



Day One: Legislative Advocacy Day

Day One of the two-day LINC Conference will begin with a half-day **Legislative Advocacy Day**, bringing together community leaders, CVI practitioners, system partners, advocates, and other stakeholders to strengthen their understanding of the legislative process and explore how policy can advance safer, healthier communities.

Participants will receive a practical **Legislation 101** overview

- How the Washington State Legislature works, and the different ways community members and organizations can engage, advocate, and make their voices heard throughout the legislative process.

The half-day will also create space to **build relationships, a CVI coalition, and identify shared legislative priorities** connected to community violence intervention and prevention (CVI). And discussions on potential policy and legislative opportunities related to **resentencing and reentry, juvenile justice, and protections and support for the CVI workforce**.

Key Focus Areas

- **Legislation 101:** Understanding how the Washington State Legislature works and how legislation moves from an idea to law.
- **Advocacy & Engagement:** Learning practical ways for community members, organizations, and CVI practitioners to participate in and influence the legislative process.
- **Coalition Building:** Strengthening relationships between community, systems, advocates, policymakers, and other partners around shared community safety priorities.
- **Resentencing & Reentry:** Exploring policy opportunities that support successful reentry, second chances, and pathways toward long-term stability.

- **Juvenile Justice:** Identifying approaches that improve outcomes for young people while balancing accountability, intervention, prevention, and community safety.
- **CVI Certification:** Advancing policies that recognize, protect, support, and sustain frontline community violence intervention professionals.
- **Elevating CVI in Community Safety:** Strengthening the recognition and integration of CVI as an essential component of comprehensive community and public safety strategies.
- **From Ideas to Action:** Identifying potential bills, legislative priorities, and opportunities for continued collective advocacy beyond the conference.

Through learning, dialogue, and coalition-building, the Legislative Advocacy Day will lay the foundation for building a statewide CVI coalition.