

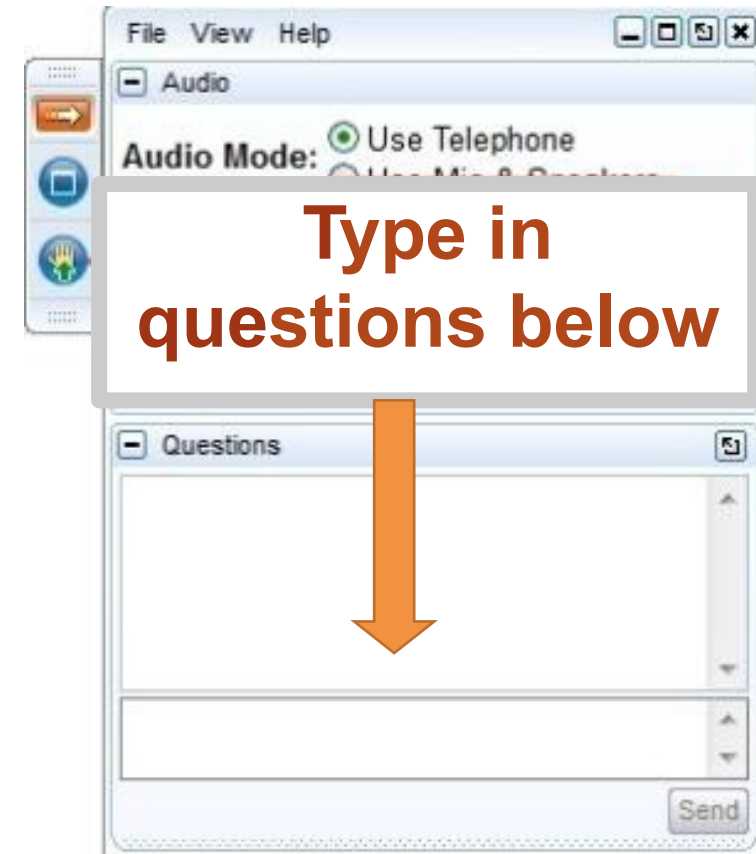


Department of Correction Re-entry
Housing Assistance Program: State, Regional,
and Local Resources

April 15, 2020

House Keeping

- Because this is a webinar, attendees are muted
- Please type any questions you have into the Questions Box
- We are recording this webinar and will send out the link to everyone who registered at a later date.



Speakers

Mimi Haley

CT Coalition to End Homelessness

Beth Hines, Sue Gunderman, Deb Rogula, and others from around the state

CT Re-Entry Councils, Roundtables, Centers

Thomas Canny

CSSD

Dr. Lisa Puglisi

Yale Transitions Clinic

DOC Re-entry Housing Assistance Program

- Improve housing outcomes for EOS individuals re-entering the community from DOC
- Reduce inflows into shelter/homelessness from DOC
- Decrease overlap between homelessness and incarceration
- Decrease recidivism

Resources and Partnerships

- 1. Overview of current partnerships**
- 2. CT Re-entry Roundtables, Councils, and Centers**
- 3. CSSD, Alternatives in Community**
- 4. Yale Transitions Clinic**
- 5. Other Resources**

Re-Entry Roundtables, Councils and Centers

Best resources for helping your re-entry clients is

<http://ctreentry.org/>

Centralizes reentry resources here in Connecticut to make it easier for

- Someone to navigate the system
- Find support and be successful when they return home to their families and communities

Recommendation:

- Join your local roundtable near you
- Collaborate with your regional roundtable on discharges
- Use this website to find a supportive network of providers and connect clients to help them find a second chance.

Re-Entry Roundtables, Councils and Centers

Can provide guidance for clients to obtain the following supports and services:

- Basic Needs
- Education
- Employment
- Health
- IDs
- Housing
- Family Supports
- Cell phones

Court Support Services Division (CSSD)

The Court Support Services Division (CSSD) oversees pretrial services, family services, divorce and domestic violence, probation supervision of adults and juveniles as well as juvenile residential centers including Juvenile Detention. CSSD also administers a network of statewide contracted community providers that deliver treatment and other support services.

Client Engagement, Case Supervision, Specialized Caseloads: Motivational interviewing, client engagement and case planning are primary activities probation officers use to develop positive working relationships with the probationers to increase the likelihood that probationers attend and complete their treatment service

CSSD Supports and Services (for clients on probation when exiting DOC)

Work with DOC to identify potential discharges to homelessness/shelter

Identify housing options for individuals exiting on probation

If CSSD housing is unavailable, coordinate with housing provider to provide supports and services

Assist with troubleshooting and other program issues

CSSD Supports and Services

Specialized units that provide enhanced supervision services are:

Probation Transition Program (PTP): Provides services to clients, for a limited period, who have served a term of incarceration and are transitioning back to the community. These services are delivered in collaboration with community-based service and treatment providers. Pre-Release planning is conducted with the Departments of Correction, Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Social Services.

