Transitional Housing for Offender Re-Entry (THOR)

and

Re-Entry Partnership Housing (RPH)

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THOR DIRECTORY

- ❖ THOR Transitional Housing for Offender Re-Entry
- Directory of transitional housing in GA used by Parole, Probation, and Department of Corrections
- All programs must go through an application process and pass regular inspections by Parole



THOR DIRECTORY

3 facility types:

- Structured Housing Only required to provide housing. May or may not provide additional services
- Standard Recovery Residence Provides 1 or more hours per week of substance abuse services
- Intensive Recovery Residence 5 or more hours per week of substance abuse counseling





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November 7, 2014

Atlanta, GA- Eight new state parole officers graduated the eight week basic training course today, Friday, November 7, 2014. The graduation ceremony was held at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth.

Read More

Sex Offenders on Parole are prohibited from Halloween Activities

October 30, 2014

Atlanta, GA - Sex offenders under parole supervision in Georgia again this year will be subjected to increased supervision and they won't be allowed to participate in Halloween related events.



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Transitional Housing For Offender Reentry Directory

The State Board of Pardons and Paroles welcomes you to the Transitional Housing for Offender Reentry (THOR) Directory, an on-line directory of community-based housing for persons releasing from prison or on probation or parole. The sites contained herein have met the State Board of Pardons and Paroles' standards regarding safety, communication with agency staff, programming, employment, and other factors.

Are you aware that the Transitional Housing for Offender Reentry (THOR) Directory is accessible now to anyone with internet access and Internet Explorer? Neither a user ID nor a password is needed - click on "Facility Search below (Authorized User)" then click on "Log in as a Guest."

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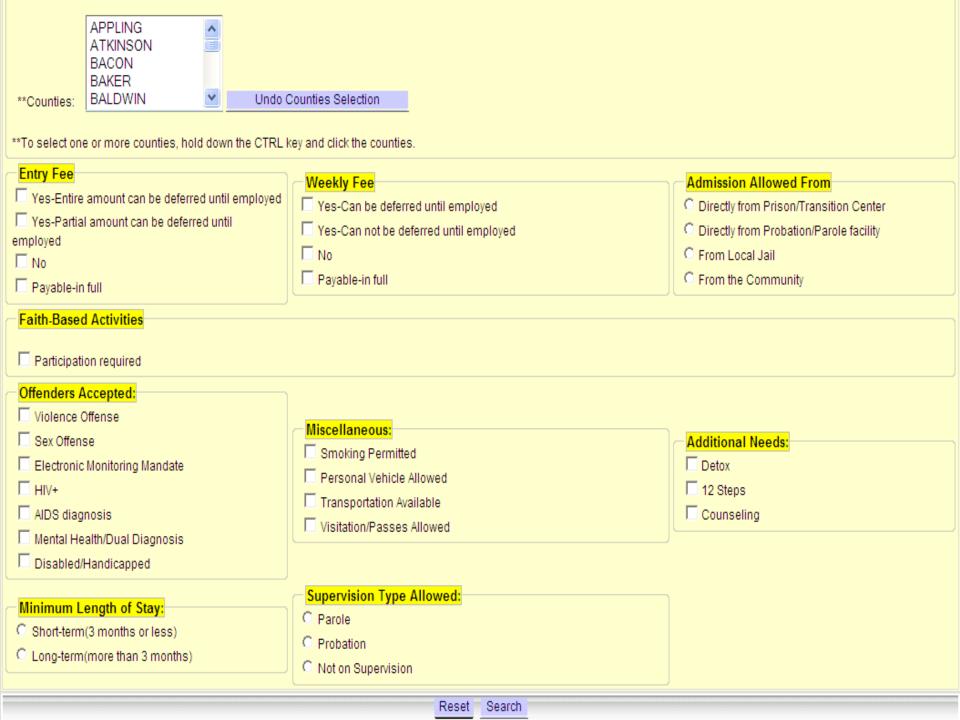
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RE-ENTRY PARTNERSHIP HOUSING

- Collaboration between Pardons & Parole, Department of Corrections, and the Department of Community Affairs
- Works with a network of 28 pre-approved housing providers throughout Georgia
- Provides housing assistance to Problem Residence Inmates



WHO ARE PROBLEM RESIDENCE INMATES?

- Inmates who have reached their Tentative Parole Month (TPM) but do not have a valid residence
- Must have a clean disciplinary record, no pending charges, and no severe mental health issues
- Inmates are offered housing under the RPH program, which pays \$600 per months for their first three months' rent and food

RE-ENTRY PARTNERSHIP HOUSING

- Allows inmates who would otherwise max out their sentences to be released
- Frees up beds for Department of Corrections, allows halfway houses to receive compensation, and saves the state money in supervision costs
- Cost per day to supervise a parolee: \$4.32
- Cost per day to house an inmate: \$51.19



RE-ENTRY PARTNERSHIP HOUSING

- ❖ From FY2011 FY2014, RPH has saved the state \$30.6 million in supervision costs
- RPH only pays for housing and food
- Housing providers can be faith-based or secular. Faith-based activities/services must be optional for RPH placements



RE-ENTRY PARTNERSHIP HOUSING & MENTAL HEALTH

- ❖ For inmates with moderate mental illnesses (Mental Health level 3), RPH pays \$675 per month for 4 months
- ❖ \$675 = the approximate amount of an SSI check
- ❖ Average amount of time for disability benefits to be secured in GA = 118 days



LIMITATIONS

- * Registrable sex offenders are not eligible for funding
 - Most housing providers will not accept them
 - Providers who would otherwise accept them cannot due to 1000-foot restrictions
 - Creates a public safety issue if the parolee cannot find employment within 90 days and has no other support
- Mental health level 4 and above are not eligible, as they need highly specialized care, not just housing and food



LIMITATIONS

- Probationers are not eligible
- Max-outs (those without any parole or probation supervision upon release) are not eligible
- ❖ RPH was originally created to save the state in prison supervision costs, which would not apply to probationers or max-outs



APPLICATIONS

- The Parole Board is not currently accepting applications for RPH providers, but this should change by the end of 2014
- Housing requirements are based off of THOR standards
- ❖ Information on the application process is available at http://pap.georgia.gov/reentry-partnership-housing-rph -- the site will be updated when we begin accepting applications again. The site has downloads for the RPH Guidelines and application forms.



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