



ESD Reentry: Then and Now

WTB Meeting, Sept 26th, 2024

Agenda

- Vision
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- Final Thought

Vision



An effective program that serves the full spectrum of needs of justice involved individuals (JIIs) with employment as the centerpiece

Previous State



- In 2016, Governor Inslee signed EO 1605
- Directed ESD to provide employment services for residents of DOC facilities
- Had 20 dedicated reentry staff working in facilities
- Went virtual after COVID and service delivery suffered



Current State

- From 2020 to 2023, served an average of 9,000 self-identified JIs through WorkSource locations
- Reentry Manager is the only current dedicated reentry position in ESD
- WS staff and partners are doing workshops in 3 DOC facilities and with 3 local jails, with very little individualized service

Future State



- Governor recently updated EO 1605
- Planning for a system that will deliver:
 - ✓ Individualized services in facility 6 months pre-release
 - ✓ Warm handoff on exit
 - ✓ Second chance employer identification and vetting
 - ✓ Resource navigation and barrier removal

Final Thought





Thanks!

Any questions?