

# Situational Overview: JR Overcrowding



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# Juvenile Rehabilitation Facilities

## 2 Secure Facilities:

### Echo Glen Children's Center (EGCC) Snoqualmie

- Males up to age 17
- All females up to age 25, including adult sentences
- Not suitable for higher security classification (e.g., no fence). Limited number of maximum security living units.
- Not currently over capacity (but close)
- Additional units opening soon (2025)

### Green Hill School (GHS) Chehalis

- Older males (17-25)
- Medium/Maximum security
- Younger males requiring maximum security living facility
  - Currently over capacity
  - 2024 opened new unit
  - No additional units possible

# Juvenile Rehabilitation Types of Sentences

## 3 Types of Sentences:

### Juvenile Sentences

- Sentenced in juvenile court
- Subject to juvenile sentencing grid
- Under JR jurisdiction
- Will be released from JR
- Minimum and Maximum set by court. Release date set by JR (starts at minimum)
- Some no range, just straight time.

### Adult Sentences

- “Declined” and sentenced in adult court
  - Subject to felony guideline grid
  - Under DOC jurisdiction (even in JR facilities)
- Court determines sentence, DOC determines release (good time)

### Pre-25

- Release date prior to age 25.
- Will release from JR.

### Post-25

- Release date after age 25.
- Will transfer to DOC at age 25.

# Juvenile Rehabilitation Sentences Length

## Juvenile Sentences

- Minimum and Maximum set by court.  
Release date set by JR
- Starts at minimum – can be increased upon review by committee.
- Current population, 12% juvenile sentences at GHS have release dates above minimum sentence.

## Adult Sentences

- Court determines sentence under guidelines
- DOC determines release date considering sentence and applicable earned time/good time
- DOC jurisdiction – so DOC determines infractions and sentence extensions

# Juvenile Rehabilitation Community Options

Juvenile Sentences and Pre-25 Adult Sentences ONLY

## Community Facilities (CF)

- 8 facilities across the state (Wenatchee, Lakewood, Ellensburg [males <18], Yakima [females], Ephrata, Olympia, Richland, Kirkland).
- Must serve 10% of their sentence or at least 30 days in secure facility
- Must be classified at Minimum Security Level

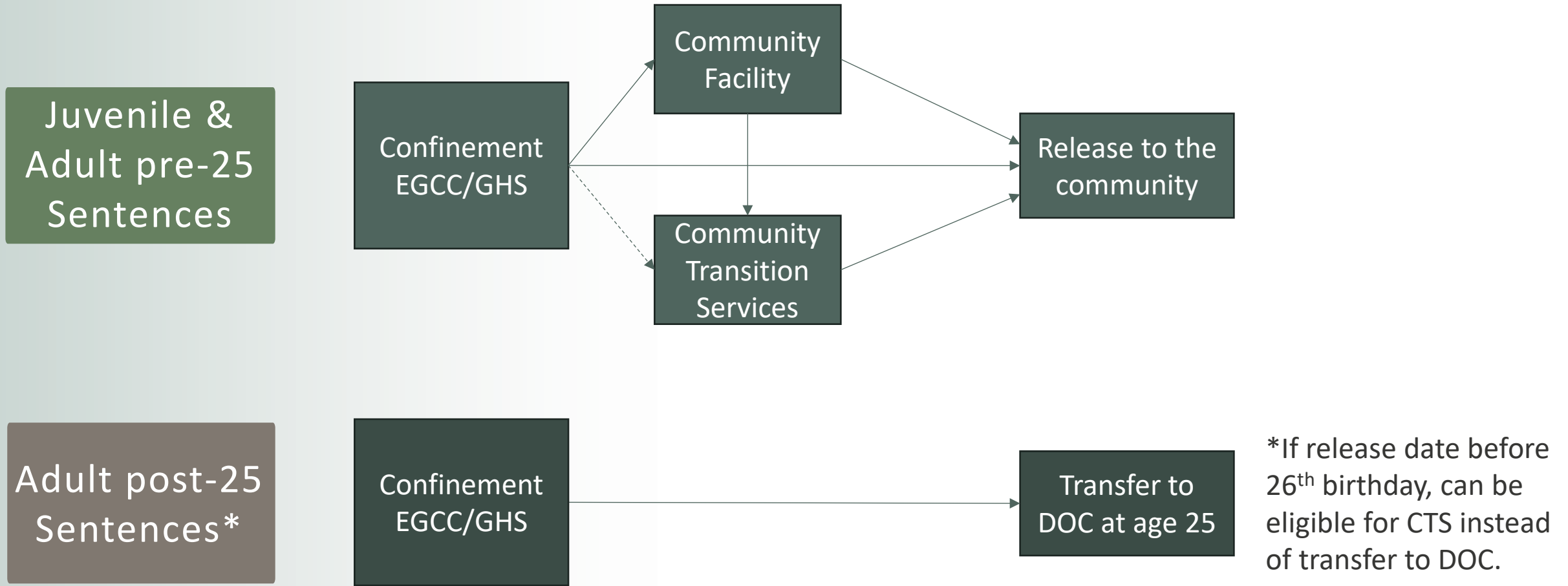
## Community Transition Services (CTS)

- 24/7 Electronic monitoring while living outside of JR institution or CF
  - New program
- Must serve 60% of their minimum sentence (no less than 15 weeks) and be no more than 18 months from release date.
- Must be classified as Minimum Security Level

