

Welcome to the Dad Allies Provider Learning Series

Reentry Dads, Child Welfare and Reunification:
Working Together to Connect Fathers, Families
and Children

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Fathers and Parenting

We
know
that:

Child and family well-being improve when fathers are positively engaged in their children's lives.

Fathers play a unique and important role in children's development.

Fathers should have support and resources to become the fathers they aspire to be.



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Strength in Families

Established in 2016 to assist DOC involved fathers and their families maneuver incarceration and transition to the community.

During incarceration

- Father of minor child(ren) who are within 36 months of release to the community or transfer to partial confinement
- 88 hours of parenting, relationship, and communication classes
- Case Management support
- Advocacy and assistance maneuvering systems

After incarceration

- Program engagement up to 9 months post release
- Transition and release assistance
- Advocacy and assistance maneuvering systems



The Parenting Sentencing Alternative Program

**Established in 2012 to help Justice Involved Individuals
who have minor age children**

The Family Offender Sentencing Alternative (FOSA)

- Eligible parent/guardians of minor age children
- 12 months of supervision with specific family programming
- Can include parenting classes and family counseling

The Community Parenting Alternative (CPA)

- Eligible Incarcerated Individuals with minor age children
- A prison-based alternative
- Last 12 months of their sentence on Electronic Home Monitoring
- While participating in specific family-oriented programming and treatment



FOSA and CPA

Encourage Parents to: Reconnect with their children while learning to be an *active and present parent*, addressing their child's needs, and learning to provide a safe and secure home environment.

Our Specialists:

- Are Trained in *Strength Based Case Management*
- Have experience that focuses on the betterment of families
- *Act as advocates and mentors* to navigate the challenges of reentry on a family

We Work Collaboratively:

- With DCYF, CPS, DSHS, treatment providers and Community Partners....
- To provide tangible *resources and referrals to services*.

83% of FOSA/CPA participants successfully complete their program!

For more information on the FOSA/CPA programs, please email DOCPSAlternative@doc1.wa.gov

We would love to hear from you!



Parent Navigator Family Reunification Program

Identifies incarcerated parents that have children involved in legal dependency matters

Create an individualized reunification and or guardianship plan with the incarcerated parent, including:

- Develop plans to identify and overcome barriers to visitation
- Collaborate with the Department of Children, Youth and Families and other agencies involved in the dependency process such as Office of Public Defense, etc.
- Provide Dependency 101 Classes
- Connect them with Parent for Parent program
- Attend DCYF Staffings and team meetings
- Assist parents with ongoing communications to DCYF Social works, Attorneys, and service providers
- Meet with parent to develop plan prior to leaving DOC
- Collect and report out data to legislature

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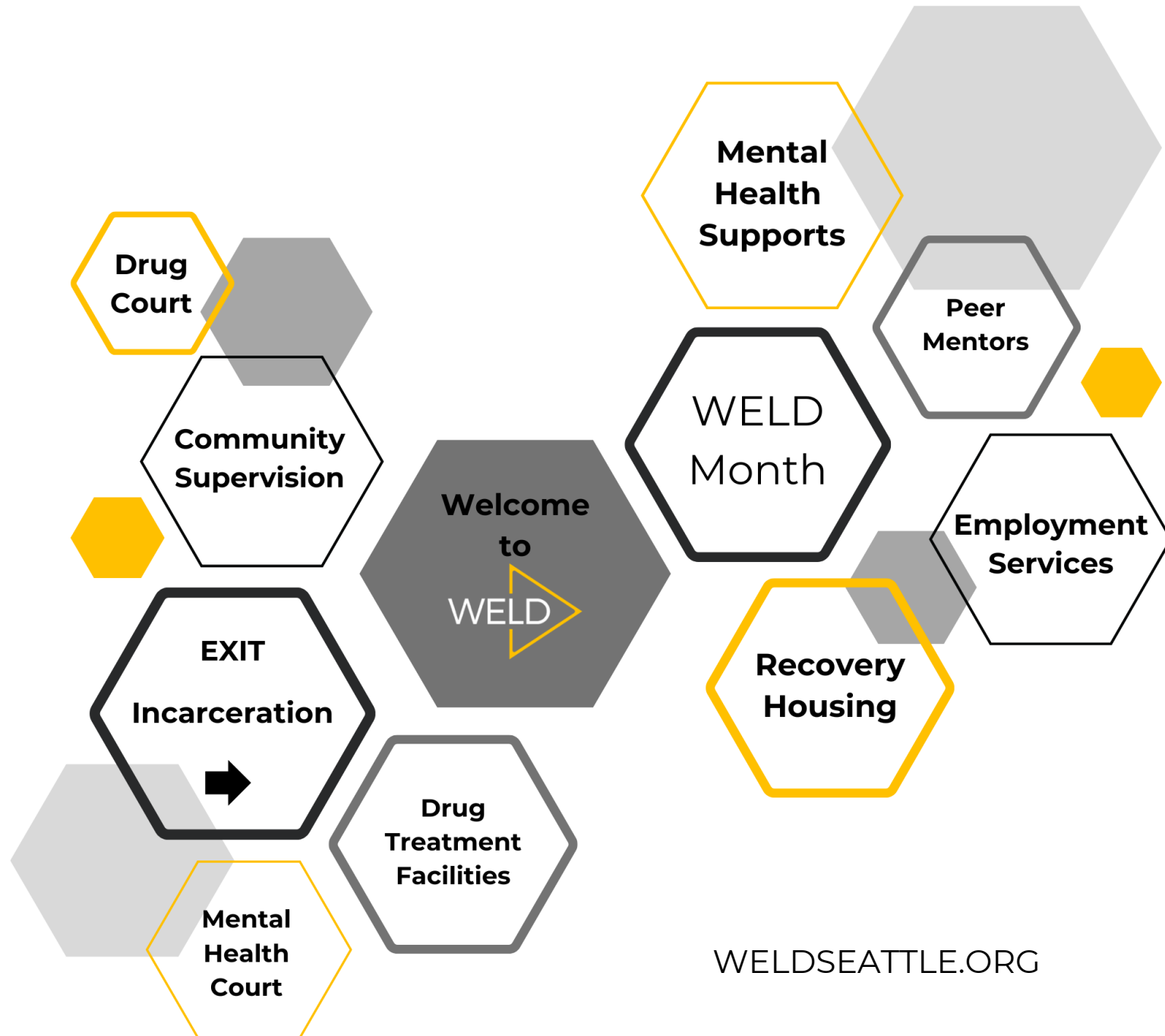
- *WCCW has served over 110 incarcerated parents*
- *AHCC has served over 78 incarcerated parents*



