

Reentry Community Services Program (RCSP)

Background

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, exiting a Department of Corrections (DOC) facility. Individuals with a diagnosed mental disorder and who have been identified by DOC as high risk are eligible for the program. The program is completely voluntary, and the participant can start and stop their services over a period of 8 years as needed.

More about this program

The Health Care Authority (HCA) 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 program participants.

RCSP services include non-Medicaid covered pre- and post-release services to include 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.

Funding

Each year RCSP utilizes 2.3 million dollars, which is provided to community behavioral health providers or a protective payee for services provided. Funding is determined by several criteria which includes participant income, time in program, and need based. Rates typically range from \$1,000-\$1500 a month, depending on the participant and

agency needs. RCSP participants never receive any direct funding from this program.

Oversight

DBHR establishes the RCSP contracts and monitors those contracts monthly with quality reviews, biannual site visits, and development of policies and procedures for compliance with RCW 71.24.470.

RCSP is a collaboration between HCA and DOC. RCSP has many interagency and community partners, which include Federally Recognized Indian Tribes, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), community behavioral health agencies, law enforcement, prosecutors, and county public defenders.

Number of Individuals Served

1830 individuals have been designated **into the program** since 2000.

FY19: 66 FY20: 129 FY21: 108 FY22: 117 FY23: 126

On average, there are 300 participants actively engaged in services every month.

Who is served by the program

For individuals to be considered for the RCSP program, they must be incarcerated in the state of Washington. The DOC determines if the individuals meet the criteria of having a major mental disorder which significantly impacts functioning and are considered to be a high risk to themselves or the public. If they meet the basic requirements, they are brought before a diverse committee who reviews their case file to determine if they meet criteria under RCW 72.09.370 to be designated into the program.

For more information

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