



# Work Release Expansion Project

Snohomish County  
April 2021



# Agenda

## Meeting Objectives:

- ✓ Introductions & Review Contacts
- ✓ Review the Work Release Program Overview
- ✓ Review Expansion Project Process/Timeline
- ✓ Review Site Specific Progress
- ✓ Review the Communication Plan
- ✓ Questions, next steps and closing

Time	Topic	Lead
4:00 – 4:10	Introductions & Review Contacts	Mike Schindler, <i>Facilitator</i>
4:10 – 4:20	Work Release Program Overview	Mike Schindler
4:20 – 4:30	Expansion Project Process/Timeline	Tony Lindgren, <i>KMB Consultant</i> Brian Little, <i>KMB Consultant</i>
4:30 – 4:40	Site Specific Progress	Tony Lindgren Brian Little
4:40 – 4:50	Communication Plan	Mike Schindler
4:50 – 5:30	Questions, Next Steps & Closing	Mike Schindler

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# Introductions & Review Contacts

## LAC Member Contact Information

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# DOC Mission and Vision

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DOC Mission: To Improve Public Safety by Positively Changing Lives

DOC Vision: Working Together for Safe Communities

- Work Release Expansion
  - Work release facilities serve as a bridge between life in prison and life in the community. Incarcerated individuals who complete the work release program are more likely to be successful in maintaining employment, stable housing, and in paying legal financial obligations. Recent research conducted by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy indicates that work release programs have a positive cost/benefit impact; for every dollar spent, \$3.82 is returned to the state.

# Work Release Program Overview

## Program Description

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- From **prison to community** while:
  - Under DOC authority
  - In partial confinement
  
- Focus on **reentry, transition, and stability** by:
  - Finding/retaining employment
  - Re-connecting with family members
  - Becoming productive citizens
  - Learning/refining life skills such as:
    - Using public transportation
    - Shopping
    - Managing personal finances

# Work Release Program Overview

## Placement Criteria

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- **Eligibility is an earned privilege**
  - Good behavior and program compliance
- **Screening Criteria**
  - Defined in law and established in policy\*
  - Trained staff identify participants based on identified risk and needs
  - Multiple levels of review required to approve some cases
- **Can be ineligible due to:**
  - Misconduct
  - Outstanding legal issues
  - Community concerns such as:
    - Victim concerns
    - Prior failure or rules violations at work release
    - Excess or serious pattern of criminal history
    - Heinous or notorious crime(s)

\* Screening criteria are listed in policy DOC 300.500

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## Work Release Program Overview

# Participant Expectations

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- **Participants must:**

- Work, attend school or vocational training or transitional programming
  - Monitored to ensure approved movements prohibit making any unauthorized stops
- Contribute financially
- Remain in the facility unless there is specific, prior written approval
- Undergo frequent UAs for drug/alcohol use
- Continue programming, treatment or therapy to address identified risk/need areas associated with criminal activity
- Cooperate with monitoring and behavioral expectations in the work release facility, workplace and other locations in the community

## Work Release Program Overview

# Progression Through Program

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- Three phase program
- “Step down” approach
- Gradual community access based upon:
  - Following all rules
  - An individualized case plan
  - Compliant time in the facility
  - Meeting individual case plan objectives

