prison model in the community. A project charter was created in February 2021 to review the WAC specific to Reentry Centers. This team of agency stakeholders was tasked with separating the prison discipline from Reentry Centers and creating a behavior management model across partial confinement that allows for addressing behavior at the lowest level to influence positive change.

- o The WAC language has been drafted to include all programs in partial confinement: including Reentry Centers, Graduated Reentry, and Community Parenting Alternative.
- o Updated “work/training release” terminology to “Reentry Centers” to allow for individualized case plans to drive the focus for the individual, which may not center around employment.

## Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Revision *(cont.)*

- Finally, allow for a continuum that supports and acknowledges successes through interventions that may include a hearing, but uses lower-level interventions and investment from staff to support the individual through the partial confinement setting.

### Expansion of Reentry Centers

- Siting processes ended in mid-2022, identifying a new location in North Central Washington (Chelan County). This program is currently being remodeled with anticipated opening late 2023 and will serve several counties in eastern Washington.
- Increased capacity at Peninsula, Longview and Reynolds Reentry Centers has been identified; duty stations, bathrooms, and kitchen remodeling are underway to accommodate the capacity.

### Update the Reentry Center Academy

- A Corrections Specialist 4 has updated the curriculum for the Academy to include additional courses on communication and development of relationships with individuals to support their success.
- Create training and information regarding the shift to partial confinement and Reentry Centers for staff and stakeholders.



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