

Behavioral Health Administration

Fact Sheet

Title: Trueblood: Alternative Competency Restoration Sites

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Overview	<p>The Department of Social and Health Services continues to operate Department of Health licensed Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs), where criminal defendants can receive competency restoration services. The two RTFs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Yakima Competency Restoration Program – a 24-bed facility. • The Maple Lane Competency Restoration Program – a 30-bed facility. <p>Candidates for admission are screened by clinical staff to determine their appropriateness for the program. State law gives the Secretary of DSHS the discretion for placement for competency restoration. See RCW 10.77.084(1)(b), 10.77.086(1)(a)(i) and 10.77.088(1)(a).</p>
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Pre-trial defendants who are court-ordered into competency restoration services. Pre-trial defendants are screened for appropriateness using established criteria.</p>
Authority	<p>Chapter 10.77 Revised Code of Washington outlines the requirements for competency restoration services.</p>
Budget	<p>The 17-19 Biennial Budget includes an ongoing investment of \$11,744,000 GF-State each fiscal year to continue operating these facilities.</p>
Rates	<p>N/A</p>
Numbers Served	<p>Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 a total of 347 patients were admitted into the Alternative sites. The Maple Lane Competency Restoration Program admitted 201 patients during this time frame, while the Yakima Competency Restoration Center admitted 146.</p>
Partners	<p>DSHS works closely with courts and jails to coordinate transportation and continuity of care for patients who are served at these facilities.</p>
Oversight	<p>A Court Monitor was appointed to DSHS to follow progress made in coming into compliance with the <i>Trueblood</i> decision.</p>
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