



CURB (Communities Uniting Rainier Beach)  
 A program of POCAAN (People of Color Against AIDS Network)  
 4437 Rainier Ave S  
 Seattle, WA 98118

*“The focus of this pilot program will be to create and implement a plan to enhance information sharing and collaboration about public safety issues between the Seattle Police Department, citizens, and relevant agencies while engaging both homeless individuals and offenders of street crime to best link them to the services they need to address such issues as drug addiction, alcoholic inebriation, mental illness, homelessness, and unemployment.”*

— (2006 City Council Budget Action Green Sheet)

**97%** of all offenders incarcerated in Washington State return to their communities at some point.

(Washington State Department of Corrections Offender Fact Card- Fiscal Year 2009  
<http://www.doc.wa.gov/aboutdoc/docs/FY09Q4-FactCard.pdf>)

**27%** of offenders incarcerated in DOC facilities return to Seattle/King County.

(Washington State Department of Corrections Offender Releases by County- Fiscal Year 2008,  
<http://www.doc.wa.gov/aboutdoc/docs/ReleasesbyCountyFY08.xls>)

**32%** of offenders on active supervision reside in Seattle/King County.

(Field Supervision Report Client Characteristics Fiscal Year 2008,  
<http://www.doc.wa.gov/aboutdoc/budget/docs/FY08Q4FieldSupervisionReport.pdf>)

**30%** of offenders on active supervision in 2009 were drug offenders, 14.1 percent were property crimes.

These are the types of offenders commonly served by CURB.

(Washington State Department of Corrections Offender Fact Card- Fiscal Year 2009  
<http://www.doc.wa.gov/aboutdoc/docs/FY09Q4-FactCard.pdf>)

Approximately **600** people in King County have lost General Assistance Unemployable (GAU) on September 1, 2010. With more to come as individuals reach the new 24 month limit for benefits set out in HB 2782.

*Yanking the Lifeline* by Cindy Gillis, Real Change, August 25, 2010  
<http://www.realchangenews.org/index.php/site/archives/4605/>)

After cutting loose more than **8,000** offenders from probation in the past two months, the State Department of Corrections is considering an even more drastic cost reduction measure: closing at least one prison. Closing any facility would result in staff layoffs and the transfer of inmates to other prisons, Vail and Robertson said.

**Community Partners:**

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Washington  
 American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Pacific Northwest Region  
 Corrections Connection  
 King County Councilmember Larry Gossett's Office  
 Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata's office  
 POCAAN (People of Color Against AIDS Network)

Racial Disparity Project (RDP)  
 Rainier Beach Community Empowerment Coalition (RBCEC)  
 Seattle Jobs Initiative  
 Seattle Police Department (SPD)  
 Southeast Seattle Crime Prevention Council (SESCPC)  
 The Defender Association (TDA)





Since July 1, 2009 about **8,200** adult offenders deemed to be low risk to reoffend and nonviolent have been cut loose from community custody, this state’s version of probation. Before July, when a new law addressing probation was implemented, the state was supervising about 27,000 offenders outside of prison, Vail said. SB 5288 ordered the reduction in the number of offenders on probation by dropping most low risk felons and misdemeanor offenders from the program.

*(State may close 2 prisons to cut costs by Jennifer Sullivan, The Seattle Times. October 2, 2009  
[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2009985028\\_doc02m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2009985028_doc02m.html))*

A \$60 million budget shortfall could amount to 12% across the board cuts for sheriff’s office, courts, jails and offender support programs like CCAP.

*King County Councilman Larry Gossett*

“Despite the unprecedented cooperation between the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches, our budget challenges have reached a level beyond what we can control through efficiencies and improved coordination alone, “ said Julia Patterson, chair of the Council’s Budget and Fiscal Management Committee. We heard loud and clear today that the cumulative effect of previous cuts, coupled with projections of ongoing general fund deficits will severely impact criminal justice agencies, put simply, will make our residents less safe.”

*(Fiscal challenges for Criminal Justice agencies will impact public safety system in 2011 County Budget, Metropolitan King County Council, April 14, 2010.  
[http://www.kingcounty.gov/council/news/2010/April/JP\\_budqCJ.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/council/news/2010/April/JP_budqCJ.aspx))*

The state Senate approved a spending plan Saturday that would shut down McNeil Island Corrections Center, leaving only sex offenders confined on the island.

Under the plan, the **1,200-inmate prison near Steilacoom would close by June 30, 2011.**

*Senate votes to close prison on McNeil Island by Jordan Schrader, The Tacoma News Tribune, February 28, 2010  
<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2010/02/28/1089885/senate-votes-to-close-prison-on.html>)*

