

# Incarceration In Whatcom County

The County is developing a Needs Assessment around behavioral health and public safety, which will reshape incarceration in Whatcom County.

## Vision

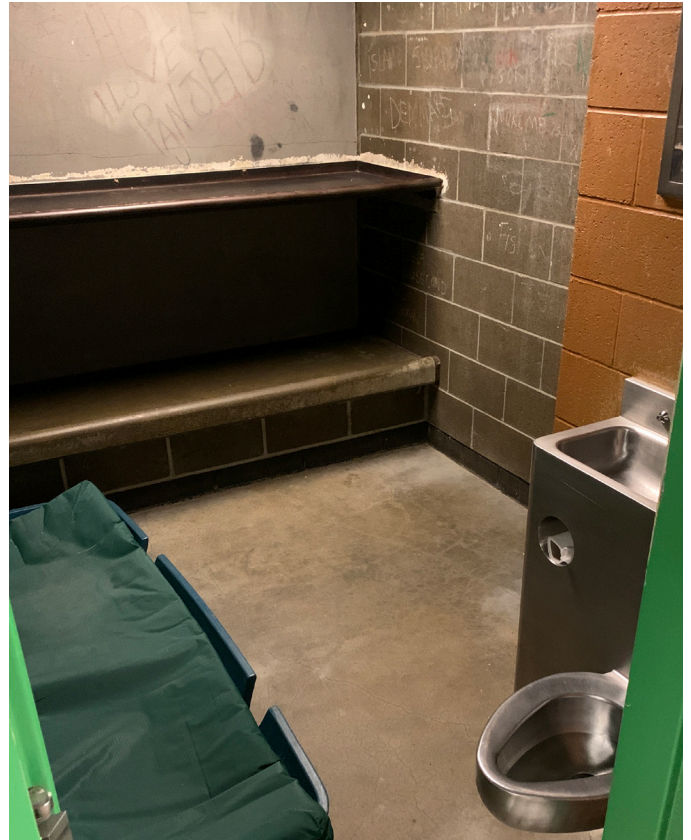
### Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Accountability

Whatcom County strives to be a model for community safety, health, and justice by reducing the need for incarceration through early intervention and long-term investments in people and programs that support prevention, rehabilitation, and accountability in the community and within the criminal legal system.

## Goals

### Facilities, Staffing, Resources, and Services

Our goal is to provide adequate facilities, staffing, resources, and services at all points of contact between the community and the criminal legal system.



Main jail, cell designed for 1 inmate now has 3.

## Change is underway...

**Your community needs your insight and your voice!**

You can help inform the changes Whatcom County is making to incarceration and the systems that surround it.



**Take the survey by November 18th**

## Invest in the Long Term



Reduce jail population



Increase fairness and efficiency



Be more humane, safe, and reliable



Focus on reentry



# Needs

## Before, During, and After Incarceration

The County has identified specific gaps in service as barriers to fulfilling the project's values and goals.



### Incarceration Prevention

Measures that keep people out of jail, such as mental health counseling and affordable housing.



### Pre-Trial

Services for people who are waiting for their court date, such as safety monitoring and mental health screening.



### Post-Trial & Incarceration

Services for the convicted, such as substance use treatment, job training, education, and the jail.



### Post-Incarceration & Reentry

Services that assist people released from jail to find things like jobs and housing and reduce the chance they will re-offend.



Current crisis stabilization center/Anne Deacon Center for Hope in Whatcom County.



Work Center large dorm room.

# Behavioral Services

## Support at Every Point of Interaction

The County works in partnership with other government agencies, nonprofits, and private entities to provide wrap-around services in each of the following areas.

- **Community Services**
- **Law Enforcement & Community Safety**
- **Initial Detention & Court Hearing Services**
- **Court Services and Jails**
- **Reentry & Post-Incarceration Services**

## What should happen next?



Take the survey by **November 18th**

**Survey**



Attend the Whatcom County Town Hall meeting. **November 15th at 6:00pm**

**Meeting**

Scan the code with your camera to join us.

## Engaging with Community

It is important that we hear from the diverse communities that comprise Whatcom County. We especially want to hear from the communities most impacted by incarceration. The Justice Project Needs Assessment will incorporate feedback from the survey and facilitated community conversations. A complete report from the public input and the final Needs Assessment will be made public in early 2023.