

Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry



**Overview of Georgia Prisoner Reentry Initiative (GA-PRI)
and
Transition Accountability Planning (TAP)**

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The mission on our office is to:

- ensure successful reentry
- reduce recidivism
- enhance public safety through collaboration among stakeholders
- assist in ensuring appropriate and responsible use of cost savings realized by justice reforms through reinvestment in evidence-based, community centered services

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The Executive Order further directed that we:

- Collaborate with council on Criminal Justice Reform, State Departments and Agencies, and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a robust and systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and to ensure the delivery of appropriate services to offenders reentering society.

Georgia Prisoner Reentry Initiative (GA-PRI)



**Creating safer neighborhoods
and better citizens**

Georgia Prisoner Reentry Initiative (GA-PRI)



Offers an Alternative Vision

- Barriers to housing and employment
- Lack of mental health & social services
- No strong network of positive support
- Criminological thinking



Why Do Returning Citizens Fail?

The **VISION** of the GA-PRI is every returning citizen released from prison will have the tools and support needed to succeed in the community.



GA-PRI Vision

The **MISSION** of the GA-PRI is to improve public safety by reducing crime through implementation of a seamless plan of services and supervision developed with each returning citizen - delivered through state and local collaboration- from the time of their entry into prison through their successful transition, reintegration, and aftercare in the community.



GA-PRI Mission



GOTSR
Statewide Framework
Collaborative
Existing Knowledge

A Statewide Plan
One Strategy - One Plan

2003 Reentry Policy Council Report



- Developed by National Reentry Policy Council
- 36 Policy Statements
- Recommendations to guide planning and development
- www.reentrypolicy.org

One Strategy - One Plan

Transition from Prison to Community(TPC)

Model

- Three phases and seven decision point model
- The model helps guide the improvement and expansion of existing policies



One Strategy - One Plan

Targets for Change & Evidence Based Principles that Guide Reentry Reforms

PHASE 1: GETTING READY

1. **ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION**
1.1: Development of Intake Procedures
2. **RETURNING CITIZEN BEHAVIOR AND PROGRAMMING**
2.1: Development of Programming Plan
2.2: Physical Health Care
2.3: Mental Health Care
2.4: Substance Abuse Treatment
2.5: Children & Family Support
2.6: Behaviors & Attitudes
2.7: Education
2.8: Technical Training
2.9: Work Experience

PHASE 2: GOING HOME

3. **RETURNING CITIZEN RELEASE PREPARATION**
3.1: Development of Parole & Reentry Plan (TAP2)
3.2: Housing
3.3: Continuity of Care Planning
3.4: Working with Potential Employers
3.5: Employment Upon Release
3.6: Identification and Benefits
3.7: Release Preparation for Families
3.8: Release Preparation for Victims
4. **RELEASE DECISION MAKING**
4.1: Advising the Releasing Authority
4.2: Release Decision

PHASE 3: STAYING HOME

5. **SUPERVISION AND SERVICES**
5.1: Design of Supervision & Treatment Strategy (TAP3)
5.2: Implementation of Supervision & Treatment Strategy
5.3: Maintaining Continuity of Care and Housing
5.4: Job Development and Supportive Employment
6. **REVOCAION DECISION MAKING**
6.1: Graduated Responses
7. **DISCHARGE AND AFTERCARE**
7.1: Development of Discharge and Aftercare Plan (TAP4)

The Evidence Based Principles of Effective Intervention

THE RISK PRINCIPLE: Focus supervision and treatment on the people most likely to commit crimes.

- Use objective, normed & validated assessment of the returning citizens risk to reoffend

THE NEED PRINCIPAL: Focus resources on the factors that change a person's likelihood to commit crime.

- Use targeted interventions that are proven to be effective
- Encourage & support the reduction of attitudes, values, and belief systems that support criminal behavior

THE RESPONSIVITY PRINCIPLE: Pay attention to how returning citizens learn & maximize their ability to acquire new attitudes.

- Identify, foster, support and re-inforce a motivation to change.

