Helen B. Ratcliff Reentry Center (HBRRC)

About
Helen B. Ratcliff Reentry Center (HBRRC) opened in 1988 as the state’s only all-female work release center at the time. The facility is in the Beacon Hill neighborhood outside of downtown Seattle. Its residential location sits along a main bus line and has access to many local businesses. HBRRC offers a child visit day and overnight program for mothers and their children and is also part of the Residential Parenting Program (RPP) at WCCW. The program focuses on supporting the reentry needs of incarcerated individuals transitioning into the community. Local agencies, businesses, and stakeholders offer support and resources necessary to assist transitioning individuals in gaining employment, purchasing basic needs such as clothing and hygiene and assistance with fines, licenses, family support and more.

The average population age range is 18 to 70-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 the Washington State of Washington Department of Corrections and provides 24/7 safety and security and food services.

Reentry Team
- Stacy Fitzgerald, Community Corrections Supervisor
- Judy Lang, Community Corrections Officer 3
- Meghan Harkins, Community Corrections Officer 2
- Vacant -- Secretary Lead

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

Facility Information
Address
1531 13th Ave South, Seattle, WA 98144
Phone
(206) 320-6600
Custody Level
Minimum Security Classification Facility
Capacity
53 women
Facility Programs

- PREP classes - IF Project
- Life skills classes, South Seattle Community College (SSCC)
- General Educational Development (GED) test preparation classes, SSCC
- Virtual Support Groups
- Running Program

Sustainability Programs

- Vegetable garden – supplements facility menu with garden-fresh vegetables.

Community Resources

- South Seattle 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

Employment Opportunities

- Iron Workers Union
- Laborers Union
- Carpenters Union
- Cement Masons Union
- Safeway
- Fred Meyer
- Home Depot
- PCC
- Red Robin
- Goodwill
- Popeye’s Chicken
- Restaurant Depot
- Taco Bell
- UPS, and more

Community Partners

- IF Project
- City of Seattle
- Urban League
- South Seattle Community College
- Goodwill Industries
- Country Doctor
- Seattle Indian Health Board, and more

Facility Contact Information

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