Added II.A.1.m.-n. to list referrals to community health care providers for continuity of care and medication as reentry assistance resources
Removed online resource no longer available at II.B.1.
REFERENCES:

DOC 100.100 is hereby incorporated into this policy; RCW 72.09.270; RCW 72.09.280; RCW 72.09.380; DOC 650.035 Medications for Transfer and Release

POLICY:

I. Offenders releasing from jail or prison without any supervision requirements may seek assistance from the Department for information and referrals to community resources.

DIRECTIVE:

I. General Requirements

A. Field Administrators will designate a Transition Coordinator/Community Corrections Supervisor for each Community Justice Center who will be responsible to coordinate services through the center.

B. Offices will maintain current lists of local resources and services.

C. Following the offender’s release from custody, s/he may request reentry assistance as needed. Employees, contract staff, and volunteers will attempt to assist the offender.

II. Reentry Assistance Resources

A. The Counselor/Work Release Community Corrections Officer (CCO) will notify the offender with no supervision requirements prior to release that s/he may request reentry assistance by contacting his/her local Community Justice Center or Field Office. The Field CCO will notify the offender at the time of release.

1. Services may include, but are not limited to:

   a. Mental health treatment,
   b. Chemical dependency treatment,
   c. Sex offender treatment,
   d. Anger management counseling,
   e. Parenting education,
   f. Family reunification,
   g. Community services,
   h. Financial education,
   i. Housing assistance,
   j. Medicaid/health services application assistance,
   k. Employment assistance,
I. Transportation,

m. Referrals to community health care providers for continuity of care, and

n. Medications per DOC 650.035 Medications for Transfer and Release.

B. A list of Department sites and resources that provide assistance to offenders is available on the Department’s intranet website under the Offender Programs section. Additional information regarding resources, including financial assistance, can be found at http://www.211.org.

III. Documentation

A. Requests for assistance and the information and referral services provided will be recorded in the offender’s electronic file.

DEFINITIONS:

Words/terms appearing in this policy may be defined in the glossary section of the Policy Manual.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

DOC FORMS:

None