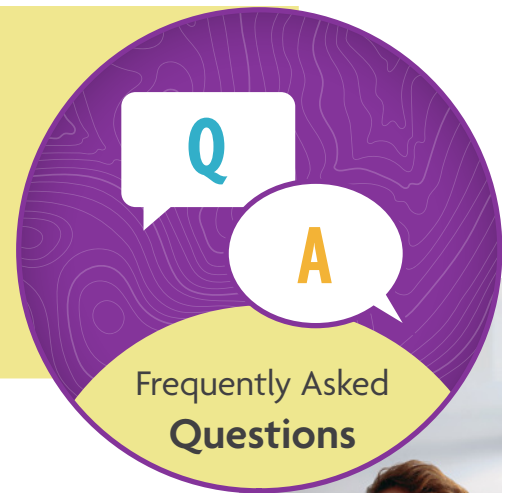


Community Support for All Youth

This document is intended to provide answers to some of the frequently asked questions of **families** with young people releasing from Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR).

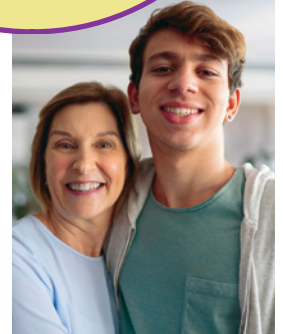


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WHAT IS COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR ALL YOUTH?

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Community Support for All Youth (CSAY) is the overarching framework and philosophy that all young people may be offered community-based supports by the JR regions. CSAY addresses the unique needs of young people by utilizing community-based services to assist with successful transition from residential programs back to their home communities..

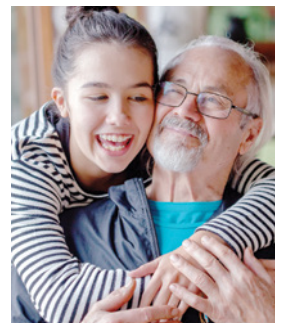


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WHO CAN RECEIVE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES?

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Community-based services may be offered to young people releasing to the community or transferring to a lesser restrictive placement. These services are available through Community Aftercare with Parole, Community Assisted Reentry, community facilities, and Community Transition Services. Young people releasing to supervision by county probation, the Department of Corrections (DOC), or moving out of state may not be eligible for all CSAY programs and services.

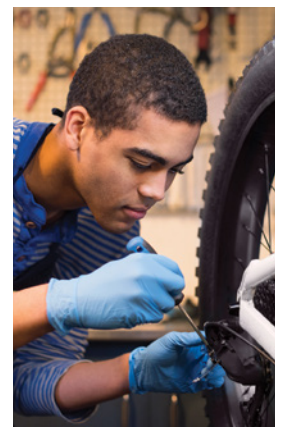


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WHAT IS COMMUNITY AFTERCARE WITH PAROLE?

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Community Aftercare with Parole focuses on relationship building using a model that recognizes the important role of family and natural supports in helping young people reenter their communities. This service is a key step in successful community reentry for the young people who qualify. For more information on, go to <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=13.40.210> and see the Parole Aftercare Legislative Fact Sheet (JR_0025) https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/JR_0025.



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WHAT IS COMMUNITY ASSISTED REENTRY (CAR)?

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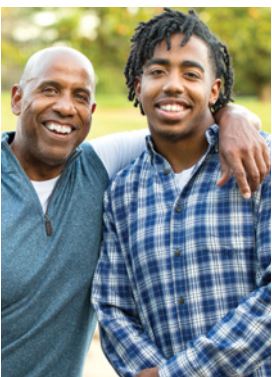
Community Assisted Reentry (CAR) connects young people to community-based supports to support successful transition back home. CAR eligibility is limited to those young people who do not have an obligation to Community Aftercare with Parole, are not on county probation or Department of Corrections (DOC) supervision, and are not moving out of state. Participation in CAR services is voluntary and available for up to 12 months post-release from a JR residential sentence.

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WHAT IS COMMUNITY FACILITY (CF) PLACEMENT?

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JR has eight minimum security community facilities that provide a step-down opportunity for young people to engage in an array of learning, growth, employment, and reentry activities in a community setting, guided by staff support, prior to their release to the community. While in residence at the community facility, young people may be offered the opportunity to take advantage of CSAY services. For more information about these facilities, go to www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/juvenile-rehabilitation/residential-facilities.

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COMMUNITY TRANSITION SERVICES (CTS)?

