

Offender Programs

Partnerships for Change



Colorado Department of Corrections, Division of Adult Parole, Community Corrections and YOS

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- *Community Transition Unit*
- *Pre-Release*
- *Community Re-Entry*
- *YOS Aftercare*
- *Community Volunteers*
- *Specialized grants and programs*

Safer Communities

Well-designed and well-delivered programs can reduce recidivism.....

(Lowenkamp & Latessa, 2005; Andrews & Bonta, 2003; Andrews et al., 1990; Cullen & Gendreau, 2000; Gendreau, Smith, & Goggin, 2001)

PRP Pre-Release Program

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Pre-Release Program

Time-Line



- September 2007 – tasked with developing new program
 - Consistent between all 19 CDOC facilities
 - Evidence-based, research-driven
- September 2007 to June 2008 – research, consultation, and curriculum development

CDOC Pre-Release Program Evidence Based & 360 Review

- National/International Review
 - Minnesota, Washington, Maryland, Ohio, New York, Oklahoma, Maine, Florida & Oregon
 - London Resettlement Strategies and Correctional Services of Canada
- Effective and Evidence Based National and International Programs
 - National Institute of Corrections
 - Johns Hopkins University
- Statewide Consulting With Stakeholders
 - Community and Faith Based Organizations, Community Parole Officers, Case Managers, Community Corrections, State and Local Agencies, Offenders

Key Dimensions of Promising Practices Strategies for Effective Pre-Release Program

- ❑ Evidence-based, research-driven
- ❑ “Overarching case management”
- ❑ Continuity of service and program content
- ❑ Consistency between facility & aftercare
- ❑ Communication w/ stakeholders
- ❑ Community & Facility Collaborations

Adapted from Dr. David Altschuler, Johns Hopkins University



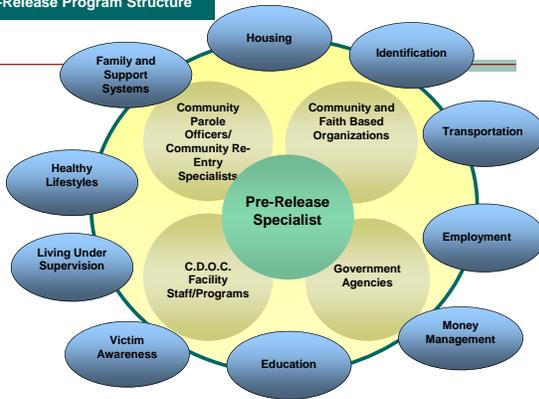
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Time-Line



- Pilot Program at CCC in March of 2008
- July 2008 to August 2008 – staff training and facility logistics
- August 2008 – program implementation

Pre-Release Program Structure



Community Transition Plans



- ❑ Encompass each of the pre-release modules.
- ❑ Utilize strength based assessments, goal setting and timelines to identify and eliminate barriers to re-entry.
- ❑ Include specific and relevant community resources, supports and contact information.
- ❑ Serve as a bridge of communication between Pre-Release and Community Re-Entry.
- ❑ Relieve the anxiety experienced in the transition to the community.



Career and Community Resource Center

- ❑ Career Assessments and Exploration Tools
- ❑ KeyTrain™ and Career Skills
- ❑ Online Job Application and Internet Simulator
- ❑ Education, Training and Apprenticeship Resources
- ❑ Job Search and Resume Writing Tools
- ❑ Computer Based Courses and Tutorials
- ❑ Statewide Community Resources



Pre-Release Program Facilities



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| ■ Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility | ■ Denver Women's Correctional Facility |
| ■ Arrowhead Correctional Center+ | ■ Fort Lyon Correctional Facility |
| ■ Buena Vista Correctional Complex | ■ Four Mile Correctional Center+ |
| ■ Centennial Correctional Facility* | ■ Fremont Correctional Facility |
| ■ Colorado Correctional Center | ■ La Vista Correctional Facility~ |
| ■ Colorado State Penitentiary* | ■ Limon Correctional Facility |
| ■ Colorado Territorial Correctional Facility | ■ Rifle Correctional Center |
| ■ Delta Correctional Center | ■ San Carlos Correctional Facility~ |
| | ■ Skyline Correctional Center* |
| | ■ Sterling Correctional Facility (2) |
| | ■ Trinidad Correctional Facility |

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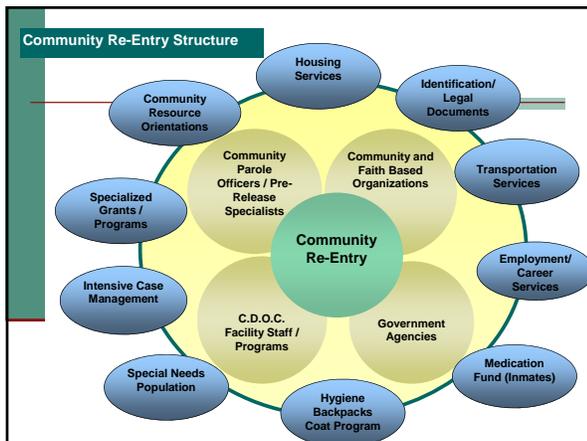


