

# COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT

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**Snohomish County Human Services Department, Washington State Department of Corrections and  
Snohomish County Department of Corrections**

The objectives of the partnership between Snohomish County Corrections, Human Services, Washington State DOC are: 1) creating a seamless continuum of services to offenders; 2) reducing the rate of non-compliance with sentencing conditions; 3) leveraging resources and preventing duplication of effort; 4) providing evidenced based programs based upon offenders risk and needs linked to criminal behavior; 5) promote public safety and healthy communities for the citizens of Snohomish County; and, 6) creating a balance to the sentencing/sanctioning goals of the court, including punishment, deterrence, and public safety and Human or correctional services to offenders by using increasingly limited resources as effectively as possible. All services are designed and selected specifically for the Center for Incarceration Alternatives and Options (CIAO) population with an emphasis on successful reintegration into the community

The Snohomish County Human Services Department (SCHSD), Snohomish County Department of Corrections (SCDOC) and Washington State DOC (WADOC) agree to work together to better serve individuals incarcerated in the County Jail system. Together we will provide a system of inmate services and educational programs that will contribute to behavior changes with the ultimate goal of a reduction in recidivism through the prevention of homelessness and other risk factors that contribute to criminal activity. These services will be funded by various funding sources through both departments. Services will be provided based on the availability of funding.

SCHSD, SCDOC, and WADOC agree to create Subcommittees that focus on specific areas. These include:

- Develop Partnerships with the Community
- Create Programs In and Out of Jail “No Wrong Door”
- Put Treatment Back in Jail Now
- Educate Policy Makers and Public

To accomplish this,

**Human Services Department commits to the following:**

- A Veterans’ Service Officer will respond to requests from incarcerated veterans for the purpose of a drug/alcohol evaluation, referral to a treatment facility and/or an application for other VA services/benefits that would keep a veteran from becoming homeless.

- Develop a contract with a drug/alcohol treatment provider to conduct Alcohol and Drug Information School to inmates incarcerated at the jail sites. Assure that inmates wishing to enroll in a treatment program are connected to treatment upon their release from jail.
- Continue to explore with Corrections Department staff ways to better serve mentally ill offenders, especially those who have no address, to keep them from being released as homeless.
- Continue to explore with the Courts and Jail staff the idea of a Mental Health Court.
- Continue to explore with Corrections Department staff ways to refer homeless offenders, especially women, to emergency shelters in the community.
- Staff will continue to work with community providers to develop emergency housing for homeless single women.
- Continue to work with community service providers and the State Department of Corrections to identify the array of services that will be provided to the offenders in a Snohomish County Jail facility/program.

**Snohomish County Corrections Department commits to the following:**

- Expand the classification tool and any assessment tool that may be developed to include questions that will determine if an inmate is homeless at the time they enter the jail or at the time they are scheduled for release
- Continue to work with the Washington State Department of Corrections and Human Services to develop and offer evidenced-based offender change programs to the in-custody and community correction inmates. Including
  - Stress Anger Management
  - Victim Awareness Education Program
  - Moral Recognition Therapy
  - Relapse Education Program
  - Parenting
  - Nurturing Fathers
  - Life Skills
  - Breaking Barriers
  - Victim-Defendant Support Groups
  - DV Perpetrator
  - Employment Readiness

- Assure that all incarcerated veterans are informed of the services provided by the Human Services Department Veterans' Service Officers.
- At least twice a week, inform the Veterans' Service Officer of the names of incarcerated veterans' who need veterans' services.
- Continue to explore with the Human Services Staff ways to identify those offenders who are homeless and strategies to alleviate offenders from being released from the jail in a homeless status.
- Work with the State Department of Corrections, Snohomish County Human Services, Snohomish County Office of Prosecuting Attorney, Office of Public Defense, Superior Court and District to develop a plan for designing and implementing additional sentencing options and alternatives for lower-risk offenders.
- Continue to work with Snohomish County Information Services and Human Services with the goal of improving the flow of information about offenders incarcerated within the Snohomish County Jail.

For the Human Services Dept.

For the Corrections Dept.

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