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Chehalis Tribal Jail Offender Re-Entry Program



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What is an offender re-entry program?



An offender re-entry program is designed to promote successful offender re-entry and re-integration back into the community. The program focuses on foundations for success and addressing barriers such as: chemical dependency, mental health, stable housing, employment, financial planning, parenting and other vocational needs. Successful transition back into the community is always sought.

Reducing Recidivism

Introduces strategies to address and remove those factors which interfere with reintegration. If an individual returning from long-term incarceration can be introduced to the idea of citizenship, including work, family, peer groups, community and tribal responsibility, along with obtaining care for substance abuse and mental health, the potential for re-offending can be impacted and greatly reduced.

Connection to Culture

Each individual needs to be given the tools and support necessary for success. In our tribal community supervision alone does not reduce recidivism. A closer tie to the each individual's community and tribal culture provides the individual with a sense of pride and a reconnection to their own culture, family, beliefs and way of life.

The Chehalis Tribal Behavioral Health's Offender Re-entry Program offers:

- **Cognitive behavioral therapy** and treatment while incarcerated to assist an inmate with greater ability to think about cause and effect choices and make a plan for a more successful life.
- **Chemical dependency** evaluations and referrals for in-patient or out patient treatment services.
- **Mental health counseling** while incarcerated and referrals to out patient services when released and consulting psychiatrist available.
- **Vocational rehabilitation classes** to assist in employment skill development and referrals to a client's local office for continued services.
- **Financial literacy classes** to educate a client on greater wisdom in finances.
- **Cultural classes**
- **Parenting classes**

Tsapowum Chehalis Tribal Behavioral Health Mission Statement:

"To empower the community toward a healthy lifestyle; aid in the opportunity for growth and self-discovery in a safe, supportive and therapeutic environment – free from the destruction of alcohol, drugs or violence."

