Juvenile Rehabilitation Community Aftercare with Parole

A young person's future success depends on ongoing access to opportunity, work connections, school, treatment, and family.

Community Aftercare with Parole occurs through a relational and strengths-focused model that recognizes the vital role of family and natural supports in helping young people reenter their communities, participate in pro-social activities, and reduce the likelihood of re-offending.

Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) Community Aftercare with Parole is an important step in successful reentry for the young people who qualify for this service, which is approximately 50% of individuals who release from residential care. Using the skills they learn in residence, young people transitioning back into their communities are provided therapeutic staff support and meaningful navigation while participating in needed community-based treatment services, reentry programs, and close monitoring.

Therapeutic interventions are designed to increase skill use, promote positive choices, and minimize risky activities. This approach is grounded in risk, needs, and responsivity principles using a cognitive behavioral therapy model called Functional Family Parole. Community Aftercare counselors have a caseload of up to 20 young people and their families, where family is defined as those who they rely on for support. They work primarily in the young person's home with their family and natural supports to increase motivation for active participation in work, education, treatment, family counseling, and other community services that match their needs and goals.

Community Aftercare counselors collaborate with residential counselors to work with young people in residential care as they prepare for release with or without the hands-on support of Community Aftercare with Parole.

Young people qualify for Community Aftercare with Parole if:

- They are in the top 25% of the highest risk population, OR
- They have been adjudicated of certain offenses, including sexual offenses, firearm offenses, auto theft offenses, or those from other states through the Interstate Compact

In Fiscal Year 2024 (FY2024), 144 (44%) young people releasing from residential confinement were eligible for Community Aftercare with Parole. The table below indicates the types of Community Aftercare with Parole from FY2024.



Parole Types for Clients Released from Residential Obligations During SFY2024 (N=144)



Helping young people successfully navigate reentry is a wise investment in their futures and a good use of state resources. The Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP, August 2019) examined the cost benefit ratio of JR's Parole Aftercare model, Functional Family Parole (FFP), and noted a savings of \$4.52 for every dollar spent with a 74% guaranteed return on investment.

JR maintains its commitment to providing as many tools and resources available to help guide, nurture, and assist young people as they reenter their communities and work towards building a positive future.

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