

Transitional Housing for Offender Re-Entry (THOR)  
Directory  
and  
Re-Entry Partnership Housing  
(RPH)

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# RE-ENTRY PARTNERSHIP HOUSING

- ❖ Collaboration between the Department of Community Supervision 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 month 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 became eligible as of July 1, 2015
- ❖ Max-outs (those without any parole or probation supervision upon release) are not eligible

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# HOW DO I APPLY?

- ❖ We are currently accepting applications on a case-by-case basis.
- ❖ Information on the application process is available at <http://pap.georgia.gov/reentry-partnership-housing-rph> – applications are accepted on a case-by-case basis. The site has downloads for the RPH Guidelines and application forms.

# HOW DO I APPLY?

- ❖ Applications are first reviewed by the Department of Community Supervision and then sent to DCA for approval
- ❖ Once DCA approves, a site visit is scheduled
- ❖ Once the physical inspection is passed, the housing provider signs a contract and is then able to receive placements through the RPH program

# HOW DO I RECEIVE PLACEMENTS?

- ❖ The RPH staff will maintain constant communication with you regarding vacancies
- ❖ When an inmate is placed with you, you will be notified via e-mail one week prior. You will be expected to pick up the individual at the bus station
- ❖ RPH staff may also contact you regarding individuals who have already been released from prison

# HOW DO I PROVIDE MEALS TO RPH PLACEMENTS?

- ❖ Provide \$50 per week to each individual and allowing them to do their own shopping, OR
- ❖ Providing groceries and allowing them to prepare their own meals, OR
- ❖ Providing two meals per day

# ARE INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED TO STAY FOR THE FULL 90 DAYS?

No.

If an individual's supervision officer approves, they may move out before the 90 days are complete.

# WHAT DO I DO IF AN RPH PLACEMENT BREAKS THE RULES OF MY PROGRAM?

- ❖ If it is an emergency, call the police
- ❖ You may ask an RPH placement to leave your program if they don't abide by the rules. Make sure to notify his or her supervision officer



# WHAT HAPPENS AFTER 90 DAYS?

- ❖ You can allow the option for an individual to continue to stay with you and pay rent
- ❖ You are not obligated to house someone past 90 days
- ❖ Their supervision officers should provide assistance with obtaining housing once the 90 days are over

# HOW WILL I BE COMPENSATED?

- ❖ Once you have received a placement, you will notify RPH staff and an invoice will be sent to you to sign and return to us
- ❖ Signed invoices are sent to DCA to processing
- ❖ DCA has up to one month to process the invoices

# HOW WILL I BE COMPENSATED?

- ❖ If an individual's release is cancelled, housing providers are compensated \$300.
- ❖ If an individual is released but is a no-show at the bus station, housing providers are compensated \$600.

# CAN THE RPH PROGRAM GUARANTEE THAT ALL OF MY BEDS ARE KEPT FULL?

No.

RPH does not guarantee any number of placements to any housing provider.

# DO I HAVE TO USE ALL OF THE BEDS IN MY FACILITY FOR RPH?

No.

You can use as many or as few beds as you wish for RPH purposes.

# WHAT REQUIREMENTS DOES MY FACILITY NEED TO MEET?

Requirements for housing providers are outlined in the RPH Guidelines, which you can download from our website. Go to:

<http://pap.georgia.gov/reentry-partnership-housing-rph>

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