

## **Charlie Wend**

Charlie Wend is a retired Chief of Corrections who began his corrections career with the Washington State Department of Corrections in 1980, first working with inmates experiencing mental illness. Over the course of a 37-year career, Charlie worked in state prisons, work release facilities, and in Community Corrections where he supervised field operations for multiple Washington counties. Spending the last 7 years of his career working as the Chief of Corrections for the Skagit County Sheriff's Office. During that time Charlie worked with the sheriff's office, he oversaw the design and construction of a new Community Justice Center that replaced the badly overcrowded and deteriorating old jail which implemented rehabilitative and restorative components.