

Community Courts & Resource Centers

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District Court

Community: The Heart of Community Court



Mission

To use public resources more productively in reducing crime *through service provision and increased community engagement and connection.*



Community partnerships

Redmond Community Court & Resource Center

- City of Redmond
- King County Library System
- 32 service providers
- Sodexo
 - Lunches for community court participants
- Open Kitchen at Redmond United Methodist Church
 - Lunches for community court participants
- QFC
 - Cupcakes for community court graduates
- King County District Court



Community partnerships (continued)

Burien Community Court & Resource Center

- City of Burien
- 42 service providers
- Conscious Eatery
 - Lunches for community court participants
- Highline Food Bank
 - Emergency food for community resource center participants
- Safeway
 - Cupcakes
- Starbucks
 - Coffee and related supplies
- King County District Court



Breaking the cycle



Court offers help at
Community
Resource Centers

Rehabilitation



**Court
empowers
people to help
themselves**

**Community courts =
Compassion + accountability**



“This is such a positive program and it really helped. It was good to have to be accountable each week to a judge, and to work with folks who were encouraging and caring.”

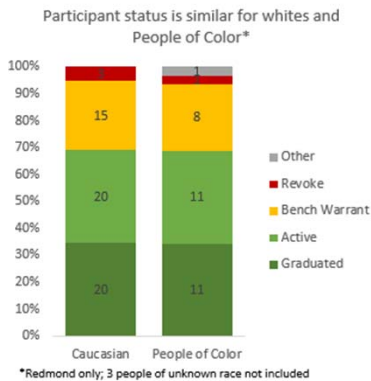
~Community Court in Redmond graduate

Populations served

- Community courts
 - People who have committed low-level (“quality of life”), misdemeanor crimes within that city
- Community resource centers
 - Anyone in the community interested in obtaining information and access to an array of social services






Race of community court participants



A review of exit reasons by race suggests the program works similarly for different demographic groups.

Source: King County Office of Performance Strategy and Budget

Comparison of interventions

	 LEAD	 Community Courts	 Traditional Therapeutic Courts
Participant eligibility	Limited eligible crimes; Cap on program enrollment	Low-level misdemeanors (wider range of crimes)	Special needs: Mental health, veterans
Time in program	Open-ended, given participation by high-needs individuals with high likelihood of re-offending	Weeks to a few months (average 49 days); High-needs individuals with lower likelihood of re-offending	Typically one to two years; High-needs individuals with high likelihood of re-offending
Differentiating factors	Focus on wrap-around services and engagement; includes intensive case management	Effective short-term engagement and connecting people to range of services	Emphasizes long-term recovery and accountability

Collaboration with LEAD efforts

- LEAD staff sited at Burien Community Resource Center weekly – use it to connect with LEAD participants
- Court and LEAD leaders have met to collaborate on which interventions best support various types of needs



Community Resource Centers Drive Results



Community Resource Centers

- Co-located with each community court
- Community partners offer array of services
 - Healthcare/insurance
 - Education
 - Job training
 - Behavioral health
- Neutral / safe space without stigma of courthouse
- **Open to entire community**



“Our mission is transforming lives. It was a natural fit for us to be part of the Burien Community Resource Center, especially given the large population of homeless people in this area.”

~ Shana Curran, Washington State DSHS



Community Resource Centers

- Redmond
 - Co-located with community court at Redmond Library
 - 32 service providers
- Burien
 - Co-located with community court at Burien Community Center
 - 42 service providers



“By being co-located with other service providers, visitors get ‘one-stop shopping’ for their needs.”

~ *Cindy Mai, Public Health Seattle & King County*

Redmond Community Resource Center

April 2018 – August 2019



15 - 20

**Service providers
on-site
each week**



600

Volunteer hours



3,600+

**Visits to the
resource center
(Avg. 57 / week)**

Redmond Community Resource Center

- AA / NA
- Alliance of People with DisAbilities
- Bellevue College
- CareNet of Puget Sound
- Cascadia Community College
- City of Redmond Outreach
- Community Health Plan
- Crisis Connections
- Dispute Resolution Center of King County
- DSHS
- Eastside Legal Assistance
- Friends of Youth
- Health Point
- Hopelink
- IKRON
- King County Library System
- Kindering
- Lake Wa Tech
- McKinney Vento
- NAMI
- Public Health
- Reconnect to Opportunity
- Smart Talent
- Sound Generations
- St Vincent de Paul
- Terra Staffing
- United Health Care
- WDVA: Military Family Outreach
- WorkSource
- Youth Eastside Services
- YWCA



“My experience here has saved my life. Not only am I off the drugs and staying clean by taking the healthy steps to live life clean, I also have been able to get myself back in a healthy structured living situation. I am so blessed to have the honor to be a part of this program.”

