

## Who is Eligible for ORCS?

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Inmates in partial or full confinement who meet the following criteria are eligible for ORCS:

- Have been diagnosed with a significant major mental illness
- Qualify for community protection placement through the Developmental Disabilities Administration
- Are determined to be a high risk to public safety or self



## Referrals to ORCS Program

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Referrals to the ORCS program can be made by the following:

- Classification counselors
- Facility mental health professionals
- End of Sentence Review Committee
- Behavioral health organization/community provider
- Other Department of Corrections employees who believe that the inmate may meet the conditions for the program

Referrals are made when an individual is believed to meet the conditions to be eligible for the program.

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

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ORCS was created in 2000 to promote public safety by providing transition planning, mental health treatment, and community support for inmates who have a mental disorder and are a risk to the public or themselves. ORCS is a collaboration between the Department of Corrections and the Department of Social and Health Services.

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For more information, please call:

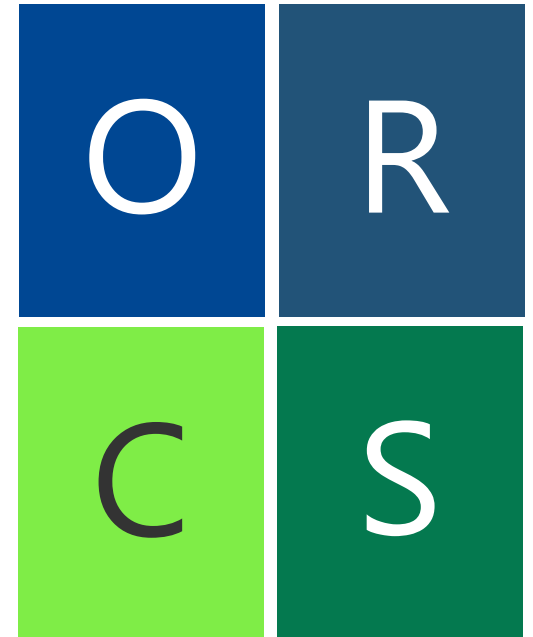
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Offender Reentry  
Community Safety  
(ORCS) Program



## What is ORCS?

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To promote public safety, the Offender Reentry Community Safety (ORCS) program provides intensive support services to inmates 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

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Members of the multisystem care planning team 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

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

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

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## After Release

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