



Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Reentry Overview



Reentry Within the TDCJ

- The reentry process begins upon intake of an offender into the TDCJ.
- Offenders receive a variety of assessments: mental health, medical, substance abuse, educational and the Texas Risk Assessment System (TRAS) prison screening tool for offender risk that help to create an Individualized Treatment Plan (ITP) for the offender.
- The ITP serves as the programmatic guide during an offenders incarceration, identifying need areas and prioritizing offenders for program placement based on risk levels.
- Individual program placement is based on ITP priority; Board of Pardons and Paroles voting options may also require program completion prior to release.

Offender Institution-based Treatment Programs



- Substance Abuse Treatment programs*
 - Over 6,800 beds
- DWI offender program*
 - 568 beds
- State Jail Substance Abuse program
 - 1,200 beds
- Sex Offender Treatment program*
 - Nearly 1,500 beds

* Program placement typically based on parole approval requiring program completion

Offender Institution-based Treatment Programs



- College level vocational and academic courses
 - Partnerships with 10 colleges offering 26 vocational and 10 academic programs (334 degrees and 959 certificates issued during FY14)
- Over 21,000 active volunteers provide faith-based and substance abuse or other programming to offenders.
 - Faith-based dorms, alcoholics anonymous and other programs
- Windham School District programs – educational, vocational pre-release, and cognitive intervention.

Job Training and Certification



- Offenders assigned to many of TDCJ's industrial and work programs receive On-the Job Training (OJT) certificates.
 - Over 6,000 certificates awarded in FY14
 - Areas include: Welding, Auto Mechanics, Fabrication, Machine Operator and Braille
- Offenders who complete Windham and college vocational programs are placed into offender jobs that utilize their skills.



Pre-release Reentry Services

- 126 reentry case managers are assigned to TDCJ units
- Reentry case managers assist offenders with identification
 - Social Security cards and birth certificates are requested at intake or initial parole consideration.
 - State of Texas identification cards are ordered 60-90 days prior to release
- Reentry case managers assist offenders with resource referrals
 - Resource information on areas such as housing, substance abuse support, employment and other social support is provided based on offender need and release location.
- All certificates, identification documents and resource referral information is provided to offender in reentry packet given at release.

Continuity of Care and Benefit Assistance



- Case managers assist offenders with mental health or medical continuity of care needs and veterans by providing links to community service providers who can assist those needs.
 - Assist with benefits application assistance (Social Security Disability Income applications, Social Security Benefit applications, Medicare, Indigent Care).
 - Assist veteran offenders in obtaining military discharge verifications and work with the Texas Veterans Commission to assist the offender with processing request for pension or compensation benefits.

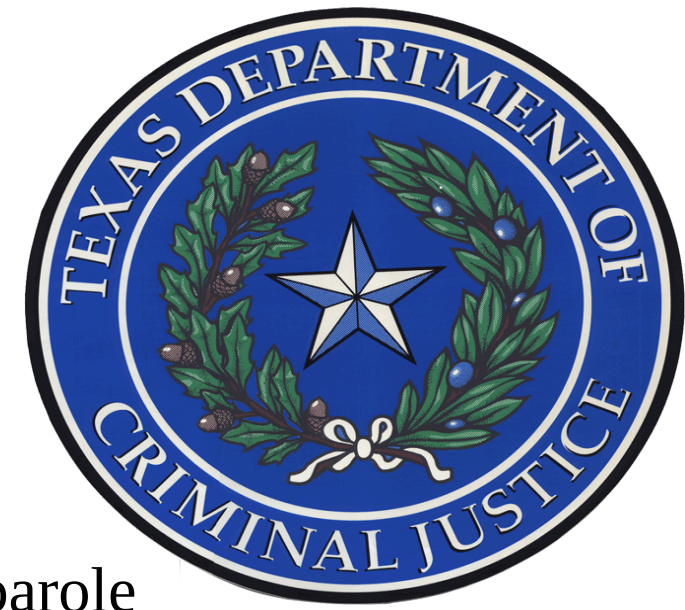
Reentry Plan and Assessment



Additional reentry services for moderate and high risk offenders

- Complete the more comprehensive TRAS Reentry assessment which identifies criminogenic risk and post release needs.
- Work with an offender on individualized reentry plan which identifies strategies for dealing with reentry barriers.
- Assessment and individualized reentry plan are given to parole supervision staff prior to offender release to assist with post release supervision.

Post-release Reentry



- 13 Community reentry case managers work within district parole reentry centers
 - Specialize in post release reentry services with a high concentration on employment and identifying community resources for offenders
 - Provide individual reentry assistance to offenders
- Parole officers provide post release supervision and utilize a variety of specialized caseloads to supervise offenders based on their individual risk and needs.