~Community Court in Redmond graduate

Burien Community Resource Center

February 2019 – August 2019



19

Service providers
on-site
each week



532

Volunteer hours



369

Visits to the
resource center

Burien Community Resource Center

- Asian Counseling & Referral Service
- CaseNet (Maternity)
- CCS Mental Health Outreach
- Colectiva Legal de Pueblo
- Community Health Plan
- Cowlitz Tribal Health
- Crisis Connections
- Dispute Resolution Center of King County
- DSHS
- Evergreen Reach Outreach
- Health Point Mobile Medical Services
- Highline Support Center & Women's Programs & WorkFirst
- Hopelink Transportation
- KC Family Support Division
- King County Library System
- King County Elections
- Multi-Service Center
- NAMI South King County
- NAVOS
- NW Justice Project
- ORCA-to-Go
- ORION
- Pioneer Services
- Public Health (ORCA Lift)
- Reconnect to Opportunity
- Refugees NW (ORCA Lift)
- Safe Futures
- SeaMar Behavioral Health
- Smart Talent
- SoCo Culture
- Solid Ground
- Sound Generations
- Sound Mental Health Outreach
- St. Vincent de Paul
- United Health Care
- WorkSource Affiliate – South Seattle College
- YMCA Accelerator Program
- Youth Source
- YWCA



Therapeutic Courts Model Proven to Improve Quality of Life



Redmond Graduate Megan (Spring 2018)



“I am so glad I ended up in this program. It was really great getting encouragement every week checking in and feeling like everyone here really cared how I was doing. I feel like things are much better than they were, and the changes I made in my life will stay this time.”

~Community Court in Redmond graduate



Redmond Community Court graduate Cody gives the thumbs up with his new friends at Open Kitchen, where he completed his community service hours.

Leveraging County Resources to Help More People in Need

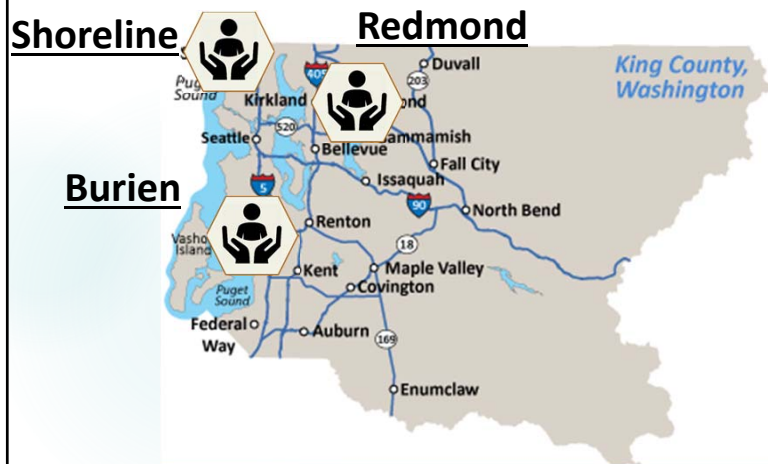


Partnering to save \$

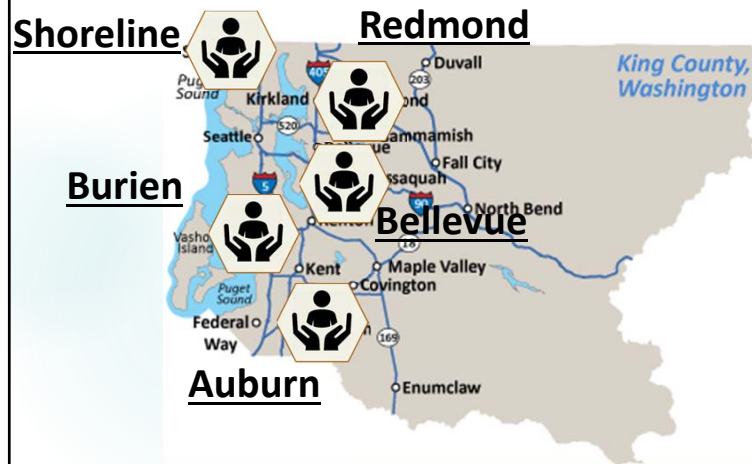
- Our partners provide community court & resource center locations free to county – no MIDD funds used
 - Redmond Library
 - Burien Community Center
- Local police provide security – not paid for by King County District Court
- Community volunteers work for free in community resource centers



Community courts & resource centers – existing & in progress



The vision



2 more in 2020,
depending on funding –
Likely Auburn & Bellevue

Enabling everyone in
King County to access
community resource
centers

Thank you!

We value our partnership

