WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS RESTRICTIVE HOUSING TIMELINE

2015

- Partnered with Disability Rights Washington for Dr. Jeffrey Metzner's consultation on RH.

2016

- Partnered with UC Irvine on comprehensive RH study.
- Implemented congregate programming in facilities with an IMU.

2017

- Implemented transition pod at MCC.

2018

- Implemented RH Steering Committee.
- Eliminated death row. Most of these individuals moved to general population.
- Developed alternative placement beds at CBCC.

2019

- Developed strategy for repurposing RH beds.

2020

- Adjusted RH policies to narrow placement reasons, expand visitation, and allow ad-seg to earn time toward the level system.
- Developed and implemented RH Field Officer Training Program.
- Provided staff training on updated RH policy.
- Held agency-wide RH summit/training.

2021

- Abolished disciplinary segregation.

2022

- Significantly reduced RH populations.
- Initiated out of cell tracking project.
- Achieved 2+ hours out of cell time in RH at WSP.
- Increased RH education and evidence-based programming.

2023

- Announced plan to reduce solitary confinement by 90% over five years.
- Formed SCTP to safely increase meaningful time out of cell.
- Increased alternatives to solitary confinement through transfer and progression pod expansion.

2024

- SCTP expanded alternatives to solitary confinement, provided up to 4-hours out of cell opportunities.
- Implemented proof of concept at SCCC resulting in a minimum of 2 hours out-of-cell opportunities, increased programming, and Fun Activities and Social Time (FAST).
- Conducted meetings at major facilities to strategize achieving a standard operating procedure of 2 hours of out-of-cell opportunities.