

# Community Justice Centers

## Centralizing Offender Reentry Services

Vancouver Community Justice Center



### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Department of Corrections is to improve public safety.

### **What We Do**

The Department of Corrections is responsible for administering adult corrections programs operated by the State of Washington. This includes state correctional institutions and programs for offenders supervised in the community.

The Department of Corrections currently operates six Community Justice Centers that provide comprehensive monitoring, programming, training, referrals and other important services to offenders who have been released from prison, jail, or sentenced directly by the court and are on community supervision.



The goal of these Community Justice Centers (CJCs) is to help promote community safety by holding offenders accountable, helping them reenter society in a responsible way. This is done through programs to address offender deficits, strengthen family and community relationships, and provide an array of appropriate interventions or sanctions when offenders do not comply with conditions of supervision.

CJCs are an integral part of Department of Corrections' (DOC) Reentry Program. Reentry begins on the first day of an offender's incarceration and continues through community supervision. Working with communities, DOC employs proven, evidence-based and sound correctional programs that address offender attitudes, behaviors and personal deficits that can lead to recidivism. For more information about reentry, go to [www.doc.wa.gov](http://www.doc.wa.gov).

## What services are offered at a CJC?

### Offender Change Programs:

- Offender Change Programs teach offenders to understand the effects of their crimes on victims; making responsible choices and taking responsibility for their behavior; avoiding relapses back to criminal lifestyles; managing stress and anger and improving parenting and partnering skills.

### Chemical Dependency Services:

- Chemical Dependency Services include chemical dependency assessments, outpatient care, and relapse prevention, and monitoring for drug usage.

### Employment Services:

- Employment Services include employment readiness assessments, resumé assistance, Job Hunter workshops and job referrals. Additional services available offer apprenticeship programs, vocational training, life skill classes and bonding and licensing assistance through partnerships with correctional and jail industries, labor unions, local and community government and the business community.

### Mental Health Services:

- Qualified mental health professionals provide assistance and refer offenders to community-based private and/or public mental health services.

### Education:

- Continuing education is offered to offenders who have not completed GED certification or are pursuing higher-level educational or vocational goals within the community.

DOC is actively developing additional CJCs in various communities across the state. Currently, program availability can vary depending on location. CJCs are located in urban areas and include the involvement of community resources and partnerships. Current CJC locations are listed on the back of this FACT sheet.

## What sanctions are offered at a Community Justice Center?

In response to violations of supervision conditions, sanctions can be imposed to get the offender back on track or in some cases as an alternative to confinement.

Sanctions allow offenders to participate in programs that continue to hold them accountable and may include:

- Daily Monitoring/Reporting, including urinalysis and polygraph tests.
- Community Service Hours where offenders assist community organizations, such as food banks and other non-profit organizations.
- Work Crew service, such as road litter cleanup, park maintenance, and debris removal.
- Reporting to the Community Justice Center provides accountability and an intensive monitoring program that allows offenders to reside in the community while providing strong support services and coordinating with community resources in one location.



## How does the Department's Offender Reentry Initiative include CJs?

DOC's Reentry Initiative provides programs that have proven effective in reducing recidivism. Reentry involves all DOC does to prepare offenders to become contributing and law-abiding citizens.

CJs are among the most effective places to deliver reentry programming and services to offenders in communities. For offenders who are incarcerated, reentry services begin in the prisons and continue after their release. Reentry programs are also available for offenders who are incarcerated in local jails and returned to the community or sentenced directly from the court to complete their sentence under community supervision. CJs will continue to provide training and treatment after prison or jail.

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### **Pierce County**

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