

2014 Summer Institute
July 31 – August 1, 2014
South Seattle Community College – The Brockey Center

The Community Partnership for Transition Services of King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties in partnership with South Seattle Community College invite you to take part in the 2014 Summer Institute/Regional Reentry Conference. The annual conference offers an opportunity for reentry service providers, educators, faith-based and community organizations to network, share expertise, identify and refine best practices and foster sustainable partnerships.

The theme of this year's conference is *The NEW NORM: How to Stay in the Game with Re-Aligned Resources*. Many of our agencies have experienced budget restrictions and changes in our workforce, and the expectation is that we continue to provide and improve quality services. This conference is designed to initiate and refine best practices for supporting those in transition and preparing for productive and successful reentry. We recognize that reentry is a process best sustained through collaborative partnerships, meaningful contacts, and dedicated individuals. The annual regional reentry conference will again feature our rich community and human resources, highlighting interagency collaborations, realigning of existing resources, and cross-county partnerships.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, at yearend 2012, about 6.94 million people (1 in 35 adults) were under correctional supervision which included those supervised in the community, on probation and parole, and those incarcerated in prison or local jails. Approximately 3.94 million offenders were supervised in the community on probation and 851,200 on parole. Around 1.35 million were incarcerated in state prisons; 217,800 in federal prisons; and 744,500 in local jails. Washington was one of four states which report the largest increase in probationers in 2012.

The Center for Effective Public Policy reports many offenders enter prison with a host of issues and exit with the same, which—left unaddressed—decrease their chances of successful reentry, and ultimately, compromise public safety. A more comprehensive reentry strategy is needed given the complexity of the challenges faced by new and returning offenders.

Come and share your expertise, network with other community agencies, learn about best practices, and renew/foster sustainable partnership that is responsive to the ever-changing climate for individuals and families of our incarcerated, transition, and reentry population.

