

# Housing and Successful Reentry

Housing is a key indicator of successful community reentry. With access to safe and affordable housing, individuals can reunify with support persons, engage in employment and educational services, and participate in programming.

# **About the Program**

The Reentry Housing Assistance Program was established in 2009 to implement the Earned Release Date (ERD) Housing Vouchers that was passed by the legislature. The Reentry Housing Assistance Program provides up to six months of housing assistance to individuals transferring to partial confinement or releasing from prison to the community.

In addition to the ERD Housing Voucher, the Reentry Housing Assistance Program offers the following types of housing assistance:

- Reentry Housing Voucher
- Graduated Reentry (GRE) Housing Assistance
- Community Parenting Alternative (CPA) Housing Assistance

Eight Regional Housing Specialists are positioned across the state to assist staff with housing and the transition process.

# **Contact a Regional Housing Specialist**

Reach out to an RHS for assistance with housing in your county.

### **Section 1**

Jeff O'Bleness (509) 710-5900 Counties served: Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, and Whitman

### Section 2

**Kevin Glover** (509) 728-8062 Counties served: Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat, and Yakima

#### Section 3

**Brendan Playle** (360) 480-6224 Counties served: Grays Harbor, Kitsap, Mason, Lewis, Pacific, and Thurston

### **Section 4**

Sean Raybell (253) 377-1192 County Served: Pierce

### Section 5

 Steve Dalton (A-J)
 (206) 423-2351

 Angie Gogerty (K-Z)
 (206) 678-2673

 County Served: King

### **Section 6**

**Lou Turner** (425) 508-3034 Counties served: Clallam, Jefferson, Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom

### **Section 7**

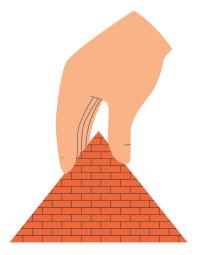
**Dan Johnson** (360) 772-2037 Counties served: Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, and Wahkiakum

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# Reentry Housing Assistance Program



# **Voucher Types**

## **ERD Housing Voucher**

Individuals who require an approved release plan in order to release to community custody may be eligible for an Earned Release Date (ERD) Housing Voucher. Voucher assistance may last up to six months.

# Reentry Housing Voucher

Individuals not eligible for other types of DOC Housing Assistance and who are releasing from a DOC facility may be eligible for a Reentry Housing Voucher. Housing assistance may last up to six months.

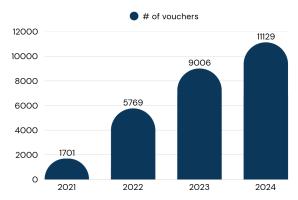
## **GRE Housing Voucher**

Individuals approved for Graduated Reentry (GRE) may be eligible for housing assistance if they are unable to secure an approved residence on their own. GRE housing assistance may last up to six months. If an individual releases while on the GRE program and needs to continue housing assistance, they will need to apply for the ERD or Reentry Voucher.

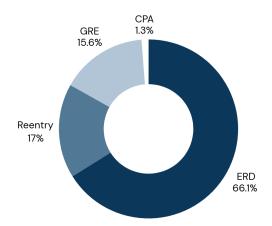
# **CPA Housing Voucher**

Individuals approved for Community Parenting Alternative (CPA) may be eligible for housing assistance if they are unable to secure an approved address on their own. CPA housing assistance may last up to 12 months while the individual is in the program.

# **Vouchers, by Year**



# Vouchers Issued from 7/1/2023-6/30/2024



From 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024, 52% of investigative ORP's utilized ERD voucher assistance and 23% of Notification ORP's utilized Reentry Housing Assistance.

# **Housing Directory**

The Reentry Housing Assistance Program maintains an internal directory of housing vendors who accept DOC vouchers. Housing types vary across the state to include residential homes, apartments, and converted hotels. Vendors include non-profits groups, private landlords, and religious organizations. Each vendor has varying rules and application processes. The facility case manager will contact housing vendors for possible placement. Housing Specialists are available for assistance.

Incarcerated individuals have access to a copy of STHD on their tablets, updated every two months. This enables them to be more involved in their reentry planning. The tablet version shows the house name, county, fees, amenities and program requirements.

- Vendors are not under contract with DOC these are relationship-based partnerships
- Over 800 residences are available, and growing
- Housing in 26 counties across WA State

## **Referral Process**

To be eligible for a voucher, the individual must release from a DOC facility. Individuals apply with their case manager's assistance on form 02-336 when they are 60 days from their ERD. Applications submitted more than 60 days before the ERD will not be accepted. Individuals should apply for voucher assistance prior to releasing or transferring to the community to ensure housing availability.

The ERD and Reentry Housing Assistance applications are screened daily by an RHS. The RHS will take into consideration infractions, program history, individual circumstances and need when screening for assistance.

- If there is a current infraction behavior and it is on the Infraction Matrix, the RHS will request a letter from the individual regarding the infraction.
- If an individual has over \$5,000 total in their accounts, the RHS will request a letter asking for specific details regarding their need for housing assistance.

The individual must stay in compliance each month to continue receiving housing assistance. If the individual is on a Reentry Voucher with no supervision, they must contact their RHS each month to notify them of their need for continued assistance.

