2.3: Supplemental - Decrease rate of return to institutions for offenders from 27.8% to 25.0% by 2020

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RETURN TO INSTITUTIONS

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Data Source: Unless specifically noted, the data source for all slides is DOC OMNI admissions and release; May 2016.
Background

- Our goal is to reduce the number of individuals who return to institutions.
- Lower return rates contribute to increased public safety and reduced cost to the taxpayer for the state’s criminal justice system.
- For releases in CY2012, 32.2% of individuals released were readmitted to a Washington State prison within three years.

The facts are that 96 percent of people incarcerated will release. Helping individuals prepare to reenter society is critical to their success.

Every citizen values similar basics in life.

- Basic food, clothing, identification
- Affordable and accessible healthcare
- Safe and stable housing
- Independence; financial stability
- Community
- Supportive, prosocial relationships
Current State: Other Trends

- Individuals releasing after their first incarceration recidivate at half the rate of those with multiple prison terms.

- The percent of individuals released who are assessed as high risk to reoffend continues to rise.
Opportunity: Gap between now and our target.

There were roughly 7,850 releases in CY2015.

- At a 32% return rate (7,850 x 32%), 2,512 will return in 3 years
- At a 25% return rate (7,850 x 25%), 1,962 will return in 3 years
- If 550 fewer individuals return our goal of 25% will be achieved

Opportunity: Listening to clients and employees.
Partner Perspective:

Kim Bogucki,
Detective – Seattle Police Department and
Co-Founder – The IF Project

Executive Order 16-05
Building Safe and Strong Communities
Through Successful Reentry

““One of the most significant public safety investments we can make to improve the lives of individuals and the safety of our communities is to do more to prepare people leaving our criminal justice system for a successful re-entry to society.”

Governor Inslee
## Strategies and Actions

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<td>• Identify and reduce barriers to state employment.</td>
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<td>• Ensure all individuals leaving a state correctional facility have a state identification card.</td>
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<td>• Build a corporate outreach plan with Correctional Industries (CI) to identify workforce needs.</td>
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<td>• Build commitment within the business community to review barriers for qualified applicants</td>
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<td>• Allow all qualified individuals to be pre-screened for federal and state benefits before leaving a correctional facility.</td>
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<td>• Create a statewide correctional post-secondary education and apprenticeship pathway.</td>
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<td>• Identify both apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship training opportunities in correctional facilities.</td>
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<td>• Develop recommendations to introduce secure internet-based reentry tools.</td>
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<td>• Build a process that allows Medicaid benefits to suspend rather than terminate when individuals are incarcerated.</td>
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## Detailed Action Plan

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<td>Devon Schrum</td>
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<td>Responsible Fatherhood Opportunities for Reentry and Mobility (ReFORM) Grant</td>
<td>Carolyn House-Higgins</td>
<td>Department of Social and Health Services</td>
<td>Implementation of ReFORM in Thurston, Lewis, Cowlitz and Clark counties</td>
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<td>2020</td>
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<td>Partner and implement King County Second Chance Grant</td>
<td>Susan Piccinini</td>
<td>King County, Community, Education, Healthcare Partners, and Legal Advocates</td>
<td>Improved case compliance and targeted service delivery based on need.</td>
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<td>Serve on the Statewide Reentry Council</td>
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<td>Collaboration and support for reentry issues.</td>
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## Assistance Needed

- Continued support and collaboration to realize the intent of Executive Order 16-05, “Building Safe and Strong Communities Through Successful Reentry”
- Endorse reinvestment strategies to support successful reentry and lower recidivism.

“"It just makes sense to support people as they transition from prison back into the community. We all win when we lower recidivism, increase public safety, and restore hope for formerly incarcerated people to become community assets.”

*King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg*