



*Office of Transitional
Services*

Vision Statement:

Our vision is that every offender released from prison will be prepared to reenter society as a productive law abiding citizen of New Jersey.

Mission Statement:

We will enhance public safety by reducing the risk that offenders will re-offend and return to prison by providing comprehensive services from the time they enter prison through their reintegration back into society.

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*Once out...
...Stay out*

Transitional and Social Rehabilitative Services

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More than 14,000 offenders are released from State Prison in New Jersey each year. U.S. Department of Justice statistics indicate that two of three offenders will be rearrested for new offenses within three years of release. In an effort to address this serious issue, the New Jersey Department of Corrections created the Office of Transitional Services.

The goal of the Office of Transitional Services is to implement a seamless continuum of care for offenders utilizing cost efficient well-proven behavioral science practices system wide to increase offenders' abilities and their motivation to demonstrate responsible crime free behavior.

The Office of Transitional Services provides oversight to the institutional Social Services Departments. We ensure that services are coordinated in four key interrelated areas: employment and economic stability; mental, physical and spiritual health; housing, and family stability.

Through intensive evidence based programming, offenders are provided with the tools necessary to become productive members of the community. Intense support and supervision during the early days of an offenders' release is critical to ensure his/her success. To that end, the Office of Transitional Services has developed partnerships with federal, state, and local agencies to create linkages to resources that provide support to offenders.

Transitional Model

The transitional model is comprised of four phases: assessment and classification, institutional, reentry preparation, and transition.

Every offender receives a battery of assessments during **Phase 1: Assessment**. These comprehensive assessments evaluate an offenders' risk and needs; educational and vocational levels; family and financial stability; behavioral, mental, and spiritual health; and substance use/abuse history. The information gathered from these assessments is used to make decisions about the offenders' placement conditions and institutional programming.

A multidisciplinary team collectively prepares a comprehensive service plan during **Phase 2: Institutional Programming** which is when the majority of an offenders' programming takes place.

Phase 3: Reentry Preparation begins approximately twelve to eighteen months prior to release. During this phase the offender completes reentry preparatory courses.

Phase 4: Transition begins approximately three to six months prior to release. During this phase offenders are linked to community-based services through the coordinated efforts of discharge planning social workers, parole, and community based organizations. The comprehensive discharge plan addresses the immediate needs of the offender prior to release and the needs of him/her immediately following release.

For more information, send correspondence to:

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Social Services

The Institutional Social Service departments offer a range of programs and services designed to meet the varying of needs of the offender population. Successful participation and completion of available programs and services increases the offenders' ability to leave prison prepared to successfully return to society. Programs and services include, but are not limited to:

CORE PROGRAMS:

I. Cognitive Behavioral Change:

*Thinking for a Change (T4C)

II. Anger Control & Management:

*Cage Your Rage (CYR)

III. Parenting Education

*Helping Offenders Parent Effectively (HOPE)

IV. Reentry Preparation

*Successful Transition and Reentry Series (STARS)

V. Employment Stability

*Successful Employment and Lawful Living through Conflict Management (SEALL)

VI. Family Reunification

*Family Reintegration And Transition (FRAT)

SERVICES

*Assistance securing duplicate Social Security Cards, Birth Certificates & Motor Vehicle Commission Non-Driver Photo ID

*Supplemental Security Disability Income (SSDI/SSI)

*Food Stamp & TANF assistance

*Affordable Healthcare application assistance

*Veteran's Affairs assistance

*Comprehensive discharge planning services

*Notary Services

*Crisis Case management

OTHER PROGRAMS

*Title XX Mother child visitation program (EMCFW-only)

*Saving Our Sisters (SOS): domestic violence programming (EMCFW-only)

*Project Storybook (select facilities)