

Reentry Community Services Program (RCSP)

The Reentry Community Services Program (RCSP) was created in 2000 by Senate Bill 5011 with the intent to promote successful reentry, public safety, and recovery for individuals designated into RCSP when exiting a Department of Corrections (DOC) facility. To qualify as an RCSP designee, the justice involved individuals in confinement are identified to have a risk of dangerousness and have a diagnosed mental disorder.

Overview

The Health Care Authority's Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) administers the program, and funds contracts with community behavioral health agencies to plan and deliver RCSP services for individuals who meet the criteria of having a major mental disorder and are also considered high risk.

RCSP services include non-Medicaid covered pre and post release services such as pre-release engagement, intensive case management, specialized treatment services (sex offender, anger management, parenting), housing assistance, basic living expenses, transportation assistance, educational and vocational services, employment services, unfunded medical expenses, and other non-medical treatment supports that increase capacity to live successfully in the community.

RCSP services are offered statewide. Currently, DBHR contracts with 10 community behavioral health providers who provide intensive behavioral health services to RCSP participants. Each participant receives up to 60 months of RCSP services contingent on their participation in community behavioral health services.

Positive outcomes of RCSP include continued and increased stability for participants by increasing access to care at higher levels of service, and stable

housing. Participants who receive individualized support through RCSP services are more engaged in their transition from prison, and report to be more successful in the community. These positive benefits are directly linked to a reduction in recidivism and creating a safer community environment.

Eligibility requirements

DOC screens individuals to determine if they meet criteria. A statewide RCSP Review Committee (co-chaired by DOC and DBHR RCSP administrators) makes the final determination of entry into the RCSP program and refers the individuals to the appropriate community behavioral health agency.

Budget for SFY 25

The current annual budget is 2.5 million dollars.

Community behavioral health providers receive funding based on individual RCSP Designee needs. Rates range from \$300-\$1,500 a month, depending on participant and agency needs, with a baseline amount of \$1,000 a month.

Partners

RCSP depends on maintaining rapport and relationships with outside agency and community partners to create the best outcomes for the individuals engaged in this program. Partners include but are not limited to: Community behavioral health agencies; community housing providers; the Department of Social and Health Services; Developmental Disabilities Administration; law enforcement, prosecutors, and county public defenders; Department of Corrections; Federally Recognized Indian Tribes.

For more information

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