**RECIDIVISM – as defined in King County Washington**

**Any offense committed by a person within 36 months in the community (after release from confinement) or the completion of a therapeutic court program, that results in a Washington State Court Legal Action.**

**A court legal action includes a conviction, deferred sentence, deferred prosecution deferred disposition, or a diversion agreement as defined by Washington State statute for misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors and felonies.**

**Reincarceration** differs from recidivism; it involves a return to custody for reasons other than a new sentence and may include technical violations.

**Reincarceration rates** are calculated as the percent of persons released from jail that are re-incarcerated, other than for a new sentence, at least once in the following 12 months.