# Juvenile Rehabilitation Community Options

Item/Activity	Community Facility (CF)	Community Transition Services (CTS)
Community access	12-16 hours	12-16 hours
Electronic Monitoring	Not typically used	24/7 for duration of CTS
Driving a car	Not allowed, except for on home visits with family car	Allowed with valid insurance and driver's license
Cell phone use	Not allowed	Required (provided if needed)
Banking	Linked accounts	Oversight but not linked
Location of residence	At CF – expenses covered	Approved housing with supports for up to six months
Education expenses	Provided if not covered by FAFSA	Provided if not covered by FAFSA
Programming	Active involvement in school, work, treatment, etc.	Weekly 24/7 schedule required
Medical expenses	Provided if not covered by other insurance	Provided if not covered by other insurance
Authorized leaves (ALs)	Up to 30 days cumulative	ALs included in the 30 maximum (no out of state)
Whereabouts' verification in the community	In person by CF staff	GPS location and in person by regional staff
Substance Use	Not allowed	Not allowed
Unaccounted for time	Considered escape after one hour	Considered escape after one hour
Return privileges	Considered with limits	JR sentence, considered with limits; DOC sentence, considered with limits only if under age 25

# JR Youth Movement



# JR - Current population

JRA Population - 10/2/2024

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		Population	Forecasted ADP	Percent Utilized
⊕ Institution	COMM REENTRY SKILLS CNTR	0	0	0%
	ECHO GLEN CC	117	132	89%
	GREEN HILL SCHOOL	230	194	119%
	NASELLE YOUTH CAMP	0	0	0%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>106%</b>
⊕ State Community Facility	CANYON VIEW SCF	7	14	50%
	OAKRIDGE SCF	12	16	75%
	PARKE CREEK SCF	11	14	79%
	RIDGEVIEW SCF	9	12	75%
	SUNRISE SCF	10	14	71%
	TOUCHSTONE	13	16	81%
	TWIN RIVERS SCF	12	16	75%
	WOODINVILLE SCF	13	14	93%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>75%</b>



# JR - Current population

Breakdown of sentence type for youth in facilities			
	Juvenile	Pre-25	Post-25
Echo Glen CC	91%	9%	
Green Hill School	56%	15%	28%
Community facilities	77%	23%	

# GHS Security Classifications

Breakdown of youth at GHS on 10/1/24 by Sentence type and Security Classification					
	Juvenile	Pre-25	25-26	Post-26	Row Total
Maximum Security Classification	26%	8%	7%	22%	63%
Medium Security Classification	29%	7%	0%	0%	37%
Minimum Security Classification	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Column Total	55%	16%	7%	22%	100%

\*Minimum security classification required for CF/CTS

\*Only Juv, pre-25 and 25-26 eligible for CF/CTS

# Additional helpful information from JR – Adult sentences

Q: How many post-25 youth have ERD before 26 who could potentially be CTS eligible based only on release date?

- 16 youth at GHS with adult sentence and release date between 25 and 26. On average, group has about 1,200 days remaining on sentence with minimum being 389 and max being 2,481
- 4 of those ineligible because Murder charge

# Additional helpful information from JR – Juvenile sentences

Q: How many juvenile sentences at GHS are for non-violent/non-sex offenses?

- 13/230 GHS youth Most Serious Offense was not violent or sex. Include possession of firearm, possession of stolen vehicle, and burg 2, as examples.

# Facility behavior

GHS incident reports and average daily population		
Month	Incident reports that included violence	ADP at GHS
September-22	54	147
October-22	82	149
November-22	93	152
December-22	76	161
January-23	61	156
February-23	61	149
March-23	70	158
April-23	80	160
May-23	98	163
June-23	104	171
July-23	93	181
August-23	133	181
September-23	129	191
October-23	119	189
November-23	90	193
December-23	116	197
January-24	179	201
February-24	128	196
March-24	164	198
April-24	166	214
May-24	264	231
June-24	324	235
July-24	333	238

# Lewis Co Charging: Prison Riot

	#	%
CHELAN	2	2%
CLARK	0	0%
FERRY	0	0%
FRANKLIN	7	5%
GRANT	5	4%
KING	9	7%
<b>LEWIS</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>67%</b>
OKANOGAN	0	0%
PEND OREILLE	0	0%
PIERCE	10	8%
SKAGIT	1	1%
SPOKANE	8	6%
THURSTON	0	0%
WALLA WALLA	0	0%
WHATCOM	0	0%
YAKIMA	0	0%
Total	129	

40 Juvenile  
47 adult

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# Community Facility details

Community Facility	Gender	Operational Capacity	YSO Cap	Typical Age Range	Primary Program	School Location	Jobs
Ridgeview	Female	12	No Cap	All	School & Work	On-site & Community	Yes
Canyon View	Male	14	8 (Level 1 & 2)	16 - 25	School & Work	On-site & Community	Yes
Oakridge	Male	16	4 (Level 1 only)	16 - 25	Manufacturing Academy (MA) 12 weeks	Bates Technical College	Yes + Paid Internship after MA 12 weeks
Parke Creek	Male	14	3 (Level 1 & 2)	13 - 17	School & Work	On-site	Yes
Sunrise	Male	14	0	16 - 25	Vocational School & Work	Community (No On-site)	Yes
Twin Rivers	Male	16	8 (Level 1 & 2)	16 - 25	School & Work	On-site & Community	Yes
Touchstone	Male	16	0	16 - 25	School & Work	On-site & Community	Yes
Woodinville	Male	14	3 (Level 1 only)	16 - 25	School & Work	On-site & Community	Yes