Mental Health Supervision: Provides services, by specially trained probation officers, to clients with a serious mental illness. These services are delivered with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and community-based service and treatment providers.

Youthful Offender Supervision (YO): Provides services to high-risk youth aged 18-21. These services are delivered with community-based services and treatment providers.

Women's Offender Case Management Model (WOCM): The specialized Women's Offender Case Management (WOCM) supervision unit provides gender responsive services to female probationers through the application of a research-based, female responsive case management model.

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Assistance available:

- Alternatives in Community (AIC) programs
- Case Management and Coordination
- Employment Services
- Identification
- Flexible Funding
- Troubleshooting

Yale Transitions Clinic

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COVID-19 RESPONSE LINE

- Correctional leaders, DOC discharge planners, staff of halfway houses, and parole officers should call 203-951-9348 to reach a physician to talk about discharge planning for people with chronic medical conditions from DOC or halfway houses.
- Individuals who are being discharged will be connected to primary care and a Transitions Clinic Network community health worker virtually who will work with local reentry councils.

State and Community Resources

- Public Health Departments
- Cities and Towns
- Employment Programs
- Volunteers, Interns
- Colleges and Universities
- DMHAS
- DDS
- DSS

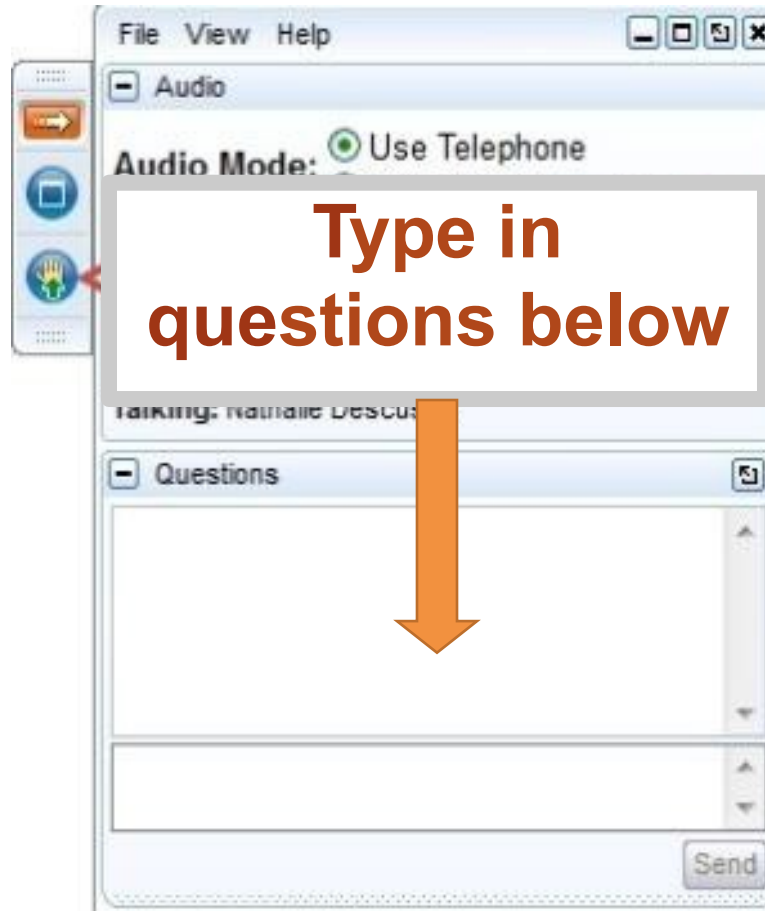
Flexible Funding: Allowable Expenses

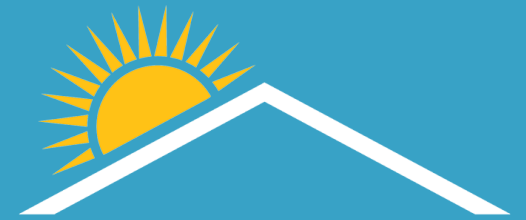
- Security deposits
- Partial rent subsidy
- Rental application fees
- Motel/Hotel expenses (limited)
- Cell phone/services
- Utility deposits
- Transportation expenses
- Other costs associated with achieving shelter diversion as long as included in Housing Stabilization Plan

Reminders

- Sign and return MOUs to access Flexible Funding
- Connect with your local Re-entry Roundtable/Councils
- Share this process with relevant staff
- Keep track of your work and clients
- Reach out with any issues or challenges
- Provide feedback on new ideas and successes!

Questions?





Contact:

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For questions on applications for DOC Re-entry Housing
Assistance Funds, contact Diana Berube
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