



# Department of Corrections

*An Introduction to Community Corrections*

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# Community Corrections Division

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# DOC Strategic Anchors

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## Strategic Anchors



### Mission

Improving public safety by positively changing lives



### Our Commitment

To operate a safe and humane corrections system and partner with others to transform lives for a better Washington



### Vision

Working together for safer communities

# Our Values



## Our Values

### **Cultivate an Environment of Integrity and Trust**

Corrections values partnership and trust. We foster openness and support courageous conversations. We are committed to doing what we say we are going to do by being accountable and taking personal ownership in our actions.

### **Respectful and Inclusive Interactions**

Corrections appreciates and values individuals by promoting an inclusive and diverse environment, which encourages safety. We respect, value, and listen to the thoughts, feelings, and perspectives of our stakeholders and consider the impact on those we serve as well as each other.

### **People's Safety**

Corrections believes in creating an environment that values physical, mental, and emotional security and well-being. We honor those who advance safety for all.

### **Positivity in Words and Actions**

At Corrections, we assume positive intentions and believe there is a shared desire for the best outcome. We consistently demonstrate positive behavior and always put forth our best effort.

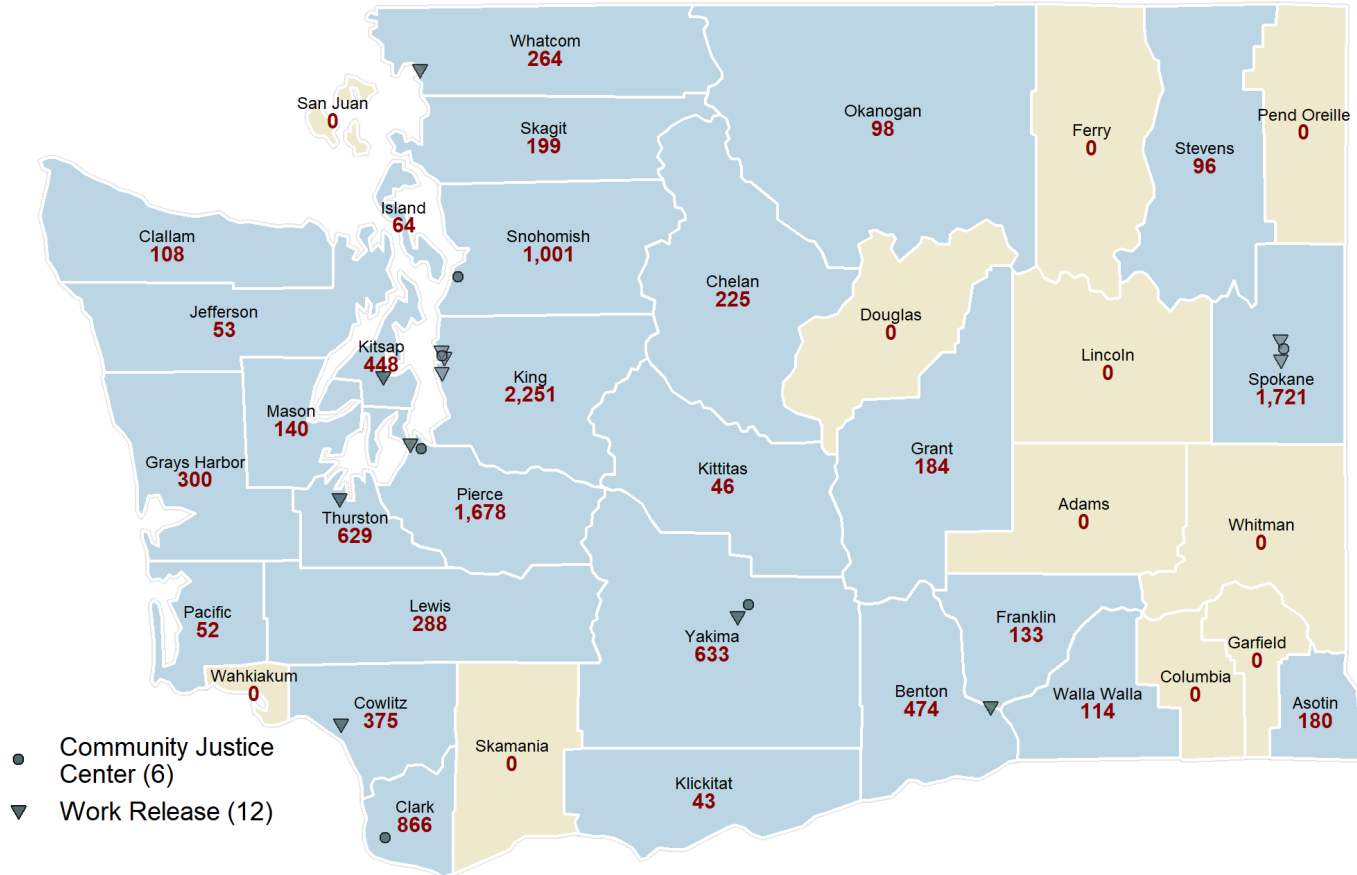
### **Supporting People's Success**

Corrections is committed to our community - understanding individuals, instilling hope, embracing change, and providing opportunities.

