### **Washington State Department of Social and Health Services**

# JJ&RA - SPECIAL COMMITMENT CENTER

## **Community Placement FTE**

### **2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET**



<b>Reduction Option</b>	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)
GF-State	(152,000)	(152,000)	(304,000)
Total	(152,000)	(152,000)	(304,000)

### **REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY**

As required by 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Administration's (JJRA) Special Commitment Center (SCC) is submitting the following reduction option that would eliminate 2.0 FTEs and reduce client services and administrative support. By implementing this reduction, JJRA expects a reduction in support placement services and a hampered ability to identify community resources needed for residents.

### **REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL**

This reduction would eliminate 2.0 FTEs who plan for the placement of residents in less restrictive alternatives. These FTEs also identify and coordinate services and supports for residents in these facilities. These staff also collaborate with the Department of Corrections on community support requirements. This reduction of 2.0 FTEs in special community services will impact SCC's ability to adequately plan for these placements and will impact the identification and use of community resources available to support residents in less restrictive alternatives. This is a partial reduction of a key SCC and client support activity. Additionally, there has been a clear trend emerging of the courts increasing the frequency of conditionally releasing residents to community locations. The loss of the FTEs identified in this reduction option may impact SCC's ability to respond to a potential increase of residents placed in less restrictive alternatives. SCC would attempt to address the short-fall with current resources.

The federal court, when issuing the last injunction, cited the need of the SCC to provide adequate off-island community program support. If community services diminish to a level unacceptable to the courts, the previous federal injunction may be re-evaluated. SCC will prioritize resources to address the support requirements of residents' release.

The reduction will be spaced over two fiscal years and will be accomplished via attrition, if possible. If the reductions are required at the beginning of each fiscal year, then required notifications of termination will be forwarded within the last month of the preceding fiscal year of execution.

#### **STAKEHOLDER IMPACT**

Key stakeholders include defense attorneys for the SCC residents, Attorney General, Courts and independent review organizations. All stakeholders may experience a significant increase in activity to mitigate actions needed to address non-compliance with statutory requirements.



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