

# Forensic Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness

The Trueblood v. DSHS lawsuit challenged unconstitutional delays in competency evaluation and restoration services for people detained in city and county jails. The Trueblood Contempt Settlement Agreement establishes a plan for providing services to those involved in the criminal court system and for providing treatment to people when needed so they are less likely to become involved in the criminal court system. The Trueblood Settlement Agreement includes a plan for phasing in programs and services:

- Phase 1: Pierce, Southwest and Spokane regions (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021)
- Phase 2: King region (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023)
- Phase 3: To be determined (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025)

## Background

The Washington State Health Care Authority is leading this element of the Trueblood Contempt Settlement Agreement, in collaboration with the Department of Social and Health Services Research Data and Analysis and community stakeholders.

As part of the Contempt Settlement Agreement, the state is funding outreach and engagement programs to connect people who are at risk of referral in the next six months for competency restoration (called “high utilizers” in the Contempt Settlement Agreement) with services. HCA contracts with community behavioral health providers in the phased regions to provide these services.

FPATH is modeled after traditional PATH programs. The Trueblood Contempt Settlement Agreement refers to this program as intensive case management.

Multidisciplinary teams within community behavioral health agencies include certified peer counselors who have lived experience in behavioral health recovery, outreach workers, housing specialists and mental health professionals. These teams build relationships with people in the community and help connect them with supports including housing, transportation and health care.

## Program details

The program was implemented on March 1, 2020. The principles underlying its design include:

- Outreach and case management services for people who have significant barriers to accessing behavioral health and mainstream community supports.

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- The initial participation period is six months.
- When appropriate, the program offers housing support including housing subsidies; transportation assistance; support for accessing health services; and independent living skills training.

## Pierce Region

- [Comprehensive Life Resources](#)
- Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare

## Southwest Region

- SeaMar Community Services Northwest

## Spokane Region

- Frontier Behavioral Health

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