Prepare for the upcoming transfer.
Understand that the first few hours following a transfer are just a small component of the process known as “graduated reentry.”

If possible, be there physically when the individual transfers.
Let them know they are not alone in the community. Do this even if the plan is to stay elsewhere.

Get involved with their personal transition plan/ know the details and the goals they want to achieve.
This plan will provide direction and support a healthy and productive transfer to the community.

Be realistic about the transfer.
Like any change, it takes time to rebuild and create a new normal.

Life happens.
The first few weeks are an adjustment period for all and challenges can arise. Adaptability is key.

Support.
The transition process is complex and any way that you can encourage and build on the individuals strengths creates a positive outlook.

Accessing local resources.
Find out if there are services for the individual to take advantage of in your community that support a health reentry.

Email: docreentryexpansion@doc1.wa.gov
GRE Website: https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/incarceration/graduated-reentry.htm

“America is the land of the second chance – and when the gates of the prison open, the path ahead should lead to a better life.”
~ George W. Bush

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In 2021, The Washington State Legislature passed ESSB 5121, which is an expansion to the Graduated Reentry Legislation passed in 2018. This expansion now allows Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) to transfer individuals onto electronic monitoring at an approved address through two different tracks.

**Track 1:** Individuals who serve a minimum of 6 months in total confinement in a state correctional facility may transfer to a work release facility up to 12 months prior to release, with the final 5 months of their sentence served on electronic monitoring at an approved address. Individuals may transfer from a correctional facility to an approved address on electronic monitoring for the final 5 months of their sentence (no work release component).

Individuals on Track 1 must meet the following legislative criteria:
- Not subject to deportation order
- Not subject to civil commitment order
- Not part of the interstate compact for out of state releases
- Not be under the jurisdiction of the Long-Term Juvenile Board (LTJUVBRD)

**Track 2:** Individuals who serve a minimum of 4 months total confinement in a state correctional facility, may transfer to an approved address on electronic monitoring with up to 18 months remaining on their sentence.

Some of the requirements that must be met in order to be eligible include:
- Must participate in WA ONE risk assessment and then focus on employment, education, and programming based on an individual’s identified needs.
- A residence must be approved by the Department of Corrections prior to the incarcerated individual’s transfer to electronic monitoring.
- The Department will consider criminal history, nature of harm of offense, victim concerns, discipline, and participation in programming, treatment, and education while incarcerated.
- Participants must be six months serious major infraction free prior to transferring to GRE. Some infractions will eliminate consideration to participate in the program.

Not all eligible individuals will be enrolled into the program, enrollment is dependent on space availability.