

# **Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry**



**Overview of Georgia Prisoner Reentry Initiative (GA-PRI)  
and  
Transition Accountability Planning (TAP)**

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The mission on our office is to:

- ensure successful reentry
- reduce recidivism
- enhance public safety through collaboration among stakeholders
- assist in ensuring appropriate and responsible use of cost savings realized by justice reforms through reinvestment in evidence-based, community centered services

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The Executive Order further directed that we:

- Collaborate with council on Criminal Justice Reform, State Departments and Agencies, and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a robust and systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and to ensure the delivery of appropriate services to offenders reentering society.

# Georgia Prisoner Reentry Initiative (GA-PRI)



**Creating safer neighborhoods  
and better citizens**

# Georgia Prisoner Reentry Initiative (GA-PRI)



**Offers an Alternative Vision**

- Barriers to housing and employment
- Lack of mental health & social services
- No strong network of positive support
- Criminological thinking



## Why Do Returning Citizens Fail?



The **VISION** of the GA-PRI is every returning citizen released from prison will have the tools and support needed to succeed in the community.



# GA-PRI Vision

The **MISSION** of the GA-PRI is to improve public safety by reducing crime through implementation of a seamless plan of services and supervision developed with each returning citizen - delivered through state and local collaboration- from the time of their entry into prison through their successful transition, reintegration, and aftercare in the community.



# GA-PRI Mission



**GOTSR**  
**Statewide Framework**  
**Collaborative**  
**Existing Knowledge**

**A Statewide Plan**  
**One Strategy - One Plan**

# 2003 Reentry Policy Council Report



- Developed by National Reentry Policy Council
- 36 Policy Statements
- Recommendations to guide planning and development
- [www.reentrypolicy.org](http://www.reentrypolicy.org)

## **One Strategy - One Plan**

# Transition from Prison to Community(TPC)

## Model

- Three phases and seven decision point model
- The model helps guide the improvement and expansion of existing policies



# One Strategy - One Plan

## Targets for Change & Evidence Based Principles that Guide Reentry Reforms

### PHASE 1: GETTING READY

1. **ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION**  
*1.1: Development of Intake Procedures*
2. **RETURNING CITIZEN BEHAVIOR AND PROGRAMMING**  
*2.1: Development of Programming Plan*  
*2.2: Physical Health Care*  
*2.3: Mental Health Care*  
*2.4: Substance Abuse Treatment*  
*2.5: Children & Family Support*  
*2.6: Behaviors & Attitudes*  
*2.7: Education*  
*2.8: Technical Training*  
*2.9: Work Experience*

### PHASE 2: GOING HOME

3. **RETURNING CITIZEN RELEASE PREPARATION**  
*3.1: Development of Parole & Reentry Plan (TAP2)*  
*3.2: Housing*  
*3.3: Continuity of Care Planning*  
*3.4: Working with Potential Employers*  
*3.5: Employment Upon Release*  
*3.6: Identification and Benefits*  
*3.7: Release Preparation for Families*  
*3.8: Release Preparation for Victims*
4. **RELEASE DECISION MAKING**  
*4.1: Advising the Releasing Authority*  
*4.2: Release Decision*

### PHASE 3: STAYING HOME

5. **SUPERVISION AND SERVICES**  
*5.1: Design of Supervision & Treatment Strategy (TAP3)*  
*5.2: Implementation of Supervision & Treatment Strategy*  
*5.3: Maintaining Continuity of Care and Housing*  
*5.4: Job Development and Supportive Employment*
6. **REVOCAION DECISION MAKING**  
*6.1: Graduated Responses*
7. **DISCHARGE AND AFTERCARE**  
*7.1: Development of Discharge and Aftercare Plan (TAP4)*

#### The Evidence Based Principles of Effective Intervention

**THE RISK PRINCIPLE:** Focus supervision and treatment on the people most likely to commit crimes.

- Use objective, normed & validated assessment of the returning citizens risk to reoffend

**THE NEED PRINCIPAL:** Focus resources on the factors that change a person's likelihood to commit crime.

- Use targeted interventions that are proven to be effective
- Encourage & support the reduction of attitudes, values, and belief systems that support criminal behavior

**THE RESPONSIVITY PRINCIPLE:** Pay attention to how returning citizens learn & maximize their ability to acquire new attitudes.

- Identify, foster, support and reinforce a motivation to change.

