

## Forensic Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness

The Trueblood v. DSHS lawsuit challenged unconstitutional delays in competency evaluation and restoration services for people detained in city and county jails. The Trueblood Contempt Settlement Agreement establishes a plan for providing services to those involved in the criminal court system and for providing treatment to people when needed so they are less likely to become involved in the criminal court system.

The Trueblood Settlement Agreement includes a plan for phasing in programs and services:

- Phase 1 [2019-2021]: Pierce, Southwest, and Spokane regions including Pierce, Clark, Skamania, Klickitat, Spokane, Ferry, Stevens, Adams, Lincoln, and Pend Oreille counties.
- Phase 2 [2021-2023]: King region/county
- Phase 3 [2023-2025]: Thurston, Mason, and Salish regions including Thurston, Mason, Clallam, Kitsap, and Jefferson counties.

### Background

As part of the Contempt Settlement Agreement, the state is funding outreach and engagement teams to connect people to services who are at risk of referral for competency evaluation in the next six months (called “high utilizers” in the Contempt Settlement Agreement). HCA contracts with community behavioral health providers in the phased regions to provide these services.

FPATH is modeled after traditional PATH programs. The Trueblood Contempt Settlement Agreement refers to this program as intensive case management.

Multidisciplinary teams within community behavioral health agencies include certified peer counselors who have lived experience in behavioral health recovery, outreach and in-reach workers, housing specialists and mental health professionals.

These teams build relationships with eligible people in the community and help connect them with supports including housing, transportation, and health care.

### Program details

The program was implemented on March 1, 2020. The principles underlying its design include:

- Outreach, in-reach, and intensive case management services for people who have significant barriers to accessing behavioral health and mainstream community supports.
- When appropriate, the program offers housing support including housing subsidies; transportation assistance; support for accessing health services; and independent living skills training.

#### Pierce Region

- Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare

#### Southwest Region

- SeaMar Community Services Northwest

#### Spokane Region

- Frontier Behavioral Health

#### King Region

- Community House Mental Health Agency
- Telecare

#### Thurston-Mason Region

- Olympic Health and Recovery Services (OHRS)

#### Salish Region

- Kitsap Mental Health Services
- Peninsula Behavioral Health Services

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