

REENTRY & The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

TREATMENT SERVICES

Treatment programs and services are delivered in accordance with individually assessed risk and need, and are facilitated by trained and experienced staff, in an effort to reduce the likelihood that offenders will commit crime in the future. As offenders prepare to leave prison and reenter their communities, staff ensure continuity of care during and following the transition.

- Use of actuarial, validated risk and needs assessments
- Standardized treatment programs in identified areas of need
- Multi-agency pilot initiative for enhanced/expedited continuity of substance use disorder treatment
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)/Vivitrol
- Veterans' Service Units
- Gender-Responsive Programming

MENTAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT

Mental Health staff are in place in each of the State Correctional Institutions (SCIs) to assist those with mental health needs in maintaining stability as they prepare to be released one day. As offenders approach the time of transition, connections are established with community services through county forensic liaisons.

- Office of Psychology has been expanded to oversee comprehensive delivery of mental health services.
- Office of the Mental Health Advocate has been established within PADOC.
- Certified Peer Support Specialists are trained and utilized in the State Correctional Institutions, and are then able to be employed in this area upon release as State Civil Service employees .
- Medical Assistance Enrollment is expedited.

EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

The PADOC provides educational and vocational opportunities which will enable students to become responsible and productive citizens in a diverse society.

- Each SCI is an official GED test center.
- Vocational Trade Certifications are recognized nationally by prospective employers.
- Entry-level certifications are offered in trade areas.
- Examples of recognized certifications include OSHA, PA State Automotive Inspection License, Barber License, WardFlex Gas Tubing, NCCER Safety (levels one and two certificate opportunities), American Welding Association, Fiber Optic Technology, Microsoft Computer Applications (e.g., International Computer Driver's License/ICDL), Cosmetology License, and an Optical Certification.

REENTRY

The goal of the PADOC is to ensure that incarcerated individuals who are returning to the community receive the support and services they need for positive, stable reintegration and success as citizens.

- Interactive County/Resource Directories
- Central Office Speaker Bank
- PA Department of Transportation Identification Cards
- PA Driver's License Renewal and Restoration Services
- Birth Certificates
- Duplicate Social Security Cards
- Resume Preparation
- Medical Assistance and SSI Income Applications
- Transitional Housing Units/Reentry Services Offices
- Mentoring

INITIATIVES

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Reentry is facilitated by operating or contracting with a network of 52 community corrections centers throughout the Commonwealth of PA. Residential and non-residential services are available. Services include, but are not limited to:

- Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention
- Dual Diagnosis
- Housing
- Workforce Development
- Mental Health
- Veterans Services
- Sex Offender Treatment
- Day Reporting
- Mentoring
- Family Reunification

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VICTIM ADVOCACY

In order to raise awareness about the impact of crime on victims, the Office of Victim Advocate (OVA) and the PADOCC have established programs and classes that increase offenders' levels of accountability and empathy for those they have harmed. Providing a healing platform for victims and survivors of crime to share their experiences, these programs also allow offenders to express acceptance of fault, responsibility, and/or pain that their actions have caused. Programs and classes include:

- Impact of Crime Class
- Victim - Offender Dialogue
- Inmate Apology Bank
- Victim Awareness Education

POPULATION MANAGEMENT

The PA DOC helps to ensure successful reentry outcomes through effective management and placement of offenders in facilities and specialized units that will best meet their programming and reintegration needs.

LOCAL SUPPORT PARTNERS AND INITIATIVES

In addition to the Department-wide reentry initiatives, individual SCIs and Community Corrections Centers (CCCs) may partner with local and county agencies, as well as colleges and universities, in order to bridge the gap between prison and the community. The following are some examples of locally initiated partnerships, activities, and resources.

- Reentry Resource Libraries
- Local Reentry Coalition In-reach
- Ex-offender Coalition In-reach
- Courses and workshops on budgeting and how to manage finances
- Familiarization with present-day technology
- Job/Apprenticeship Fairs (presenters include, but may not be limited to Builders, Ironworkers, Bricklayers, Cement Masons, Steamfitters, Sheet Metal Workers, Roofers, and Carpenters, as well as members of the building and construction trades unions)

STANDARDS, AUDITS, AND ACCREDITATION

The PA DOC ensures consistent compliance with regulatory standards and professionally recognized practices that are developed in order to establish an environment that is conducive to the implementation of effective rehabilitation and reentry programs and services.

SERVICE, SAFETY
AND SUCCESSFUL
REENTRY