Priorities shown in red font

## Transition Accountability Planning (TAP) Flowchart

NOTE: The various operational

expectations for the TAP and Case

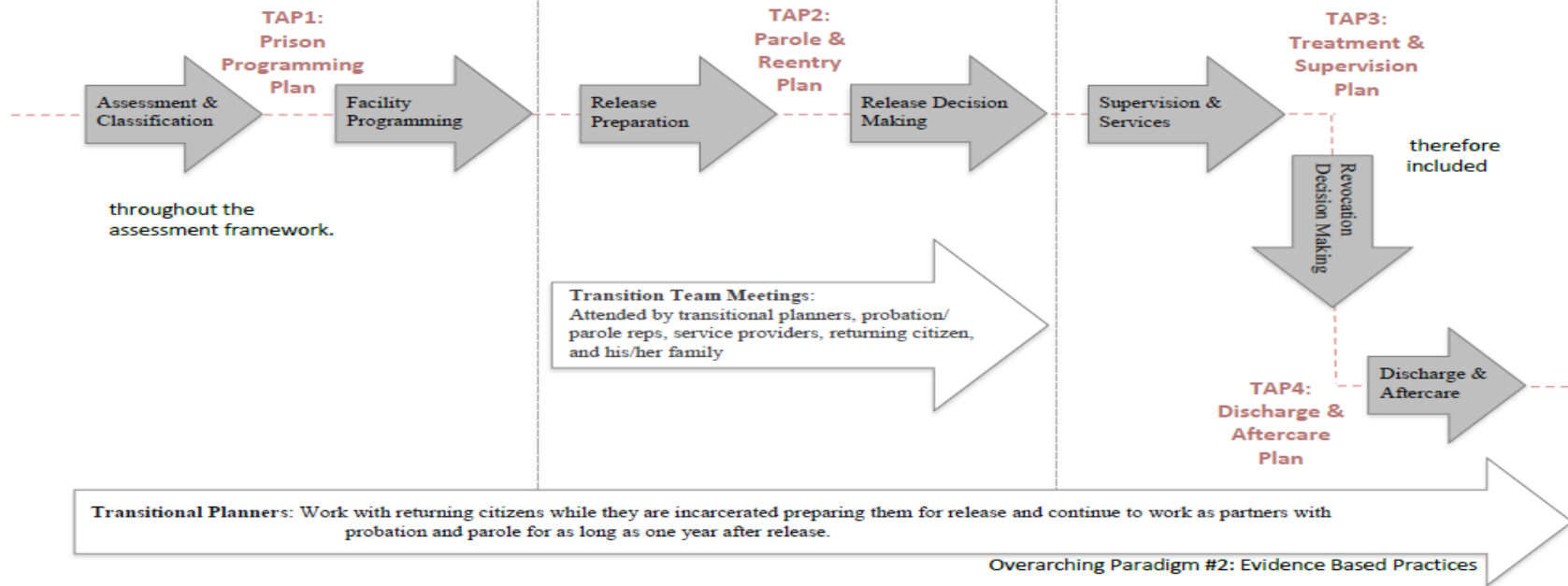
### PHASE 1: GETTING READY *The Institutional Phase*

### PHASE 2: GOING HOME *The Transitional Phase*

### PHASE 3: STAYING HOME *The Community Phase*

Management Process  
appropriate Targets for Change.

are embedded in the  
Activities to implement these Targets are



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**Administration, Management and Support**

**Advisory Council**  
**Key Stakeholders**

**Steering Team**

**Representatives of Services for:**

- Employment
- Vocational Training and Education
- Housing
- Healthcare
- Mental Health
- Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services
- Family and Child Welfare Services

**Representatives of:**

- Legal Services
- District Attorney
- US Attorney/ Federal Probation
- Law Enforcement
- Community-based Organizations
- Faith-based Organizations
- Victim Advocates
- Successful Returning Citizens
- Local Jail

**Co-Chairs**

**Phase One; Getting Ready**

- Supt. from local Transition Center

**Phase Two; Going Home**

- Chief Parole Officer
- Chief Probation Officer

**Phase Three; Staying Home**

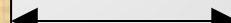
- Community Partner, Presiding

**Community  
Coordinator**

**Prison In Reach**

**Transition  
Team**

**Key Service Providers**





# One Strategy - One Plan



- Statewide Recidivism Reduction (SRR)
- JRI III - Maximizing State Gains
- Smart Supervision
- Justice Information Sharing (JIS)

# Statewide Recidivism Reduction



\$3 Million

- 5 Community Coordinators
- RPH Position for Returning Citizens on Probation
- EBP Learning Site Prison
  - Four certified counselor positions
  - Enhanced Supervision Training for staff
- Graduated Sanctions/Incentives development for DCS
- Quality Assurance Protocol Developer
- Comprehensive Evaluation

# Maximizing State Gains - JRI III



\$1.75 Million

- 7 Prison In-Reach Specialists
- Training for Community Coordinators/Steering Teams
- Grant Implementation Specialist
- Comprehensive Evaluation

# Smart Supervision



\$750,000

- Train 710 Supervision Staff, supervisors, community partners in enhanced supervision
- Train 20 officers to become trainers
- Hire 2 full time Master Trainers
- Provide body cameras to be used for training
- Comprehensive Evaluation

# Justice Information Sharing (JIS)



\$500,000

- Pilot project in Albany
- Data sharing between agencies and community providers
- Develop platform for implementing statewide
- Provide body cameras to be used for training
- Comprehensive Evaluation



**Questions?**

- For your time today
- For your support
- For your questions



# Thank You!