

Building 27 Project A New Competency Restoration Facility

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Building 27 Project Summary

As part of the *Trueblood et al v. Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)* federal court case, DSHS is transforming Building 27 (located on Western State Hospital (WSH) campus) into a residential treatment facility (RTF) to provide competency-restoration services to 30 patients.

This project is a collaborative effort among the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), the plaintiffs in the *Trueblood* federal court case, as well as the court's monitor and their experts. In April 2015, the Federal Court found DSHS in contempt for taking too long to provide competency evaluation and restoration services. One of the requirements of the lawsuit is when a defendant is found not competent to stand trial and ordered to receive competency restoration services, they are must be admitted for services within seven days. To meet this demand, DSHS opened 104 restoration beds at WSH, Eastern State Hospital and RTF facilities in Thurston and Yakima counties to date.

To complete this project, teams from across DSHS are working to supporting planning efforts and implementing activities such as staffing, licensure, construction, information technology, patient records, training, services, etc.

August 2018 Updates

- Demolition of Building 27 began August 6, 2018.
- Recruitment under way for the Program Director, Quality Assurance Manager, Registered Nurses, Clinical Services Manager and Psychiatrist positions. (More staffing opportunities to follow.)

How can I stay informed?

DSHS is updating information [online](#) as it becomes available.



Photo of Building 27 before remodeling.



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