



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Behavioral Health Administration
PO Box 45050, Olympia, WA 98504-5050

Dear Community Partner,

After proudly serving Washingtonians in need of competency restoration services since 2016, our Yakima Competency Restoration Center will close by August 14, 2021.

The Yakima Competency Restoration Center, staffed and managed under contract by Comprehensive Healthcare, was scheduled for a closure in December of this year, as a part of the Trueblood Contempt Settlement Agreement approved by the U.S. District Court of Washington. Comprehensive Healthcare has since informed DSHS, however, that they will not fulfill the contract through December due to a workforce shortage and retention problems. The facility will close in August, and all patients will transfer out of the facility by July 30, 2021.

During the ramp down process for Yakima, patients will continue to receive competency restoration services until July 30, 2021. If a patient's expected length of treatment extends beyond that date, they will transfer to another competency restoration program, either at a residential treatment facility or at a state hospital within the Behavioral Health Administration. All new patients are now being referred directly to these programs.

As a community partner to the Yakima Competency Restoration Center, we are available to work directly with you to discuss how the closure will affect our partnership over the next several months.

If you have any additional questions or if I can assist you otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at susan.copeland@dshs.wa.gov or by telephone at 360-742-8134.

Sincerely,

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