

Blueprint for Reform Status Report

SPOKANE REGIONAL LAW & JUSTICE COUNCIL

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Survey

15 Responses

Prioritize recommendations as:

- Short-term
- Medium-term
- Long-term
- Not a priority

Today's focus: Short Term





Short Term

General Governance

- Technological improvements in courts and jail
- Implement a comprehensive information system


Law Enforcement

- Expand crisis intervention teams across all local law enforcement agencies and obtain funds for more CIT and ECIT training at the County

Pre-Trial

- Create a 24 hour intake facility
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Courts

- All courts should review and update policies to eliminate unnecessary court hearings and appearances
 - Eliminate mandatory appearances for defendant (except trials and sentencing)
 - Develop a process by which technical probation violations are resolved by sanctions which are swift and certain, but not lengthy
 - Enforce Court Rule 3.2 and strive to follow its letter and spirit
 - Conduct independent evaluation of all therapeutic courts
 - Explore legislation that removes requirements and have the effect of unfunded mandates on local jurisdictions
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Prosecution

- City and County Prosecutors to immediately provide disclosure upon receipt from LEAs
- Establish funding that will allow City and County to continue joint participation in regional Relicensing Program
- Conduct independent evaluation of ECR program
- Modify ECR program based on best practices (tied with 'not a priority')
- Revisit Adult Drug Court admissibility standards

Detention Services

- Implement plans for efficient communication between defense attorneys and clients
 - Provide adequate space for in-person legal visits at jail
 - Ensure greater coordination of Detention Services transportation and court scheduling (tied with long term)
 - Ensure the behavioral health population is properly and timely identified at booking for proper housing and treatment
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