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**Pre-Release
Program**

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**Community
Re-Entry**

Partnerships for Change

Statutory Authority:

CRS 17-33-101 – Colorado reentry program: (1) The department of corrections shall administer appropriate programs for offenders prior to and after release to assist offenders with reentry into society based upon the assessed need as determined by the director of the department of corrections and suitability of individual offenders for such services. The department of corrections shall administer the reentry programs in collaboration with the division of adult parole in the department of corrections and the youthful offender system in the department of corrections.

(2) The department of corrections shall design the reentry program to reduce the possibility of the offender returning to prison, to assist the offender in rehabilitation, and to provide the offender with life management skills that allow him or her to function successfully in society.

Administrative Regulation 250-65 – Pre-Release Program

Administrative Regulation 250-58 – Community Re-Entry

Evidence Based:

The CDOC Re-Entry Continuum is modeled after evidenced-based practices in correctional programming nationally and internationally. Endorsed by Johns Hopkins University and the National Institute of Corrections, the Continuum applies the principals of effective intervention which spans from inside the correctional facility out into the community. This model is largely based on the work of Dr. David Altschuler with Johns Hopkins University and his model of the "Continuity of Care". The employment module of the Pre-Release curriculum is based on the National Institute of Corrections Offender Workforce Development Specialist model. Extensive review and evaluation of pre-release and re-entry programs nationally was conducted in the front-end analysis and instructional design of Colorado's Pre-Release and Community Re-Entry Program. Many of these state program models have been thoroughly evaluated in the work of Dr. Edward J. Latessa who has completed comprehensive assessments of over 450 correctional programs.

The Pre-Release Program located in 15 Colorado Department Of Corrections facilities consists of three components; classroom module curriculum, Career and Community Resource Center and One-on-One sessions. The Pre-Release evidence-based curriculum targets the eight criminogenic needs through a series of modules using assessments and cognitive behavioral interventions that promote offender reflection and participation. This program assists offenders in identifying critical barriers to successful re-entry, and identifies internal strengths and external resources to assist in the transition to community stability.

Pre-Release Curriculum:

The 10 modules designed to increase awareness, personal accountability, self-sufficiency, networks of support and action around critical re-entry components including: *Identification, Housing, Employment, Transportation, Money management, Education, Healthy Lifestyles, Living Under Supervision, Family Relationships & Support Systems, Victim Awareness & Restorative Justice.*

Career and Community Resource Center

The Career and Community Resource Center plays a critical part in providing relevant and meaningful opportunities to prepare for life outside of prison. The center computers utilize a secured network that allows Pre-Release Specialists and Office of Information Technology to monitor offender activity in a secure setting, while providing up-to-date resources for transition planning. These computer based activities include Connecting Colorado, Key Train Basic Workplace Skills Training, statewide community resource information, career assessments and exploration tools, up-to-date job postings, money management and banking tutorials, interactive parenting curriculum, resume writing and job search tutorials, Internet and online job application simulators and re-entry resources. In order to ensure relevant and up-to-date information, as well as content consistency throughout the state, the information on the offender computers are updated daily through the secured network.

One – on – One Sessions

An essential element to addressing the risk, need and responsivity principal, is one-on-one transition planning. Pre-Release Specialists provide One-on-One sessions utilizing the tools of Motivational Interviewing, supportive inquiry, and solution focused dialogue, to motivate offenders to be accountable for their transition plans. One-on-one sessions are also utilized for offenders with critical needs such as medical or mental health issues, or for offenders who do not have sufficient time to participate in the entire module series.

Community Re-Entry located in 7 parole offices and covering 8 remote offices provides services designed to stabilize and assimilate the offender back to their communities. Community Re-Entry Specialists coordinate re-entry services with case management, correctional education, community parole officers, other state/local agencies, and faith/community based organizations that guide the development and implementation of offender transition/stabilization plans. The Community Re-Entry unit also assists case managers with pre-parole planning. These plans include support services which will provide the resources necessary to successfully transition the offender back to the community, function successfully on their own, modify resources and plans to adjust to changing environmental conditions and enhance public safety.

The Community Re-Entry unit provides an individual needs assessment and case management services that address housing, employment, clothing, tools, and transportation, as well as brokering community resources in an effort to develop positive support systems for offenders. Additional support services provided include backpacks with personal hygiene items, legal documents, food packs, payment of restitution, restructuring child support arrearages, benefits navigation and referrals, psychotropic medication and any other special circumstances that may impact an offender's transition from prison to the community. Delivery of these services and programs is incentive based and part of the offender's community supervision plan.

Broadway Community Re-Entry Center

The Broadway Community Re-Entry Center is a component of the Community Re-Entry subprogram. The Center's focus is to provide comprehensive re-entry services such as case management, employment services, community orientations, transition planning, various classes designed to address the needs/barriers of parolees (such as, orientation, employment, computer classes, GED class, Fatherhood, and benefits acquisition) and pro-social skills for offenders. The Center is a community focal point for collaborative efforts with federal, state and local agencies, community based agencies and faith-based organizations to initiate programs and services that enhance the offender's transition plan while supporting their supervision plan.