



Keep Bellingham and Ahtanum View DOC Reentry Centers Open

At Department of Corrections' Reentry Centers, WFSE members help incarcerated individuals make the jump from life in prison to lives in our communities. Closing these centers would be disastrous to members, community, and those reintegrating into civic life.

Reentry Centers give people a second chance, and a real shot at a successful life after incarceration.

Two DOC Reentry Centers, Bellingham and Ahtanum View (Yakima), are slated to close in Gov. Inslee's proposed 2025 operating budget.



The proposed closures would:

- Negatively impact those who are in most need of these services
- Result in increased recidivism (a 2007 study showed Washington's reentry centers lead to at least a 2.8% reduction in recidivism).
- Cost the state more money. Research conducted by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy indicates that reentry programs have a positive cost/benefit impact; for every dollar spent, \$3.82 is returned to the state.
- Threaten the capacity of our community custody system when the need for more capacity is rising.
- Sever established community connections for residents



Write a letter today in support of these critical facilities!

Visit <http://m.afsc.me/1gx> or scan the code to write your letter to Governor Ferguson and your legislators.



Your elected officials have a choice.

They can keep vital facilities open by asking the wealthiest pay their fair share, or they can let the budget downturn fall on our communities. They need to hear from you. Reach out directly with the link below and add your own message for the greatest impact.

