

## Preparation

### Prepare for the upcoming transfer.

Understand that the first few hours following a transfer are just a small component of the process known as “graduated reentry.”

### If possible, be there physically when the individual transfers.

Let them know they are not alone in the community. Do this even if the plan is to stay elsewhere.

### Get involved with their personal transition plan/ know the details and the goals they want to achieve.

This plan will provide direction and support a healthy and productive transfer to the community.

### Be realistic about the transfer.

Like any change, it takes time to rebuild and create a new normal.

### Life happens.

The first few weeks are an adjustment period for all and challenges can arise. Adaptability is key.

### Support.

The transition process is complex and any way that you can encourage and build on the individuals strengths creates a positive outlook.

### Accessing local Resources.

Find out if there are services for the individual to take advantage of in your community that support a health reentry.

**Thank you for partnering with GRE to build strong communities.**

## Contact Information

There are seven community corrections officers and three transition specialists across the state dedicated to serve the graduated reentry population.

The unit also has an assigned community corrections specialist and supervisor whose role is to identify those individuals for graduated reentry.

*"America is the land of the second chance - and when the gates of the prison open, the path ahead should lead to a better life."*

~ George W. Bush

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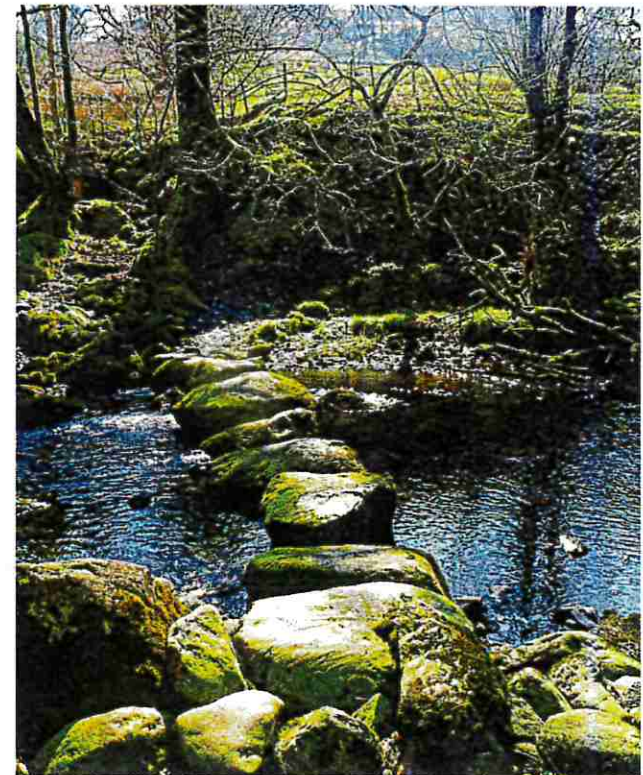
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# Graduated Reentry

## Families, Sponsors, and Stakeholders





## What is Graduated Reentry?

In 2018 the Washington State Legislature approved SSB 2638 Graduated Reentry. This legislation allows incarcerated individuals an opportunity to serve an expanded portion of their sentence in work release (up to 12 months) and in the community on electronic monitoring (up to six months).

Successful reentry relies on positive support systems such as family, employment, education, and targeted treatment in order to reduce the likelihood of returning to prison

The intent of Graduated Reentry is to improve public safety by targeting interventions and programs for incarcerated individuals' successful transition into the community.

There are two ways someone can be placed on electronic monitoring:

- Expansion of work release to twelve months with up to the last six months being served in the community on electronic monitoring.
- Transfer to electronic monitoring up to the last six months of their prison sentence.
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In either track, the incarcerated individual **MUST** have served a minimum of 12 months confinement in a state correctional facility.

## Eligibility

Some of the requirements that must be met in order to be eligible include:

- Must have served at least 12 months total confinement in a Washington State correctional or contracted facility. (jail time does not count towards the one year confinement).
- Must participate in education, the department's risk assessment tool, employment, or programming based on an individual's identified needs.
- A residence must be approved by the Department of Corrections prior to the incarcerated individuals transfer to EHM.

## Principles

Graduated Reentry practices innovative and effective strategies with individuals so they can sustain community living.

- Graduated Reentry provides opportunity to build skills needed to reenter communities.
- Graduated Reentry values treating all persons with compassion, dignity and respect.

## FAQ

### **What is the Cost for Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) to the individual?**

DOC will cover the cost of EHM, however there must be an independent phone line in the residence.

### **How to we check the status on an individuals?**

You may reach out to the DOC website [doc.wa.gov](http://doc.wa.gov) and check the GRE webpage or can reach out to the GRE e-mail for specific questions [docgraduatedreentry@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:docgraduatedreentry@doc1.wa.gov).

### **Do they need housing before applying?**

Individuals are eligible for rental vouchers for a period to not exceed 6 months if an approved residence cannot be found without assistance of a voucher.

### **What does the screening process look like?**

GRE receive a list of individuals based on the screening criteria.

### **Can GRE participants spend 12 months at work release?**

The goal is for participants to complete 6 months of WR and 6 of EHM, although this could be different depending on each case.

### **What if the sponsor/person in the house they live with drinks or smokes pot?**

The residence would not be approved, or if it occurs after the residence is approved and the individual has been transferred, the Transition Specialist would then assist the individual in finding a new residence. If there is no other options the individual may be transferred back to prison to complete the remainder of their sentence.

### **Can an individual be sent back to prison?**

Yes. If they are not in compliance with their required conditions.