

**Fact Sheet: Oxford Houses of Washington State**

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<b>Overview</b>	<p>An Oxford House is a live-in residence for people in recovery from substance use disorders. An Oxford House describes a democratically self-governed and self-supported drug-free house. It may have from six to 10 residents. There are houses for men, women, men with children, or women with children. More information is available at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The DBHR Provider Directory, Appendix H: <a href="http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/dadirectory.shtml">http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/dadirectory.shtml</a></li> <li>• National Oxford House website: <a href="http://www.oxfordhouse.org">www.oxfordhouse.org</a></li> <li>• Washington State Oxford House website: <a href="http://www.oxfordhouse.us">www.oxfordhouse.us</a></li> <li>• Washington State Oxford House vacancies: <a href="http://www.oxfordvacancies.com">www.oxfordvacancies.com</a></li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility Requirements</b>	<p>Adults who are actively participating in chemical dependency treatment or in recovery.</p>
<b>Authority</b>	<p><b>Oxford House Revolving Fund Policy 3.13:</b> In 1989, Public Law 100-690 established the authority for a \$200,000 revolving fund to provide loans to groups of recovering individuals to establish houses. In Washington, the Behavioral Health Administration, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR), is the state agency responsible for administering the revolving fund. Start-up house loans, for a maximum of \$4,000.00 per house, are approved by Oxford House, Inc. and are paid back to DBHR’s revolving fund over a two-year period. <b>Responsibility:</b> The main responsibility and reconciliation of the revolving fund loan is carried out by DBHR.</p>
<b>Budget</b>	<p>\$558,420 - Substance Abuse Block Grant funds.</p> <p>In addition, \$100,000 was provided as initial startup to establish a revolving fund loan for use to open new houses throughout Washington State.</p>
<b>Rates</b>	<p>N/A</p>
<b>Costs and Numbers Served</b>	<p>Oxford House Inc. currently has approximately 251 provider sites in 23 counties in Washington State. There are 169 men’s houses with one on tribal land, eight houses with men and children, 41 women’s houses, and 33 women’s houses with children, with one opening October 2016 on tribal land. Rent is established by each Oxford House and paid by the residents.</p>

<b>Partners</b>	Oxford House collaborates directly with the 29 Washington State Federally Recognized Tribes, Behavioral Health Organizations, counties, DSHS Administrations, real estate agencies, landlords, local chemical dependency agencies, drug courts, correctional facilities, and other for profit or non-profit agencies in the local area.
<b>Oversight</b>	Oversight is provided by DBHR to ensure houses are compliant with the contract statement of work and federal requirements.
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