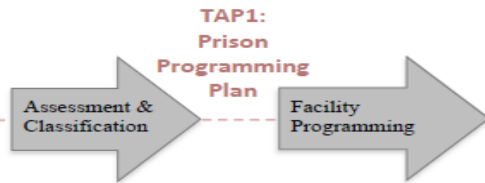
Priorities shown in red font

Transition Accountability Planning (TAP) Flowchart

NOTE: The various operational

PHASE 1: GETTING READY *The Institutional Phase*

Management Process
appropriate Targets for Change.



PHASE 2: GOING HOME *The Transitional Phase*

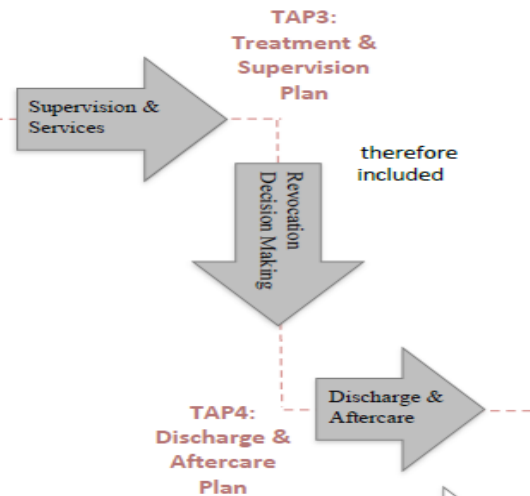


Transition Team Meetings:
Attended by transitional planners, probation/
parole reps, service providers, returning citizen,
and his/her family

expectations for the TAP and Case

PHASE 3: STAYING HOME *The Community Phase*

are embedded in the
Activities to implement these Targets are



Transitional Planners: Work with returning citizens while they are incarcerated preparing them for release and continue to work as partners with probation and parole for as long as one year after release.

Overarching Paradigm #2: Evidence Based Practices

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Administration, Management and Support

Advisory Council
Key Stakeholders

Steering Team

Representatives of Services for:

- Employment
- Vocational Training and Education
- Housing
- Healthcare
- Mental Health
- Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services
- Family and Child Welfare Services

Representatives of:

- Legal Services
- District Attorney
- US Attorney/ Federal Probation
- Law Enforcement
- Community-based Organizations
- Faith-based Organizations
- Victim Advocates
- Successful Returning Citizens
- Local Jail

Co-Chairs

Phase One; Getting Ready

- Supt. from local Transition Center

Phase Two; Going Home

- Chief Parole Officer
- Chief Probation Officer

Phase Three; Staying Home

- Community Partner, Presiding

**Community
Coordinator**

Prison In Reach

**Transition
Team**

Key Service Providers

One Strategy - One Plan



- Statewide Recidivism Reduction (SRR)
- JRI III - Maximizing State Gains
- Smart Supervision
- Justice Information Sharing (JIS)

Statewide Recidivism Reduction



\$3 Million

- 5 Community Coordinators
- RPH Position for Returning Citizens on Probation
- EBP Learning Site Prison
 - Four certified counselor positions
 - Enhanced Supervision Training for staff
- Graduated Sanctions/Incentives development for DCS
- Quality Assurance Protocol Developer
- Comprehensive Evaluation

Maximizing State Gains - JRI III



\$1.75 Million

- 7 Prison In-Reach Specialists
- Training for Community Coordinators/Steering Teams
- Grant Implementation Specialist
- Comprehensive Evaluation

Smart Supervision



\$750,000

- Train 710 Supervision Staff, supervisors, community partners in enhanced supervision
- Train 20 officers to become trainers
- Hire 2 full time Master Trainers
- Provide body cameras to be used for training
- Comprehensive Evaluation

Justice Information Sharing (JIS)



\$500,000

- Pilot project in Albany
- Data sharing between agencies and community providers
- Develop platform for implementing statewide
- Provide body cameras to be used for training
- Comprehensive Evaluation



Questions?

- For your time today
- For your support
- For your questions



Thank You!