# DOC Community Supervision Population and Work Release Locations

WADOC Individuals Supervised on June 30, 2022

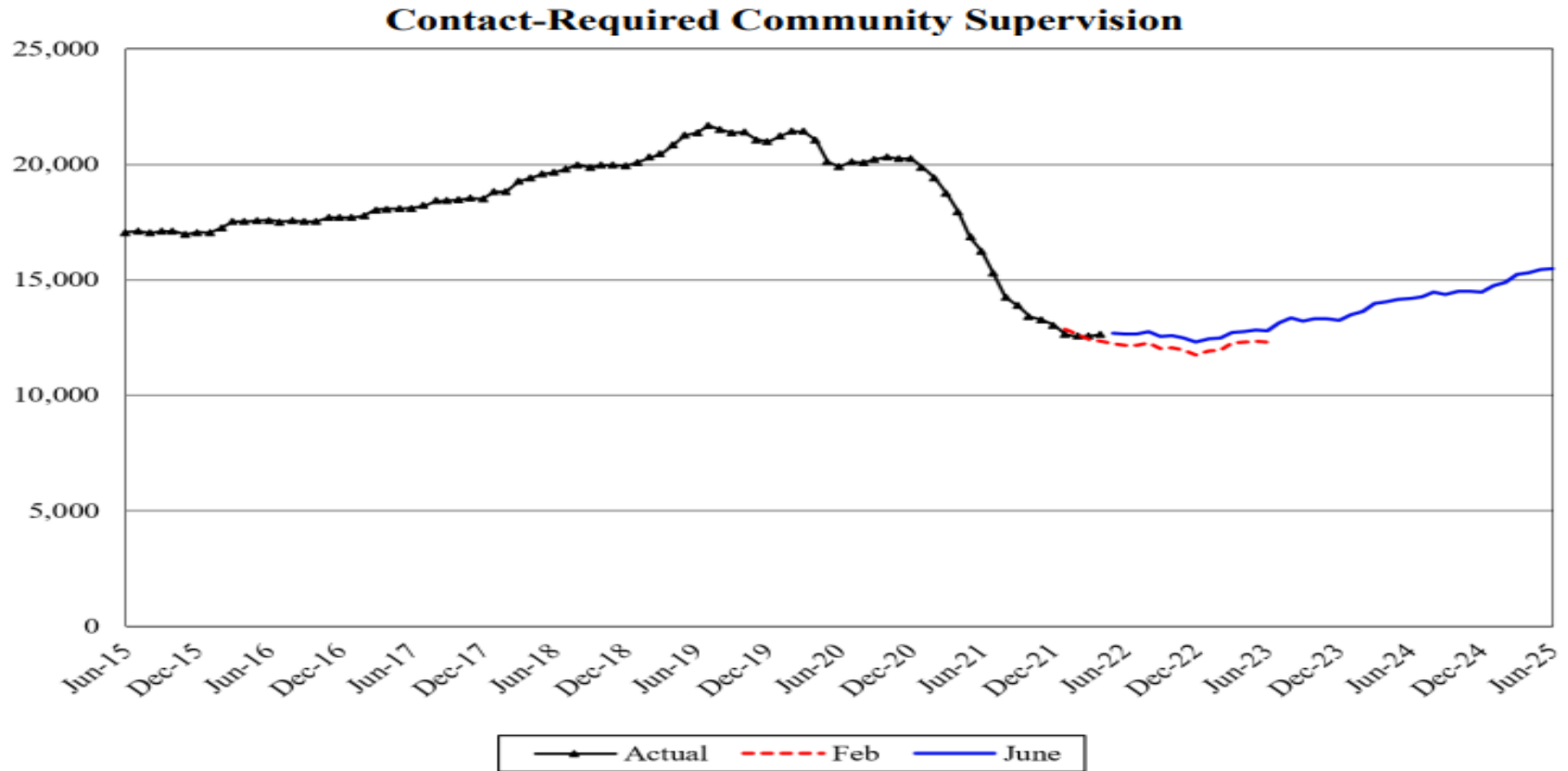
(N = 12,663)



*There are 83 Field Offices and outstations across the state*

# How Many Individuals are on Supervision?

WA DOC Supervised Individuals as of July 21, 2022 - 13,021



\*Source: Caseload Forecast Council - June 2022 Forecast

# Who is Currently on Supervision?

Types of Offense*	
Murder	2.2%
Manslaughter	1.2%
Sex Crimes	27.7%
Robbery	5.0%
Assault	30.4%
Property Crimes	14.5%
Drug Crimes	11.4%
Other	7.6%