WELD

Our mission is to stabilize and empower formerly incarcerated individuals with housing, employment, and services essential for self-sufficiency, pursuing life aspirations, and contributing to our community.

Since its founding in 2017, WELD Seattle has provided 100,000 nights of sober and safe housing to 1,000 individuals and helped 700 people start a career path.



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Housing



Employment



**Re-entry +
Connection**



At WELD Seattle:

We believe people can heal.

We believe change takes root in safety and accountability.

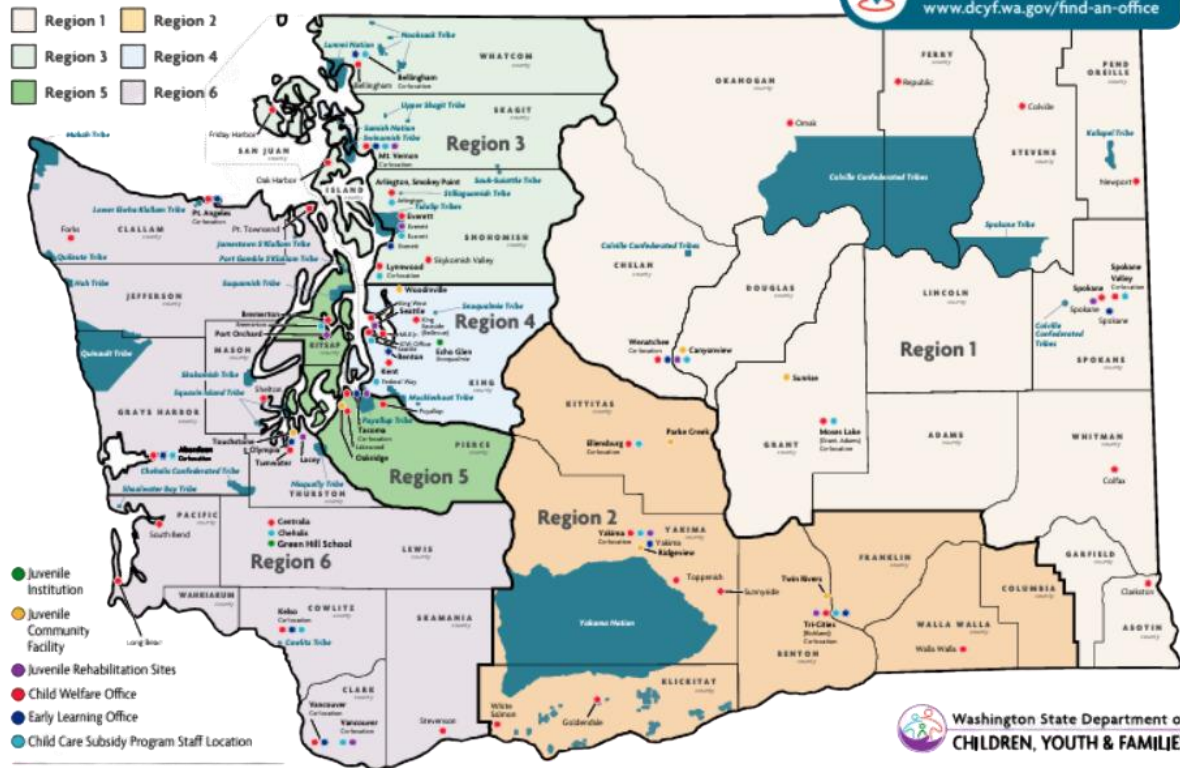
We believe supporting each other unlocks the potential in all of us.

We believe you are more than your worst day.

We know all of this to be true
- we ARE these
people.



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In Real Life – Introducing Our Dads Panel

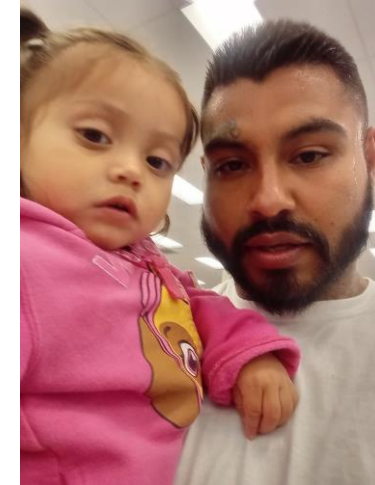
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