Weld Seattle Names First Executive Director

Weld Seattle names Patrick Arney as first executive director for the non-profit organization.

SEATTLE, WA—May 13th, 2021— It is with great enthusiasm that Weld announces its first Executive Director, Patrick Arney.

Patrick has been with Weld since 2018 and has been instrumental in the program’s growth and continued success in his previous role as Program Director. When he started with the organization, Weld was providing safe and supportive housing to just under 20 system-impacted individuals each year. By 2020, the program had expanded to serve over 200 men and women on their journeys to reentry.

Much of Patrick’s success can be attributed to his own lived experience with incarceration, addiction, and homelessness. He, and the team he has built around him, bring their unique and intimate understanding of the struggles our members face into their daily work.

Patrick’s ascent to Executive Director is truly emblematic of Weld’s belief that all of us has the potential to start again and achieve our dreams.

"The national average for recidivism after five years is 77%. Weld Seattle's recidivism rate over four years is less than 3%. I believe our model is going to be an important part of seeing Seattle become as successful as it can possibly be," explains Patrick. "Our capacity to foster stories of redemption reflects our collective welfare. I think everybody that works with us represents that. Every story that we are part of is a life. It's the life of a father, a mother, an uncle. It's really about putting families back together and speaking to the city of Seattle and helping people heal."

About Weld
Weld Seattle is a nonprofit organization that equips system-impacted individuals with housing, employment, and resources conducive to recovery and successful reintegration. Weld's mission is amplified by the contributions of our diverse board and staff, the majority of whom have lived or personal experience with homelessness, addiction, and/or incarceration. Weld will open 1426, a peer-led collaborative reentry resource center at 1426 S. Jackson Street later this year.

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