

BISHOP LEWIS HOUSE REENTRY CENTER (BLHRC)



FACT SHEET



ABOUT

Custody Level:

- Minimum Security Classification Facility

Capacity:

- 47 men

Annual Operating Budget:

- \$1,757,484

BLHRC is located in Seattle in the First Hill Neighborhood. It is located amongst retirement homes, churches, condos and apartments, with a nearby high school and hospitals all within walking distance of the Downtown Seattle corridor. The building was built in 1910 and became the first stand-alone reentry center in 1972. The primary goal is to improve public safety by positively changing lives by offering individuals the ability to work on life skills, employment and education.

Residents who meet the screening criteria may be transferred to BLHRC 12 months before their earliest release date. 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.

BLHRC TEAM

- **Facility Contact:** Shea-Anne Mehus, Reentry Center Manager
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- Community Corrections Officer 3 (Vacant)
- Michael Sever, Community Corrections Officer 2
- Carolyn Parisi, Office Assistant

The Transition House Inc. Team:

- Tiffany Trujillo, Contract Director
- Corrections techs, food service staff, maintenance personnel

COVID-19 Operations: In May 2023, federal and state COVID-19 emergency declarations ended, and DOC transitioned to a new normal operation. DOC continues to follow DOH and CDC guidelines for managing and preventing infection control.

Individuals with Disabilities: The Reentry Centers meet applicable American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and DOC policies regarding ADA. We will coordinate with the statewide ADA coordinator prior to the arrival of residents requiring ADA accommodations to ensure the facility has the necessary items. We will ensure the facility continues to meet the accommodated residents' needs during their incarceration.

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FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility Programs and Resources:

- Computers
- Family-friendly activities to promote and establish relationships
- Strength in Families

Community Resources:

- Anger Control Treatment and Therapies
- Seattle Area Colleges and Post-Prison Education
- Sound Mental Health, NAVOS
- Substance abuse recovery programs – self-help groups, intensive outpatient, outpatient and aftercare and Medically Assisted Treatment such as suboxone with counseling
- Thinking for a Change Programs available to WTR at local CJC
- WorkSource

Community Partners:

- Goodwill Industries
- WorkSource

Employment Opportunities:

- 5 Guys Burgers & Fries, 13 Coins
- American Abatement, Anthony's Restaurant
- Bloch Steel, Blue Moon Burgers, Buffalo Wild Wings
- Chandler's Crabhouse, Chipotle, Crab Pot, Cutter's Crabhouse, Denny's
- Fisherman's Restaurant, GameWorks, Goodwill, Health Painting, Holiday Inn
- IHOP, Ivar's, Jiffy Lube, King Electric
- Lower 48 Painting, MGC Construction, Maaco, Maggie's Bluff, Mann's Welding, MOD Pizza, Morris – Hansen
- Nordstrom Café/Grill
- Pacific Iron & Metal, PF Chang's, Plantscapes, Popeye's Chicken
- RDF Builders, Recycling Depot, Red Robin, Restaurant Depot
- Scougal Rubber, SeaDruNar, Seattle Iron & Metal, Sound Building Supply, Soundview Café
- Taco Bell, Taylor Farms, Trident Maritime
- United Recycling
- Value Village, VIGOR Marine
- Weld Works