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Reentry Navigation Services



*Improving Public Safety by
Positively Changing Lives*

The Reentry Navigation Team specializes in supporting individuals facing the most significant obstacles to successful reintegration. Through proactive pre-release planning, we provide the mentorship, guidance, and resource connections necessary for a stable and successful transition back into the community.

***“If you fail to plan,
you plan to fail.”***

-Benjamin Franklin



ABOUT US

The Reentry Systems Unit within the Reentry Division plays a vital role in fulfilling 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.

The department utilizes an integrated reentry model that focuses on individual needs, collaborates across divisions, and leverages connections to state, local, and community-based resources to assist with transition and help individuals in the community. To identify individuals facing the most significant obstacles to successful reintegration, Reentry Systems utilizes a referral-based approach. Referrals accepted from all DOC staff, individuals under department jurisdiction, individuals' family members, and community partners.



OUR SERVICES

Reentry Navigators provide comprehensive support through the following actions:

- **Multidisciplinary Approach:** Partnering with statewide reentry specialists in education, workforce development, healthcare, and housing.
- **Essential Resource Connections:** Linking individuals to vital support services, including food, clothing, communication tools, healthcare, wellness programs, and pathways from supportive to permanent housing.
- **Career and Financial Support:** Facilitating access to identification, vocational training, job search assistance, educational opportunities, and financial benefits.
- **Streamlined Transitions:** Collaborating to foster a seamless "warm handoff" transition to community-based providers.
- **Ongoing Engagement:** Follow-up with individuals post-release to assess progress toward goals, identify new barriers, and proactively address reintegration challenges.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Reentry Systems prioritizes the following referrals:

- **Veterans, Alaskan Native, and American Indians:** All consenting individuals.
- **IMU/ISRB:** All consenting individuals receive services.
- **Prison Release (non-IMU/ISRB):**
 - Release to a private residence and meet two of the priorities from the list below
 - Release to transitional housing or homelessness and meet one priority
- **Reentry Centers:** Lack community support or release to a transitional house and meet one priority
- **GRE/CPA:** Transfer to a transitional house and meet one priority
- **CCD Post-Release:** Reside in a transitional house, meet one priority, AND have at least 6 months remaining on supervision.

Priority List

- ✓ 5+ years of incarceration
- ✓ High medical needs
- ✓ High mental health needs
- ✓ Age 55+
- ✓ Education level is a high school diploma or less.