

Statewide Reentry Council

Summer Institute July 2024



Purpose

Established by Governor Inslee in 2016 with the goal of improving public safety and outcomes for individuals reentering the community (43.380 RCW).

Our Mission

The Washington Statewide Reentry Council advocates for Washington laws, investments, and attitudes that improve reentry outcomes and increase public safety by supporting equitable reentry systems that are more humane and restorative.

Our Vision

We disrupt the cycle of mass incarceration by transforming systems so that each individual is treated equitably and with dignity.

Our Values

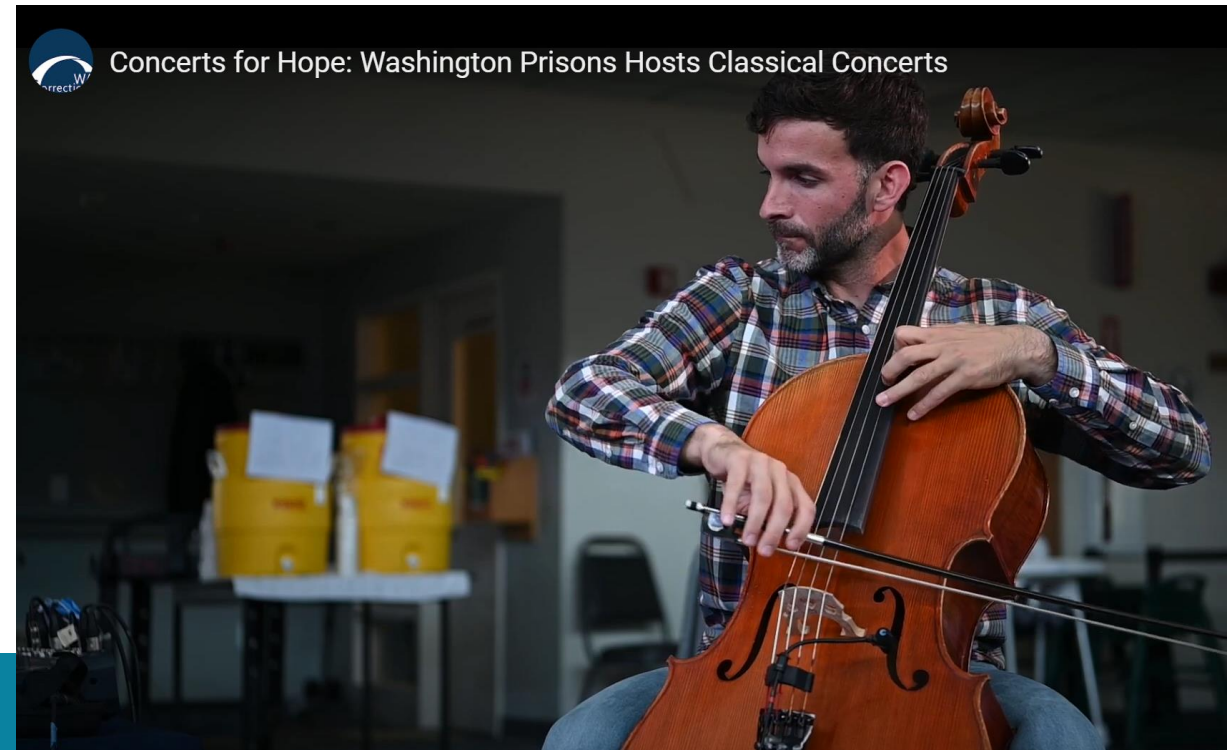
- Integrity
- Equity
- Justice
- Relationships
- Respect & Dignity
- Restoration
- Anti-Racism

Strategic Plan Goals: 2023-2026

- Foster effective relationships with interested parties (Increase visits to jails, youth facilities, tribal jails, and prisons)
- Embark on becoming a Reentry 2030 State
- Raise awareness about current custody conditions (DOC giving voice to currently incarcerated by allowing them to speak at our Council meetings)
- Influence how resources are directed (Talk with our legislators about supporting innovative reentry programming and tribal programming)

Reentry Council Successes 2023

- Completed [Strategic Plan](#) and Key Performance Indicators
- Completed [Logic Model](#) and Performance Evaluation
- Increased **community, stakeholder, and tribal engagement**
 - **Listening circles** with people who are incarcerated informed creation of the strategic plan
 - **Community survey** sent to 14,000 people who are incarcerated with a **Partnerships** with Securus Technologies, Department of Corrections, and The Athena Group
- Increased activity with **Juvenile Stakeholder Groups** through DCYF partnership
- Held First Washington Statewide Reentry Council meeting [hosted on Tribal land](#)
- Involved people who are currently incarcerated in **WSRC meetings**
- Collaborated with other **State Reentry Councils across the Nation**
- **Visited 14 facilities:**
 - 11 prisons
 - 2 jails
 - 1 tribal Jail
- Supported [Concert Series of Hope](#)

