



REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Statewide Accounting of Contracted SVP Housing and Treatment Providers

RCW 71.09.097

December 1, 2025

Special Commitment Center
PO Box 88450
Steilacoom, WA 98338
(253) 583-5933
Fax: (253) 589-7368

Contents

Introduction	1
Matrix of Contracted Treatment Providers by County.....	1
Matrix of Contracted Housing Providers by County	2
Availability and Adequacy of Less Restrictive Alternative Placements.....	2
Compliance with Fair Share Principles	3
Conclusion	3

Introduction

RCW 71.09.097 directs that the Department of Social and Health Services shall maintain a statewide accounting of the contracted community housing and treatment providers in each county and provide a biannual report to the legislature and Governor by December 1st on the availability and adequacy of less restrictive alternative placements and the department’s compliance with fair share principles. This report is responsive to that directive.

A Less Restrictive Alternative (LRA) is court-ordered treatment in a setting less restrictive than the McNeil Island’s Total Confinement Facility. LRA residents at both Secure Community Transition Facilities (SCTF) and community housing placements are required to follow court-ordered conditions that include sex offender behavioral health treatment and monitoring by GPS. All residents are also closely supervised by DSHS social workers and corrections specialists from the Department of Corrections. A Secure Community Transition Facility is the statutory name for a type of LRA residential facility program owned and operated by DSHS. The program offers 24-hour intensive staffing and close proximity supervision by trained escorts when residents leave the facility. Community housing is operated by a private provider and may also offer 24-hour staffing and trained escorts.

Contracted Treatment Providers by County

The Special Commitment Center contracts with treatment providers across six counties in Washington. Table 1 reflects the contracted treatment providers and the number of residents on LRAs by county.

Table 1: The number of Contracted Treatment Providers by County

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CONTRACTED PROVIDERS	NUMBER OF RESIDENTS ON LRAs
Kitsap	2	3
Pierce	9	26
King	8	10
Walla Walla	1	5
Spokane	2	3
Snohomish	2	3

Contracted Housing Providers by County

The Special Commitment Center also contracts with housing providers in six counties in Washington. Information regarding the contracted housing providers by county are provided in the table below.

Table 2: The number of Contracted Housing Providers by County

COUNTY SERVED BY PROVIDER	PROVIDER	BED CAPACITY	BEDS FILLED
Kitsap	West Sound Support	5	3
Pierce	Grace and Hope	6	2
Pierce	Boston/Detroit	6	6
Pierce	Avalon 1 and 2	12	10
Snohomish	Everett House	5	1
Spokane	Cincinnati	5	2
King	Pilgrim House	6	3
Walla Walla	Joe’s Place	5	5

Availability, Adequacy of Less Restrictive Alternative Placements

The SCC continues to pursue contracts with housing providers in counties where housing options for conditional release are not currently available to ensure each county has an adequate number of housing options equivalent to the number of residents committed from that county as a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP). To facilitate that pursuit, the SCC has an active and ongoing competitive solicitation – or Request for Proposals; RFP 2313-837.

Greater availability of state-operated and contracted housing options would provide better cost controls and oversight of placements in the community. SCC works with non-contracted housing providers when the courts approve discharge plans with placement in a non-contracted housing option. In the absence of a requirement to contract with the SCC, there is a limited ability for the SCC to control costs of these non-contracted housing placements and little incentive for housing and treatment providers to enter into contracts with the SCC. The SCC continues to prioritize the development of contracted housing to ensure compliance with service deliverables, while also maintaining fiscal responsibility of state funds.

Secure Community Transition Facilities provide a step-down housing option for residents who are transitioning from total confinement to an LRA. The existence of these facilities in Pierce and King County provides adequate and readily available housing in those counties.

The SCTF in Pierce County currently houses eight residents, with a total capacity of 23 beds. Seven beds at the SCTF in Pierce County are identified for High-Acuity residents (Four High-Acuity residents currently in residence) and the other 16 beds identified for Core and Adapted track residents. SCTF in King County (SCTF-KC) currently houses three residents with a total capacity of 12 beds.

A future SCTF in Snohomish County (as directed by the legislature) will allow for more housing options in that county, which has the third largest number of commitments under RCW 71.09 in the state behind King and Pierce counties, respectively. There is a total of 20 SVPs committed from Snohomish County. The SCC continues working toward the completion of the siting project for the SCTF in Snohomish County, however, due to the current budget situation this project has been put on hold.

An increase in contracted housing options, a greater number of contracted treatment providers, and the expansion of state-operated facilities such as the SCTFs would create a more robust network of transition supports to better meet the individualized needs of residents as they transition to community-based LRAs. Additionally, the SCC recognizes a need for medical, and/or nursing home model housing options to meet the needs of our residents with ongoing or chronic medical issues.

Compliance with Fair Share Principles

The SCC currently has a total of 73 residents residing in community-based LRAs in a total of six counties (King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, and Walla Walla). Five of the six counties where SVPs reside are currently in compliance with the Fair Share Principal (RCW 71.09.020(2)) which states that each county has adequate options for conditional release housing placements in a number generally equivalent to the number of residents from that county who are subject to total confinement.

Pierce County is the only county that currently exceeds its identified Fair Share number (25 committed from Pierce, 45 currently residing in Pierce). The SCC is working to develop LRA housing providers outside of Pierce County to help bring Pierce County's Fair Share number back into compliance.

Fair Share numbers by county:

- **King County** – 57 total committed as SVP, 8 current LRA residents.
- **Kitsap County** – 9 total committed as SVP, 3 current LRA residents.
- **Pierce County** – 25 total committed as SVP, 45 current LRA residents.
- **Snohomish County** – 11 total committed as SVP, 1 current LRA residents.
- **Spokane County** – 14 total committed as SVP, 2 current LRA residents.
- **Walla Walla County** – 3 total committed as SVP, 5 current LRA residents.

Conclusion

The Special Commitment Center continues to work toward contracting with housing and treatment providers to create a more robust network of transition supports to better meet the individualized needs of residents as they transition from the Total Confinement Facility to community-based LRAs.