Longview Work/Training Release (LWTR)

About
Longview/Work Training Release (LWTR) is located in the central area of Kelso/Longview bordering the Columbia River and Oregon. The facility is surrounded by well-established local businesses. LWTR has served the community since 1992 and was expanded in 1998. LWTR is a co-ed 90 bed facility for adult residents with the primary goal of improving public safety by positively changing lives, reconnecting with family and providing residents with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in the community.

The average population age range is 18 to 65-years-old with an average length in stay of 4-6 months but can extend to 12 months if on Graduated Reentry (GRE). The facility is operated by DOC staff that provides 24/7 safety and security, food services and maintenance. The building is owned by the State of Washington.

Reentry Work/Training Release Team
- Justin Childers, Community Corrections Supervisor
- David Voelker, Community Corrections Officer 3
- Wendy Meisenbach, Community Corrections Officer 2
- Robin Riggs, Community Corrections Officer 2
- Tessa Bisconer, Secretary Supervisor
- Jason Krehbiel, Sergeant
- Andrew Morgan, Sergeant
- Winona Kruse, Food Service Manager
- Denny Stauffenecker, Construction/Maintenance Project Supervisor

Agency Staff at the Facility
- Bonnie Decius, Corrections Specialist 3 (GRE Navigator)

COVID-19 Pandemic Operations
- Surgical masks are required
- Screening upon entry
- Serial testing or Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT)
- Transfer Separations
- Cohort movement and operations
- Promote COVID vaccinations
Facility Programs

- Strength in Families (SIF)
- Family Friendly events are hosted at the facility, throughout the year, to foster relationships between residents and their families

Sustainability Programs

- Vegetable garden – supplements facility menu with garden-fresh vegetables and teaches residents about sustainability

Community Resources

- Lower Columbia Community College
- Substance abuse recovery programs – self-help groups, intensive outpatient, outpatient and aftercare, and Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) such as suboxone with counseling
- Family friendly activities
- Thinking for a Change (T4C)
- GED program at local DOC office
- Community work crews
- Several chemical dependency providers

Employment Opportunities

- Foster Farms
- Pacific Seafood
- Pacific Trim
- Swanson’s Bark
- All Top Roofing
- 3 Rivers Restoration
- Goodwill

- Better Homes Construction
- Cap’n Yoby’s
- Ascend Staffing
- TEAM Staffing
- Porky’s Public House & Eatery

- Denny’s
- Superior Welding
- AWG Staffing
- Cutright Supply
- Lemmon Trucking

Community Partners

- FISH
- Work Source
- Goodwill Industries
- Cowlitz Tribe

Facility Contact Information

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