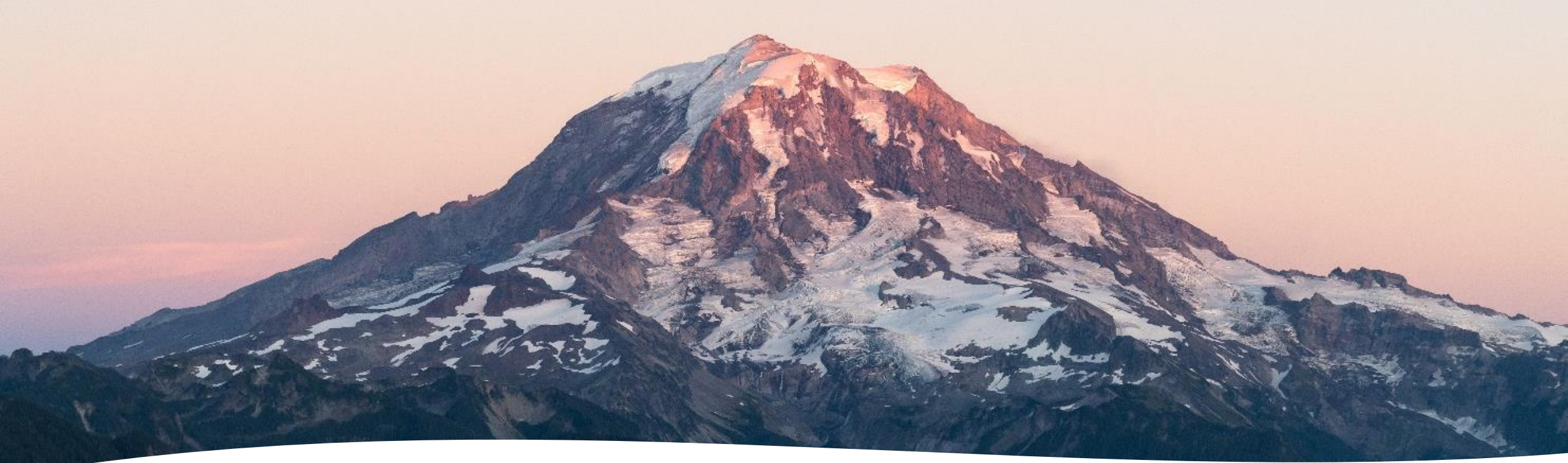


Concerts for Hope: Washington Prisons Hosts Classical Concerts

Early Successes for 2024

- Received **proviso for jail pilot project** to do work using a human dignity model for jails
- Received **funding to support implementation of the Reentry Strategic Plan**
- **Supported 4 bills that passed:**
 - HB 2084: Ombuds Oversight for Construction Apprenticeship
 - HB 2099: Releasing w/Official State ID Card
 - SB 5893: Gate Money
 - SB 5794: Removes Legal Financial Obligations (LFOs)





Challenges

- Peer access inconsistencies in prisons
- Additional funding and support needs
- Reentry support for tribes, jails and youth

The Future of Reentry

Reentry 2030 is a national initiative that aims to **dramatically improve reentry success** for people exiting prison and those under supervision.

Commitments:

- Human-centered
- Coordinated
- Transparent
- Equitable

More information: Reentry2030.org



Council Members

CO-CHAIRS

Durell Green, Choose 180 (representing experience reentering the community after incarceration)

Karen Lee, Plymouth Housing (representing community leaders)

Winona Stevens, member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and Native American Reentry Services Executive Director/Wellbriety Movement for Prisons Representatives Program (representing Tribal Affairs)

MEMBERS

Danielle Armbruster, Assistant Secretary of Reentry/Department of Corrections (representing Department of Corrections)

Jerry Goodstein, Professor Emeritus of Management with the Carson College of Business at Washington State University (representing business and employers)

Ayodele (Ayo) Idowu, Prison Fellowship volunteer (representing faith-based organizations or communities)

Larry Jefferson, Director of Public Defense for the State of Washington (representing public defenders)

Roger Kluck, Projects for a Civil Society (representing community leaders)

Ty Reed, Reentry Manager, Employment Connections/Employment Security Department (representing experience reentering the community after incarceration)

Eric Richey, Whatcom County Prosecutor (representing prosecutors)

Penelope Sapp, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office Jail (representing law enforcement)

Felice Upton, Department of Children, Youth & Families (representing Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration)

Heather Wehr, Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (representing crime victims)

Hilary Young, Pioneer Human Services (representing housing providers)

Hanan Al-Zubaidy- Associate Director For Corrections Education at the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (representing a statewide organization)



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Thank you

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