## Improving Public Safety by Building Successful Transitions into our Community.

# **Graduated Reentry**

October 2024





AT A GLANCE

<u>Total Participants:</u>

RC: 1,245 EHM: 2,311 Combined: 3,556

## Successful Completions:

RC: 833– 66.9% EHM: 1,402– 60.7% Combined: 2,235 – 62.9%

## Terminated\*:

RC: 246– 19.8% EHM: 435– 18.8% Combined: 681 – 19.2%

## Escapes:

RC: 41- 3.3% EHM: 82 - 3.5% Combined: 123 - 3.5%

## Gender Makeup:

Women: 514– 14.5% Men: 3,042 – 85.5%

Calculations are as of 9/30/2024. The GRE Program began in August of 2018, placing our first incarcerated individual on electronic monitoring in September 2018.

\*Includes terminations currently in prison Supporting Incarcerated Individuals to successfully transition back into our community.

The Washington State Legislature passed ESSB 5121 which is an expansion to the Graduated Reentry Legislation (House Bill 2638) passed in 2018. This expansion allows Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) to transfer individuals into electronic home monitoring (EHM) at an approved address through two different tracks.

Implemented in July 2023, SSSB 5502 requires DOC to provide a comprehensive substance use disorder (SUD) evaluation before transferring an incarcerated individual to the Graduated Reentry program (GRE). DOC must assist individuals with enrolling in treatment if they are assessed to have a SUD.

## Track 1:

Individuals who serve a minimum of 6 months in total confinement in a state correctional facility may transfer to a reentry center (RC) facility up to 12 months prior to release, and up to the final 5 months of their sentence served on EHM at an approved address.

#### OR

Individuals who serve a minimum of 6 months in total confinement in a state correctional facility may transfer with up to 5 months remaining on their sentence to EHM at an approved address.

Individuals on this track must meet the following minimum legislative criteria:

- Not subject to deportation order,
- Not subject to civil commitment order, or
- Not part of the interstate compact for out of state releases.

## Track 2:

Individuals who serve a minimum of 4 months total confinement in a state correctional facility may transfer with up to 18 months remaining on their sentence to EHM at an approved address.

Individuals on this track must meet the following minimum legislative and policy criteria:

- Not serving a sentence for a sex, violent, or crime against a person,
- Not required to register (sex offenses and kidnapping), or
- Not under the jurisdiction of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board

Certain individuals may not qualify for transfer to partial confinement programs due to mandatory minimum sentences that must be served in total confinement as prescribed by statute.

## Statutory Obligations of 5121:

While individuals are participating in GRE, DOC must:

Place individuals on electronic monitoring

• Require individuals to participate in programming and treatment based on assessed needs

• Assign a staff (Corrections Specialist 3) who will monitor for compliance with the conditions of partial confinement as well as programming requirements.

## While individuals are participating in GRE, DOC may:

- Issue rental vouchers for up to 6 months if an approved address cannot be obtained without the assistance of that voucher.
- Return a participant to total confinement for any reason including but not limited to the person's non-compliance with any sentence requirement.

## **Program Structure:**

Individuals must:

- Report and be available to their assigned Corrections Specialist (CS) as directed.
- Abide by the electronic monitoring schedule as agreed upon by their CS.
- Ensure the device is charged and worn as required.
- Participate in programming and treatment as determined by the Department and continue with any mental health, substance abuse, or other treatments and programs previously assigned.
- Provide verification of all activities while in the community.

### What our participants have to say:

"The GRE program presents a life changing opportunity, I knew I had to take advantage of it by using every waking hour. The Graduated Reentry Program saved my life. Without the GRE program I would have been released after 15 straight years of prison with no savings."

"GRE basically transformed my life and changed it. It gave me a life that I never thought I would be able to obtain. GRE gave me the tools that I needed to be successful upon release to not only hold me accountable but also give me the resources I needed in order to set myself up to be successful."

"I'm thankful for GRE for helping me find myself and who I really am not the fantasy person running the streets but the real me a father and a husband. Without the GRE program I would have followed my same footsteps stuck in the same cycle. "

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