

# THE WILLIAM D. RUCKELSHAUS CENTER

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON



## SERVING THE STATE

### Examples of Projects

- Road Map to Washington's Future
- Redesigning Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Policy
- State Oversight of For-Profit Higher Education
- Voluntary Stewardship Program
- Criminal Sentencing Legislative Task Force

### Considering A Potential Project?

If you are considering engaging the Center on a project, please give us a call at:

(206) 428-3021 or (509) 335-2937

- We can help determine whether a collaborative approach is suitable.
- We can assist with development of project scope, scale, timeline, and budget.
- We can supply suitable language for draft or final legislation for a project involving the Center.

## About the Ruckelshaus Center

The William D. Ruckelshaus Center is a joint effort of Washington State University, and the University of Washington.

Our mission is to help parties involved in complex public policy challenges in the State of Washington and the Pacific Northwest tap university expertise to develop collaborative, durable and effective solutions.

Our impartial guidance allows public, private, tribal, nonprofit, and other leaders to build consensus, resolve conflicts, and develop innovative, shared solutions.

The Center is hosted and administered at WSU by WSU Extension and hosted at UW by the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy and Governance.

The Ruckelshaus Center builds problem-solving capacity in the region by helping individuals and organizations better understand, initiate, participate in, and lead collaborative public policy efforts. Areas where we work include:

- Community and Economic Development
- Land Use
- Natural Resources
- Transportation
- Agriculture
- Healthcare
- Tribal, Federal, State, and Local Governance
- Education
- Emergency Management

For more information, please visit our website:

[RuckelshausCenter.wsu.edu](http://RuckelshausCenter.wsu.edu)

## Who We Are

We are guided by an Advisory Board which includes prominent leaders representing a broad range of constituencies from across Washington, and both chambers/parties in the Legislature.

We have offices in Seattle and Pullman. Our core faculty and staff consist of experienced facilitators and project managers, along with operations, development, and communications professionals. The Center also provides internship opportunities, helping to prepare the next generation of collaborative leaders.

## What We Do

- Provide a neutral and safe forum for parties to constructively define shared goals and resolve difference.
- Conduct a situation assessment to determine whether and how parties should proceed with a collaborative approach.
- Provide facilitation, mediation, dispute resolution, project management, strategic planning, and other services that help parties reach consensus and resolve issues.
- Provide diverse groups with a common information base via university research and fact finding.
- Provide knowledge, training, and tools to improve the collaborative problem-solving abilities of individuals and organizations.
- Host policy discussions in the form of guest lectures, conferences, and our Chairman's Circle and Statesperson luncheons.

*WSU Extension and UW Evans School of Public Policy and Governance programs and employment are available to all without discrimination.*

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