

How Can Reentry Providers Improve a Candidate's Chances of Getting Parole?

- Did you know that one of the things the Maryland Parole Commission considers when deciding whether to grant someone early release is the adequacy of the home plan?
- Did you know that PREPARE is providing reentry planning support to parole candidates 6 months ahead of their parole hearings? The bold innovation of PREPARE's work is recognizing that reentry planning can't be left until an incarcerated person is just months from their release date. This has traditionally been the case with reentry planning.
- PREPARE recognizes the "chicken and egg" problem that a candidate won't be granted parole without a robust reentry plan. So, reentry planning needs to happen long before release is an option for them.

As a service provider, you can be part of this solution!

ABOUT PREPARE

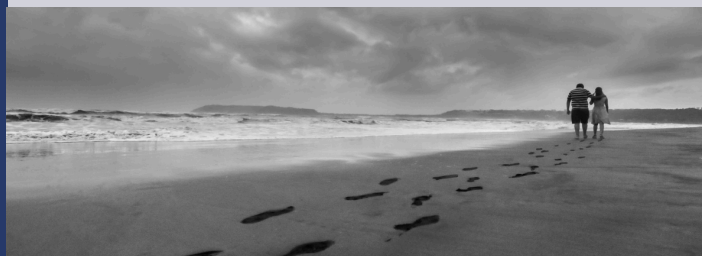
PREPARE: Prepare for Parole and Reentry is a Maryland-based not-for-profit with a mission of empowering people to make their best case for parole and develop strong reentry plans. Our program began in the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women (MCI-W) in 2021. It grew out of the work of Maryjoel Davis, and her organization Second Chance for Women, as well as the work that was already being done by the women in the institution to help themselves and others.

If you are a Reentry Provider interested in partnering with PREPARE, we would love to hear from you. Please contact: reentry@prepare-parole.org.

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A Guide to Parole and Reentry Partnerships



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WHAT DOES PARTNERING LOOK LIKE FOR THE REENTRY PROVIDER?

Our clients complete a reentry needs assessment that PREPARE reentry specialists use to identify suitable reentry providers. Our specialists reach out to those providers and assist with the application process. Where required, they liaise with the institution where the person is incarcerated in order to arrange interviews.

Once a client has been found eligible for your program, our team will request a confirmation letter to go into the client's parole packet. Additionally, there is often an opportunity for a representative from the reentry provider to speak with one of Maryland's ten parole commissioners to explain the support and services the client will receive once they are released.

After the client's parole hearing, our reentry specialists will inform the reentry provider of the outcome. We will continue to communicate any updates or changes to the provider.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FOR REENTRY PROVIDERS IN SUPPORTING PAROLE CANDIDATES?

The biggest challenge is timing. Parole is unpredictable. There is no guarantee that an individual will be granted parole, BUT, we can say that having a strong reentry plan will improve their chances.

From a reentry provider's perspective, this means that they may be engaging with a client long before the actual release date. We acknowledge this can make planning difficult. We will keep reentry providers up to date on a client's progress through the system.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SUPPORTING PAROLE CANDIDATES?

- Identifying suitable candidates for your program;
- Connecting with candidates in a timely manner;
- Increasing the chances that the person will be granted parole;
- Giving people hope and inspiration through an awareness of the great programs waiting to welcome them home, and to help them succeed.



PREPARE believes that the parole system in Maryland holds great untapped potential for decarceration.

Please consider partnering with PREPARE to ensure Marylanders go to their parole hearings ready to present a reentry plan that is a realistic alternative to continued incarceration.