

JJ&RA - JUVENILE REHABILITATION
Juvenile Offender Basic Training Camp
2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET



Reduction Option	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	0	0	0
GF-State	(\$845,000)	(\$846,000)	(\$1,691,000)
Total	(\$845,000)	(\$846,000)	(\$1,691,000)

REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY

As required by 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Administration (JJRA) is submitting the following reduction option that would close the Juvenile Offender Basic Training Camp (JOBTC) in Connell, Washington. By implementing this reduction, (JJRA) expects to end this 15-bed, 120-day program which provides structure, treatment, education and reintegration services for up to 96 youth per year.

REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL

In 1994, the Washington State Legislature (RCW 13.40.320) tasked JJRA to design and implement the JOBTC with the intent that a structured incarceration program could instill self-discipline, self-esteem, and work ethic skills in youth and ultimately reduce recidivism. Washington’s JOBTC is a contracted program operated by Pioneer Human Services.

At its inception, JOBTC eligible youth were low risk, non-violent, non-sex offenders with a commitment of less than a year. Upon graduation, these youth could release to intensive parole supervision. Today, JJRA’s population is one third the size it was at peak levels in 1997, leaving only the highest risk juvenile justice involved youth in the program. Youth meet the original JOBTC criteria infrequently.

The closure of the JOBTC will be implemented through termination of the contract with Pioneer Human Services. JJRA will assume the 15 funded beds and associated costs within the three remaining institutions. The JOBTC statute, RCW 13.40.320, requires JJRA to “establish” the BTC and should be repealed if the camp is closed.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

There are stakeholders who may have concerns related to this proposed reduction. Juvenile courts report that graduates who return to their community are transformed and become productive members of their community. As a result, JJRA receives numerous requests from courts for youth they commit to JJRA to participate in the JOBTC program. These requests are often supported by the youth’s parents or guardians.

The JOBTC/Pioneer Human Services is one of the primary employers in the city of Connell and attracts a variety of visitors.



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