



# Reentry Support

For individuals transitioning from total confinement to the community

Reentry resources for individuals transitioning<sup>1</sup> from Department of Corrections (DOC) jurisdiction can vary depending on an individual’s needs and transition pathway from total confinement to release and post-release. The following will provide general information on DOC reentry support provided to individuals to support their transition through their individual pathway.

<b>Electronic Home Monitoring</b>	<p>Individuals approved for Graduated Reentry (GRE)<sup>2</sup> by DOC may spend the remainder of their prison sentence in the community (up to 5 or 18 months) at an approved residence in the community on electronic home monitoring (EHM). All GRE participants receive the following reentry support:</p>
<b>GRE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Housing voucher<sup>3</sup> up to 6 months.</li> <li>❖ An assigned GRE Corrections Specialist who assists individuals with their transition to the community, and holds the individual responsible to the rules, conditions, and individualized case plan while on EHM.</li> <li>❖ An assigned Reentry Navigator<sup>4</sup> who assists individuals with developing an Individual Reentry Plan and Release/Transfer Needs Survey. They can provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support for essential needs on the day of transfer to EHM</li> <li>○ Resources, guidance, and support to reduce barriers to successful transition.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>CPA</b>	<p>Individuals approved for the Community Parenting Alternative (CPA)<sup>5</sup> serve up to the last 12 months of their sentence at an approved residence in the community on EHM. All CPA participants receive the following reentry support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Housing voucher up to 12 months.</li> <li>❖ An assigned CPA Corrections Specialist who holds individual accountable to the rules, conditions, and individualized case plan while on EHM.</li> <li>❖ The Specialist also provides case management and assists individuals with their transition to the community through individualized case plans, including counseling, parenting classes and other relevant referrals/services.</li> <li>❖ Have access, <i>as needed</i>, to an assigned Reentry Navigator.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> See DOC 350.200 Transition and Release for more information on transition and release planning for incarcerated individuals.

<sup>2</sup> See DOC 390.590 Graduated Reentry for more information on GRE.

<sup>3</sup> The Reentry Housing Assistance Program (RHAP) provides housing assistance to individuals transferring to partial confinement or releasing to the community. Housing vouchers are for DOC approved vendors only, covers up to \$700 a month, and up to 6 months post-release. Housing vendors consist of shared housing and typically includes 2 or more individuals to a room. Pursuant to RCW 72.02.100, HB 1818 allows DOC to provide housing vouchers for persons at risk of releasing homeless or becoming homeless without assistance while considering risk to reoffend. This includes individuals releasing without supervision and those already in the community that are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

<sup>4</sup> At the time of updating this document, there are 30 Reentry Navigators statewide. 2 Navigators (Resentencing Navigators) specifically work with individuals resentenced/granted commutation. 2 Navigators (Cultural Specialists) work with the veteran and Native American population. The remaining 26 Reentry Navigators work with the remainder of the population (GRE, CPA, RC, pass offs from Resentencing Navigators/Cultural Specialists, and other referrals).

<sup>5</sup> See DOC 390.585 Community Parenting Alternative for more information on CPA.

## Reentry Center

Individuals approved for a Reentry Center<sup>6</sup> (previously known as Work Release) as a part of their transition, can transfer to a Reentry Center (RC) up to either 6 or 12 months prior to their earned release date depending on their approved reentry pathway. Individuals can work or attend college/vocational programming while at the RC. RC residents are provided the following reentry support:

- ❖ Housing voucher. *Some individuals releasing from a RC may not qualify for the housing voucher based on their current financial situation or individual needs.*
- ❖ An assigned Community Corrections Officer (CCO) at the RC, who assists individuals with their transition to the community.
- ❖ An assigned Reentry Navigator at the RC.

## Community Supervision<sup>7</sup>

Some individuals will have community supervision post-release, whether they released from a RC, prison facility or EHM. Individuals on community supervision are provided the following reentry support:

- ❖ Housing voucher for up to 6 months. *Some individuals releasing from RC/GRE/CPA may not qualify for the housing voucher based on their current financial situation.*
- ❖ Individualized Community Oriented Accountability Collaborative Help (iCoach)<sup>8</sup> Transition and Resource Specialists provide reentry services to individuals transferring from prison to community supervision. These services include wraparound meetings<sup>9</sup> scheduled 30 days prior to the Earned Release Date. These meetings are the first phase of frontloading resources, submitting referrals to services, establishing the needs of the individual, and building collaboration between all parties to assist the individual in successful reentry.
- ❖ An assigned Community Corrections Officer (CCO) who in addition to holding the individual responsible to the conditions of supervision and individualized case plan, adhere to the iCoach model, for the delivery of supervision, programming, and services for individuals.
- ❖ Could be provided an assigned Reentry Navigator based on identified barriers to successful reentry.

## Resentencing and Commutation

Individuals who are resentenced due to the State v. Blake decision or other resentencing<sup>10</sup> and are immediately released (defined as within 90 days of an amended judgement and sentence) are provided the following reentry support:

- ❖ Housing voucher, cell phone, backpack with basic hygiene items and release money on the day of release.
- ❖ An assigned Resentencing Reentry Navigator.

<sup>6</sup> See DOC 300.500 Reentry Center Screening for more information on RC eligibility.

<sup>7</sup> Although the focus of this document is reentry support provided to individuals leaving DOC facilities, it is important to note that some individuals under community supervision do not complete a prison sentence prior to their community custody time. These individuals are assigned a CCO, who provide referrals to community resources. See DOC 380.200 Supervision of Individuals in the Community for more information on community supervision.

