Reducing the Use of Restrictive Housing Beds

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National and Washington-Specific Incarceration Trends

*The incarceration rate is defined as the number of inmates in State or Federal prisons per 1,000 resident population in Washington or the United States.

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Reducing the Risk of Re-Offense
“Prison within a Prison”
People with mental health issues may struggle in general population

Gang-affiliated inmates drive violence in general population
Over-Reliance on Restrictive Housing

Costs

- Increased risk of re-offense for inmates releasing directly to the community
- More expensive than general population

Consequences

- In 2011: 600 inmates and only 490 beds
- Segregation beds were inefficiently used for restrictive housing placements
Congregate Programming

Before

After
Group Accountability
Results: Population Reduction

Number of Inmates in Restrictive Housing (maximum custody)
Results: Violence Reduction

Violent Infraction Rates - All Prisons