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Community Re-Entry Services

- Community Orientation
- Community Re-Entry Specialists provide **Intensive Critical, Critical and Direct** services
- Community Re-Entry services and programs are incentive based and part of the offender's community supervision plan.
- Community Parole Officer collaborations / Community Brokered Services
- Higher Risk / Higher Need



Intensive Critical Services

- Medical needs
 - Diabetic
 - Disabled
 - require wheel chair or oxygen
- Long term care or hospice care
- SSI/SSDI application follow up
- Medicaid/ Medicare
- Functionality Assessments
- Provisional benefits (pre-determination to receive SSDI/Medicaid benefits)

Critical Services



- Initial Case Review and Transitional Planning
- Benefits Planning (Social Security Disability Insurance, Vocational Rehabilitation, Veterans Assistance)
- Shelter/Transitional Housing Assistance
- Medication Assistance/ Health Care Referral
- Transportation Assistance and Referral
- Clothing Referrals
- Services Related to Specialized Populations (disabled, severe mental health issues, dual diagnosed, sex offenders, females, veterans, etc...)
- Identification Cards
- Referral to Additional Community Support Services

Direct Services



- Employment Services
- Work Clothing and Tools
- Transportation Assistance
- Referral for Child Support Payment Plans
- Backpacks with Personal Hygiene Items
- Referral for additional services to appropriate Faith and Community Based Organizations, State, County or Local Agencies

John C. Inmann Work & Family Center



- Satellite Workforce Center
- Specialized One-Stop Services:
 - Job Readiness class
 - O*Net Assessment
 - KeyTrain™ and WorkKeys
 - Computer lab / resource center



Statewide Community Re-Entry Offices



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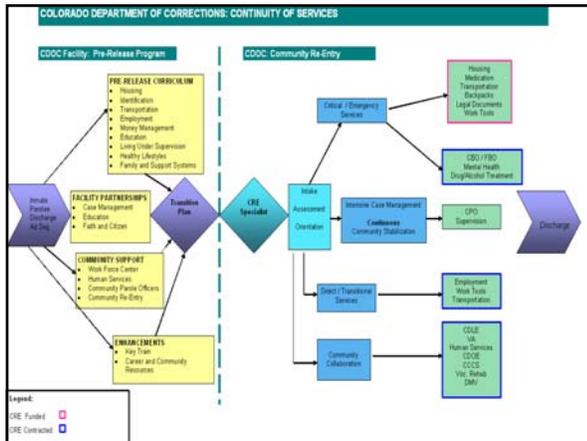
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On-Going Program Evaluation

- Enhancing program effectiveness for improved public safety.
- Colorado State University:
 - Quantitative analysis of 4 target populations
 - Statistical review based off electronic databases
 - N. Prabha Unnithan, PhD
- University of Colorado at Denver:
 - Qualitative analysis of 4 target populations
 - Offender interviews
 - Mark R. Pogrebin, PhD

Specialized Grants & Programs



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Specialized Grants & Programs

Grants –

- Federal (USDOL, USDOJ, SAMHSA, NIC)
- Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative
- Stop the Revolving Door
- Fatherhood Initiative
- Young Offender Re-Entry Program (YORP)
- Second Chance Act (Non-profit agencies)
- WIRED
- Offender Workforce Development Specialist

Programs -

- Medication Fund
- Incarcerated Veteran's Training Program
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Incarcerated Veterans Re-Entry Program
- Young Offender Aftercare Program

Partnerships & Collaborations



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Benefits of Partnerships

- Communication on operations, visions & goals
- Shared experiences, challenges & outcomes
- Broader and comprehensive analysis of problems & solutions
- Better use of resources, eliminates duplication of services
- Instills a team approach

Federal, State, and Local

- National Institute of Corrections
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Social Security Administration
- Colorado Department of Labor & Employment
- Colorado Department of Education
- Colorado Community College System
- Colorado Department of Human Services
- Statewide County Workforce Centers
- Statewide Community Based Organizations
- Statewide Faith Based Organizations

International



- Singapore
 - Community Collaborations
 - Re-Entry services (medication, backpacks)



- Mexico
 - Pre-Release programming and continuation of services
 - Re-Entry Services in community



- Australia
 - Vocational programming
 - Pre-Release and Community Re-Entry Services



- Indigenous Populations

International

- United Kingdom
 - Sex offender supervision
 - Faith & Community collaborations
 - Resettlement strategies
 - Cisco: Global Networking Academy



UK Conference

- UK Ministry of Justice

"Offenders are your Business" June 2008