Location Prior to Supervision	
Prison	50.9%
Directly from Jail or Courts	30.6%
Out of State Jurisdiction	17.8%

Number of Supervised Individuals for Special Sentence Types:	
DOSA (prison & residential)	1,438
Special Sex Offender Sentencing Alt.	689
First-time Offender Waiver	771
Family & Offender Sentencing Alt.	37

\*Source: Fact Card (OMNI data) May 31, 2022

# What WSIPP Indicates about Community Supervision Policies that Reduce Crime

- ▶ Focus on higher-risk populations
- ▶ Crime deterrence from the swiftness and certainty of punishment, but not for severity of punishment (Swift & Certain sanctions)
- ▶ Referrals to programs, delivered with fidelity and assigned based on individual needs
- ▶ Supervision that includes face-to-face contact between Community Corrections Officers (CCOs) and supervised individuals, coupled with treatment/interventions



# Meaningful Supervision Today

- ▶ **Assessment:** Identification of each supervised individual's risk and needs, and development of an individualized case plan
- ▶ **Engagement:** Regular CCO contact in field offices, home, work, school, and family
- ▶ **Programming:** Referrals and participation in change programs and services
  - Involves community engagement and partnerships to improve communication and wraparound treatment and services for supervised individuals and families
- ▶ **Accountability**
  - Adherence to Court ordered and DOC imposed conditions
  - Swift and certain responses to violations of conditions of supervision
  - Reinforce supervision compliance and positive behaviors

# Supervision Upon Release

- ▶ Supervision includes:
  - Release planning, which includes stakeholder engagement to mitigate risk
  - Approved release address
  - Referrals and access to Cognitive Behavioral Interventions and treatment
  - Temporary housing assistance for individuals transitioning to supervision from prison
  - Ongoing monitoring of supervised individuals:
    - Verification of reported residence
    - Compliance with court ordered conditions
    - Progress in treatment
    - Facilitation of cognitive and behavioral change programs
    - Risk/needs assessments
  
- ▶ Without supervision:
  - Individuals return to their communities without the programs, monitoring, guidance and access to resources towards addressing their needs, thus aggravating their risk to reoffend.

# Referrals and Participation

- ▶ Based on a supervised individual's assessed needs, CCOs refer them to one or more of the following programs:
  - Thinking for a Change
  - Substance abuse treatment
  - Domestic violence treatment
  - Sex offender treatment
  - Mental health treatment
- ▶ Referrals based on higher risk/higher need

# Community Corrections Challenges

- ▶ Out-of-date workload study (2004)
  - High-Violent: 6.66 hours/month
  - High-Non Violent: 5.77 hours/month
  - Moderate: 3.99 hours/month
  - Low: 0.82 hours/month
- ▶ Lack of jail capacity to house violators locally
- ▶ Resources and delivery of services may differ from county to county, rural vs. urban areas, etc.
- ▶ Complexities around:
  - Sentencing
  - Supervision eligibility
  - Tolling

# Significant Advances in Supervision

- ▶ These recent initiatives have rounded out and advance our community supervision policies and practices:
  - **Implementation of SHB 2417 (2020)**
    - Allows for meaningful alternatives to confinement for technical violations
  - **Implementation SHB 2394 (2020)**
    - Clarifying concurrent terms of supervision
  - **Implementation of SHB 2393 (2020)**
    - Establishing supervision compliance credits
  - **Legislatively funded workload study (FY 2022)**

# Where iCoach began...and where we are going!

- **Washington State Sentencing Guidelines Commission**
  - *Review of Sentencing and Supervision in Washington State – A report by the Council of State Governments Justice Center (June 2019)*
- **Criminal Sentencing Task Force**
  - *Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force, Prepared for the Washington State Governor and the Washington State Legislature (December 2019)*
- **2021 Legislative Session Budget Proviso (iCoach)**

# iCoach Approach to Supervision

- Individualized Community Oriented Accountability Collaborative Help (iCoach)
- It is an overarching approach to supervision. iCoach will be the delivery of supervision, programming, and services for individuals under the Department's supervision and includes a requirement of the CCO to coach supervised individuals throughout the course of supervision.
- iCoach will be driven by two philosophies:
  - **Community Reintegration** supervision model
  - **Enhanced** supervision model

# Challenges Specific to Sex Offender Supervision

- Person Centered Lifetime Supervision Impacts
  - Supervised Individuals
  - Staff Wellness
- Housing Availability & Costs
- Treatment Capacity in Prisons
- Treatment Availability & Costs in the Community
- Staff Training & Continuing Education
  - Evidence based approaches
  - Case law



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## Questions?



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