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CTS provides a least restrictive step-down option to residential confinement for eligible JR young people by offering therapeutic supports and connections to services along with electronic monitoring in the community while completing their legal sentence obligation. Those young people participating in CTS will be required to participate in community-based services. Read *Community Transition Services* (JR_0038) available online at www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/JR_0038 for more information.

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AS A FAMILY MEMBER OR NATURAL SUPPORT, HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY REENTRY PROCESS?

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Family involvement is critical to a young person's success throughout their stay in JR and reentry back into their community. We want to create a partnership with you to support your young person's needs and goals. As a key contributor to your young person's journey through residential care, we look to you as an expert on your family, and for your help in the reentry planning process.

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WILL I BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MY LOVED ONE'S PARTICIPATION IN SERVICES?

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The services provided to each young person by JR will be at no cost to the young person or their family.

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WHAT TYPES OF SERVICES MAY BE OFFERED?

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- Housing support
- Behavioral, physical, and mental health
- Independent living skills
- Employment/vocation
- Education
- Mentorship
- Family support
- Wellness/peer support
- Legal advocacy
- Safety/violence prevention
- Community connections
- Other supports that will assist with the goal of a successful reentry and transition back to their community



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HOW WILL IT BE DETERMINED WHAT SERVICES JR MAY PROVIDE TO ASSIST WITH MY YOUNG PERSON'S SPECIFIC NEEDS?

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Services will be determined by each young person's most recent risk assessment and Future Plan while in residence. Regional staff will use the outcomes of that assessment and Future Plan to seek services to meet their highest needs, with the primary focus being stabilization. Additional needs will be based on time, resources, and self reporting, should a young person's situation change.



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HOW WILL MY LOVED ONE KNOW COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM?

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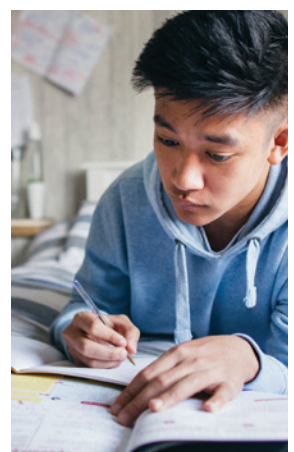
Young people will be made aware of available community-based services during their initial and release Future Planning Meetings (FPMs) and throughout their residential stay.



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HOW LONG WILL COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES BE PROVIDED?

- **Community Aftercare with Parole:** Eligible during the time young people are completing their designated Community Aftercare with Parole obligation which can range from six to 36 months.
- **Community Assisted Reentry (CAR):** Eligible to receive needed supports for up to 12 months from the date they are released from their residential sentence.
- **Community Facility (CF):** Eligible while residing in a community facility.
- **Community Transition Services (CTS):** Eligible during the time they are participating in the CTS program which could be up to the last 18 months of their residential sentence.



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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR MY LOVED ONE'S PARTICIPATION IN CSAY?

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Those who receive community-based services are more likely to attend school, go to work, and reduce the chances of reoffending. Read the Pathways to Desistance Report for more information at www.pathwaysstudy.pitt.edu/documents/OJJDP_Fact_Sheet_Pathways.pdf.

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HOW WILL CSAY'S COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES ALIGN WITH DCYF'S EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOCUS?

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JR will prioritize the identification and development of effective and accessible community-based services that reflect the young people being served related to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression. This prioritization will create an opportunity to provide the right services to the right young person in a way that matches their needs and goals.

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WILL MY LOVED ONE HAVE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WHILE RECEIVING COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES?

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Young people residing in CFs and engaged in community-based services will be under the supervision of the facility. Those serving a Community Aftercare with Parole obligation or participating in CTS will be supervised by the regional offices while receiving community-based services. Young people releasing to the community under CAR will not have community supervision, however the services provided will be tracked and monitored. All community-based services offered to young people will be coordinated by the JR regional offices.

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WHAT HAPPENS IF MY LOVED ONE DECIDES TO NO LONGER PARTICIPATE IN CSAY?

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Young people serving a portion of their sentence at a CF will need to address any concerns with their residential counselor. Those young people serving a Community Aftercare with Parole obligation or participating in CTS, will be required to participate in community-based services. A young person's participation in CAR is voluntary so they would connect with the JR regional office to inform the staff of their desire to not participate.

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WHAT IF MY LOVED ONE SEEKS SERVICES FROM A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDER AFTER THEIR SERVICE ELIGIBILITY HAS ENDED?

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If a young person needs assistance beyond their specific service period, the JR regional office will assist the young person with contact information to community-based services that may be able to meet their needs. Due to the service period ending, JR will not provide any more financial support.

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WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION OR WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

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