

Top 10 Questions Asked at...

Self Help

1. How long does it take for a home plan to get approved after being submitted to parole?

After a home plan is submitted to parole, it takes between 14-28 days to investigate a home plan by a field agent. An out-of-state home plan investigation will take several weeks. An in-state (Pennsylvania) home plan is valid for 150 days. An out-of-state home plan is valid for 120 days.

2. Is there a black out period when you enter the facility?

Your parole agent will meet with you between 24-48 hours of you arriving to the facility. After you have met with your agent, you must get required documents from the Philadelphia courts as well as your yellow card. After you obtain these, you are able to begin submitting daily passes on your own for job searches, medical, etc.

3. After initial contact with my parole agent, how often will I see him/her?

Parole agents have assigned duty days in the facility where you can see them if need be. You can also set up an office visit on your own with them, if you are not in the facility when they are.

4. Will I be provided with transportation money for my daily passes?

Transportation money is provided for your initial required tasks as well as for your first week of employment, if needed if there is no outside support for the reentrant. All transportation money that is given to the reentrants is documented on a spreadsheet for accountability of the funds.

5. Can I obtain two full time jobs in the facility?

Per Department of Corrections regulations, a reentrant must be in the facility at least 8 hours a day. Having two full time jobs would have you out the building for too many hours so you cannot have two full-time jobs.

6. Can I work seven days a week?

Work passes are only approved for five days a week where the two remaining days are for your social passes. Parole needs the reentrants to have social days in the event that any sanction of the reentrant losing social passes can be enforced.

7. When can I get a furlough pass?

You must be in the facility 30 days and be infraction free to qualify for the furlough pass and be employed or enrolled in school full time. Another way to qualify for the furlough is if you are disabled and cannot work.

8. What is the housing assistance program?

The housing assistance program is through Impact Services and Gaudenzia DRC. They both help our reentrants with six months of payments for a home plan that accepts their voucher. A referral for either of the programs can be obtained from your parole agent.

9. Can I drive my own car onto the property?

You must get parole approval to drive and to be able to park on the premises. Parole ensures that your driving privileges are good. They must obtain a copy of your license, car registration and proof of insurance.

10. My parole release conditions state that I have to enroll in outpatient treatment. How long is that for?

Each reentrant's case is different so the outpatient treatment facility will inform you of the length of your treatment.