**...in order to increase public safety.**

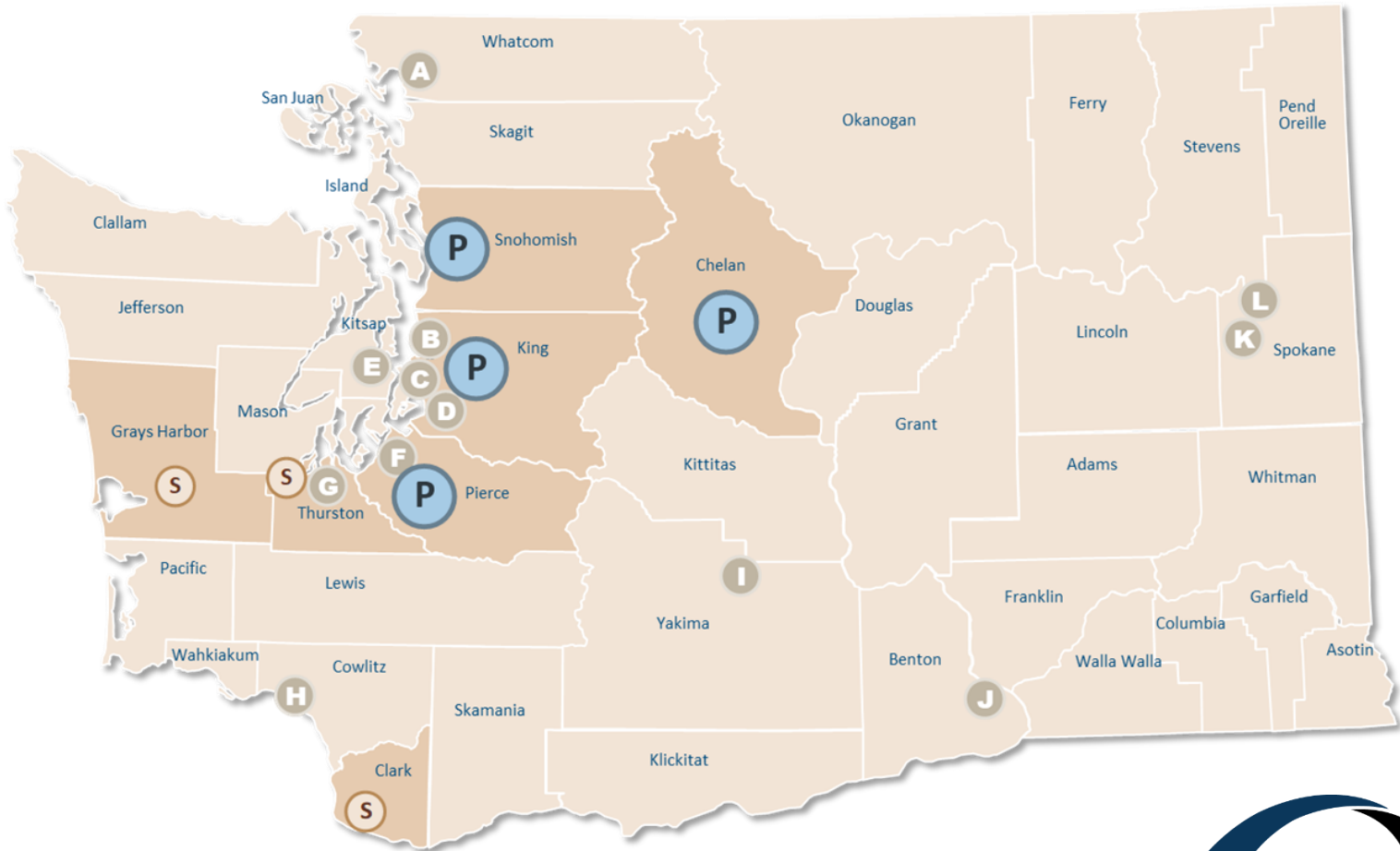


# Work Release Program Overview

## Work Release Expansion and Existing Facilities

Department of Corrections

### Primary and Secondary Work Release Service Areas



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# Current DOC Work Release facilities

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- **12 separate facilities:**

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

## Work Release Program Overview

# Building Components

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### BUILDING COMPONENTS

- Controlled building access
- Normative street presence
- Clean, organized, safe sleeping space
- Supervised lobby and dayroom
- Room for administration and programs
- Robust service space (storage, laundry, etc.)
- Transportation, equipment, and supplies for work

## Work Release Program Overview

# Ahtanum View Work Release (Yakima)

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# Work Release Program Overview

## Bellingham Work Release (Bellingham)

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# Work Release Program Overview

## Bishop Lewis Work Release (Seattle)

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## Work Release Program Overview

# Olympia Work Release (Olympia)

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## Expansion Project Process/Timeline

# Program History

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- Legislative Report, Implementation Plan
  - September 1, 2019
- Formed Local Advisory Committees in King, North Central, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties
  - Started: October 2019. Paused due to COVID-19, May 2020.
  - Restarted: February 2021
- Request for Proposals (RFPs) to lease space for Work Release facilities preferably in the four counties listed
  - Publication: December 27, 2019
  - Due Date: February 13, 2020
    - 6 submittals, 2 deemed responsive in North Central (Chelan County)
- Additional ongoing searches by DOC and LAC members to identify viable sites

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## Expansion Project Process/Timeline

# Site Selection Steps

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### 1. RCW 72.65.220 Facility siting process

- When DOC has selected three or fewer sites for final consideration, DOC shall make public notification and conduct a public hearing in the local communities of the final three or fewer sites.
  - Provide for opportunities for written or oral comments and wide dissemination of proposals and alternatives.

### 2. WAC 137-57-060 Site selection

- After the preliminary public hearing and an initial review, the advisory committee shall submit its recommendations to the Secretary, and the Secretary may give preliminary approval to one of the recommended sites.

## Site Selection Steps (continued)

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### 3. RCW 72.65.220 Facility siting process

- An additional public hearing after public notification shall also be conducted in the local community selected as the final proposed site.
- Provide for opportunities for written or oral comments and wide dissemination of proposals and alternatives.

### 4. WAC 137-57-060 Public notice, hearing requirements

- After the Secretary gives preliminary approval to a site, the Department shall either apply for or assist others in applying for any permits which may be required by local zoning laws with respect to the operation of a work/training release facility.
- After the required zoning permits, if any, have been obtained, and the Secretary has considered the comments expressed by members of the public during any zoning process or during the public hearing conducted by the Department, the Secretary may grant or withhold final approval of the proposed site.

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- Engaged with the City of Mountlake Terrace-Community and Economic Development Department
  - Next step is to prepare and submit a pre-application conference meeting application to walk through the project and proposed changes to the site/building
  - Ongoing communication with the owner/developer to understand the process

# Communication Plan

## LAC Communication Plan

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# LAC Communication Plan

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- **General information to Snohomish County jurisdictions**
- **Specific follow-up if a possible location is under consideration**
- **Specific location(s)**
  - Inform of timeline and strategies

# Questions and Next Steps

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- Open discussion
- Recommendations
- Action Items

# Closing

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- Local Advisory Committee materials
  - On DOC website: <https://doc.wa.gov/about/business/capital-planning/capacity-work-release.htm>
  - Materials available within 2 weeks
- Email questions
  - Snohomish County
  - [docwrexpandsc@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:docwrexpandsc@doc1.wa.gov)
- Next Meeting
  - Tuesday, May 11, 2021 (recurring 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

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*Thank you!*