

The Reentry Navigation Team is dedicated to assisting those with the greatest barriers to successful reentry. We use pre-release planning to provide mentorship, guidance, and resource connection for the releasing individual to successfully reintegrate into the community.



"If you fail to plan, you  
plan to fail."

- Benjamin Franklin



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## REENTRY NAVIGATION SERVICES



*Improving Public Safety by  
Positively Changing Lives by  
Serving Individuals in Transition*



## OUR SERVICES

The Reentry Navigators for the Reentry Division works closely with various navigators throughout the state, including college/education navigators, workforce navigators, health services navigators (psychiatric social workers and medication-assisted treatment navigators), housing specialists, and community partners. In addition, the Reentry Navigators receive requests for assistance from classification counselors, various community stakeholders, and DOC leadership to support individuals in their reentry planning efforts.

The primary focus of Reentry Navigators is connecting individuals to essential needs and support services, which may include food, clothing, phones, healthcare, wellness, pathways to permanent housing, identification, education, vocational training, job search assistance, financial benefits, and support. In addition to these services, Navigators collaborate with community partners and stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition to community reentry support. Navigators connect with individuals in the community to assess their progress toward meeting their goals, identify barriers, and address those challenges.

## REENTRY SYSTEMS UNIT

The Reentry Systems Unit within the Reentry Division directly supports the department's mission and strategic plan by directly supporting the Governor's Executive Order 24-03, "Building Safe and Strong Communities Through Successful Reentry" Washington's commitment to Reentry 2030, and in accordance with RCW 72.09.270 concerning Individual Reentry Plans.

### Services Provided

- Guidance during Reentry Planning including completing an individual Reentry Plan or Reentry Needs Assessment form, facilitating a Reentry Team Meeting or pre-release Reentry Workshop, and connecting individuals with community resources or services before release and after release.
- Mentorship, guidance, and training for how to access and establish services from DSHS, SSI, Work Source, and other resources.
- In-person Navigation Services to include assistance filling out applications, setting up phones and basic digital literacy, establishing a bank account, job search assistance, and transportation/bus support).
- Essential needs to include access food, clothing, hygiene.

## REFERRAL PROCESS

### High Priority Referrals

**IMU/ISRB:** All consenting individuals receive services.

**Prison Release** (non-IMU/ISRB):

- Releasing to a private residence and meeting two (2) priorities.
- Releasing to transitional housing or homeless and meet one (1) of the priorities.

**Reentry Center:** Lack of community support or release to a transitional house PLUS one (1) of the priorities.

**GRE/CPA:** Transferring to a transitional house PLUS one (1) of the priorities.

**CCD Post-Release Referrals:** Residing in a transitional house PLUS one (1) of the below criteria, AND having at least 6 months remaining on supervision is a high priority.

### Priority List:

- ✓ 5+ years of incarceration
- ✓ High medical needs
- ✓ High mental health needs
- ✓ Age 55+
- ✓ Education: High School Diploma or less

