



Progress House Work/Training Release (PHWTR)

Washington State Department of Corrections | Fact Sheet



Facility Information

Address

5601 6th Avenue Tacoma, WA 98406

Phone

(253) 593-2844

Custody Level

Minimum Security Classification Facility

Capacity

17 men and 14 women

About

Progress House/Work Training Release (PHWTR) is located in the northern area of Tacoma bordering the water of the Puget Sound area. The facility is surrounded by well-established local businesses in a residential community. PHWTR has served the community since 1976, and in the past earned accreditation from the American Correctional Association. PHWTR is a co-ed 90 bed facility for adult residents with the primary goal of improving public safety by positively changing lives, re-connection family 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 in partnership with a contract agency that provides 24/7 safety and security, food services and maintenance. The building is leased from Pierce County by Progress House Association.

Reentry Work/Training Release Team

- Laura Deckard, Community Corrections Supervisor
- Cheryl Davies, Community Corrections Officer 3
- Pamela Flint, Community Corrections Officer 2
- Volonda Montgomery, Secretary Supervisor

Agency Staff at the Facility

- Jeff Bailey, Corrections Specialist 4
- Tammy Bull, Correctional Specialist 3 with Strength in Families

Progress House Association Team

- Angela Ross-Collins, Chief Executive Officer
- Cynthia Fedrick, Chief Financial/Operations Officer
- Janet Avealalo, Operations Manager
- Anthony Brown, Assistant Operations Manager
- Nicki Miller, Human Resource

COVID-19 Pandemic Operations

- Surgical masks are required
- Screening upon entry
- Serial testing or Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT)
- Cohort movement and operations

Facility Programs

- Strength in Families (SIF)
- Parenting after Incarceration classes
- Art classes
- Life skills classes
- General Educational Development (GED) test preparation classes

Sustainability Programs

- Vegetable garden – supplements facility menu with garden-fresh vegetables and excess produce is donated to the local food bank

Community Resources

- Tacoma 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)
- Community work crews
- Adonai Counseling & Employment Services
- Northwest Integrated Health – anger management, domestic violence counseling, mental health counseling, grief counseling

Employment Opportunities

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| • Babbit Constructions | • Goodwill | • Raceway |
| • Cars R Us | • Kingdom Developers | • Restaurant Depot |
| • Dairy Queen | • Metro Metals | • Sizzler |
| • Ever So Green | • Pexco | • Superior Linen |
| • Extrusion Technology | • Popeye's Chicken | • Taco Bell |
| • Federal Way Used Tires | • Pre-Cast Concrete | • UPS |
| • Frontier Door | • Sunrise Staffing | |

Community Partners

- Work Vision
- Salvation Army
- Goodwill Industries
- Puyallup Tribe
- Costco

Facility Contact Information

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