

Juvenile Rehabilitation Ascend Program

Overview

DCYF will open and operate Harbor Heights featuring an Ascend Program. The Harbor Heights facility and Ascend Program will support young people in building leadership and peer mentorship skills before transitioning back to Green Hill where they will be able to secure a position using those skills.

The program is set to open in 2025 and will be available at the new Harbor Heights facility in Aberdeen WA, on the ground of Stafford Creek Corrections Center.



Population

Young people will be eligible for the program if they meet the following requirements:

- Over the age of 18
- Has received a High School Diploma or GED
- Reached at least medium security
- Stable mental health, SUD disorder at or below outpatient levels
- Preference for young adults over the age of 21

Programming Elements



ROTATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This program will offer cognitive behavioral treatment. Young people will also participate in peer led groups and will be taught group facilitation skills. Programming will be focused on independent living and peer leadership.

Each young person will have a job in the unit, including assisting with serving meals, maintaining the space, facilitating skills groups, or planning group activities.



EDUCATION

Higher educational programming will be offered so young people can continue their education while participating in the rotational program.



VOCATIONAL

New and innovative vocational programming that uses the latest virtual reality technology will be available to young people to build skills in the automotive industry.

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