



Re-Entry Program

The purpose of the Division of Juvenile Justice's (DJJ) Re-Entry Program is to ensure that youth leave DJJ with a viable plan that connects them to the resources and opportunities in the community that help them reduce the risk to reoffend and to pursue positive life goals. In order to reach these community outcomes, pre-release planning and coordinated transition services are critical for DJJ youth as they reintegrate into their communities. The *Re-Entry Program's* primary objectives are to engage youth and their families in structured, meaningful re-entry activities prior to release, and to enhance youth contact with community based programs, services, and support that promote successful re-entry.

With these objectives in mind, the Re-Entry Program includes:

- Uniform pre-release planning processes that begin at intake
- Partnerships with community organizations, role-models, and resources to increase protective factors and promote resiliency
- Development of an Integrated Re-Entry Plan that will guide the youth through his/her reintegration and inform probation and the courts of youths' plans

Each facility is staffed with a Re-Entry Coordinator (Parole Agent II, Specialist) whose charge is to facilitate and coordinate Re-Entry planning for the youth, as well as provide specialized assistance to critical cases. To carry out their functions, the Coordinators, located at each DJJ facility:

- Promote collaboration with the Multi-Disciplinary Treatment staff and Education Transition Coordinators
- Maximize re-entry opportunities for youth, and include probation and families in the re-entry goals and planning process
- Identify discharge needs early and plan with parole agents accordingly
- Facilitate Re-Entry Orientation Groups for new arrivals and assist youth in setting re-entry goals
- Facilitate Discharge Communication Workshops for youth preparing to transition and ensure the completion of an Integrated Re-entry Plan for each youth.
- Assist parole agents with referrals to resources in the community
- Set up speaking engagements, transition workshops, and staffings to improve communication and awareness of resources
- Support the Integrated Behavior Treatment Model (IBTM) re-entry needs

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