<sup>8</sup> See DOC 380.210 Community Reintegration for more information on iCoach.

<sup>9</sup> iCoach Specialists who complete this wrap around meetings will work with any individual releasing to community supervision that are not already assigned a Reentry Navigator.

<sup>10</sup> At the time of this publication update, the DOC funding to support resentencing is scheduled to end December 31, 2023. A request has been submitted to receive continued funding through the legislature.

- ❖ A Health Services Community Liaison, who supports continuity of care by partnering with the Reentry Division, Community Corrections and Prisons for case planning, and provides healthcare related troubleshooting for released individuals.
- ❖ Individuals granted commutation are provided a Resentencing Reentry Navigator to coordinate reentry planning with the legal team (if applicable) and Classification Counselor (CC).
- ❖ Assigned CCO for those subject to community supervision.

### Other Releases Without Community Supervision

- ❖ Housing voucher up to 6 months.
- ❖ Could be provided an assigned Reentry Navigator based on identified barriers to successful reentry.

## Other Available Reentry Support

### Education Navigators

- ❖ All individuals incarcerated have access to an Education Navigator<sup>11</sup> in the facilities and to a local Education Navigator in the community.
- ❖ The Education Navigator’s role is to assist incarcerated individuals’ education or career development and guides reentry pathways both while incarcerated and post-release by providing support and advising around transcript requests, financial aid eligibility and applications, education enrollment and registration, transfer/continuation support, career advising and identifying career employment connections.
- ❖ Individuals can contact the education department at their current facility to be provided contact information for the Education Navigator located near their release residence.

### Health Services Reentry Services<sup>12</sup>: Bridging Healthcare Prison to Community

- ❖ **Psychiatric Social Workers & Reentry Nurses:** Provide comprehensive healthcare release planning including warm handoffs when possible, for incarcerated individuals who have significant medical conditions, behavioral health needs, and medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD).
- ❖ **Reentry Care Navigators:** Individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder are provided Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (such as suboxone) appointment at time of release. Assist in referrals to treatment and facilitate Narcan education. Follow up post-release to ensure linkage to services.
- ❖ **Reentry Community Services Transition Counselors (RCS, formerly known as ORCS).** Provides comprehensive transition planning to individuals with a major mental illness and risk of harm to self or others. Designation has specific criteria managed by DOC. Housing and other supports provided in partnership with Community Mental Health Provider and Health Care Authority. [RCW 72.09.370](#).
- ❖ **Medicaid & Continuity of Care Team:** Prior to release, processes health insurance applications for individuals releasing from prison who are eligible. Submits DSHS cash assistance applications for expedited medical eligibility. Sends Continuity of Care reports to a releasing individual’s Managed Care Organization (insurance plan either Molina, United Healthcare, Amerigroup, Coordinated Care, or Community Healthplan of Washington).

<sup>11</sup> See DOC 500.000 Education and Vocational Programs in Prisons for more information on educational services.

<sup>12</sup> For more information on Health Services, see DOC Policies 630.500 Mental Health Services; 650.035 Medications for Transfer and Release; 630.590 Reentry Community Services; 350.270 Extraordinary Medical Placement; and 690.400 Individuals with Disabilities.

- ❖ **Community Linkage & Care Coordination:** Provides reentry service and case management to individuals with a qualifying diagnosis, starting in prison and supporting in community. Ensures medical and behavioral health continuity of care post-release. Program may provide housing when eligible.

### **Workforce Development Navigators**

- ❖ Correctional Industries<sup>13</sup> offers pre- and post-release training, support, and connections to community employers.
- ❖ For individuals who worked in Correctional Industries during their incarceration, Workforce Development Navigators provide community support and employment navigation up to three years post release.

### **Strength in Families Case Managers**

- ❖ The Strength in Families (SIF) program and classes focus on building skills and knowledge in healthy relationships with partners and co-parents, responsible and positive parenting, and education and employment pathways.
- ❖ The voluntary program is currently offered at Washington Corrections Center (WCC), Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC), and Cedar Creek Corrections Center (CCCC).
- ❖ SIF Case Managers work with participants pre and post release that are releasing to King, Pierce, Thurston, Kitsap, Mason, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Skamania, Clark, and Cowlitz counties. *SIF participants releasing outside of the 12 counties noted can be provided post-release assistance on a case-by-case basis.*

### **Family Reunification Parent Navigator**

- ❖ The Family Reunification Parent Navigator (FRPN) provides guidance and support to incarcerated parents (IP) navigating the child welfare system, equipping them with the tools needed to reunite safely with their child/ren post release.
- ❖ The FRPN provides individualized case planning, aligned with the dependency court ordered services. The FRPN program includes collaboration with dependency stakeholders, guardians, and families/appropriate support people to achieve the case plan.
- ❖ The FRPN provides a dependency 101 education class, support parent/child vision, attend dependency court hearings with IP, and identifies services and barriers to achieving family reunification. The FRPN will connect incarcerated parents with appropriate peer support groups upon release.
- ❖ The FRPN works with incarcerated parents in the Washington Correction Center for Women (WCCW), Mission Creek Correction Center for Women (MCCCW), and Airway Heights Correction Center for Men (AHCC).

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<sup>13</sup> See DOC 710.400 Correctional Industries Work Programs for more information on CI and work programs.