

Who is Eligible for RCSP?

Incarcerated individuals who are currently housed in a Department of Corrections facility and:

- Have been diagnosed with a mental illness that significantly affects functioning.
- Qualify for services through the Developmental Disabilities Administration; and...
- Are determined to be a high risk to public



Referrals to RCSP

Referrals to RCSP can be made by the following:

- Classification counselors
- Facility mental health professionals
- End of Sentence Review Committee
- Community providers
- Other Department of Corrections employees who believe that the incarcerated individual may meet the conditions for the program

Employees may submit a referral by completing the DOC 14-030 Offender Reentry Community Safety Program Referral form.

All referral inquiries should be sent to the RCSP email.

A referral does not mean that the individual will become a program participant.

RCSP, formally Offender Reentry Community Safety (ORCS) program, was created in 2000 to promote public safety by providing transition planning, mental health treatment, and community support for incarcerated individuals who have a mental disorder and are a risk to the public or themselves. RCSP is a collaboration between the Department of Corrections and the Health Care Authority.

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Health Care Authority



For more information, please contact:

RCS Program

Health Services Division

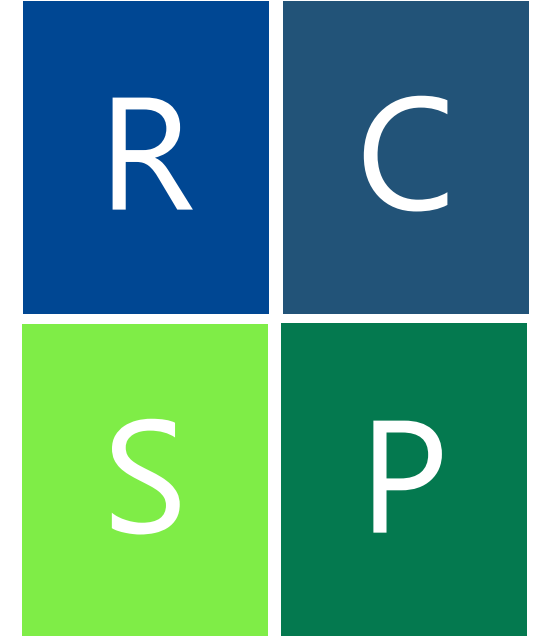
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Reentry Community Services Program (RCSP)



What is RCSP?

To promote public safety, the Reentry Community Services program (RCSP) provides intensive support services to incarcerated individuals who are reasonably believed to be dangerous to themselves or others and have a mental disorder as they transition back into the community. (RCW 72.09.370)

Up to 60 months of support is provided upon release from prison.



Program funds are intended to pay for:

- Pre-release transition planning
- Intensive case management with assigned community provider
- Enhanced mental health treatment services
- Substance use evaluation and treatment
- Medical costs not covered by insurance/Medicaid/Medicare
- Sex offender treatment
- Assistance with cost of housing
- Vocational training and supplies
- Personal care needs
- Other relevant programs or services

Program participants will not directly receive any money. The services will be authorized by the provider and funded by the program.

Planning Team

Members of the multisystem care planning team (MSCPT) may include :

- Classification counselor
- Community mental health provider representative
- Transition correctional mental health counselor
- Community corrections officer
- Prison primary therapist
- Designated individual(s)
- Other approved individuals that may be providing community support



Before Release

Before release, the multi-system care planning team will meet with the incarcerated individual and develop a plan with focus on a successful transition into the community. The plan identifies likely sources of support in the community which may include family members and social service organizations.

Designees are expected to actively engage in recommended mental health treatment and recovery services to utilize the available 60 months of service and support

After Release

The transition plan developed prior to release will include appointments and activities for the first seven days in the community, including transportation resources. The designated individual will then work with their case manager to determine short and long term goals focused on stability in the community.