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State Reentry and Work Release

**Rhode Island:**

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Work Release Program- at Minimum Security Facility

The facility provides 100% work for all inmates. The facility has an average population of 403.

Inmates in work release program leave the facility during the day and return at night. Work released inmates are housed in a special unit (web site information- which is no longer the case).

Men and women are eligible for the program.

The Minimum Security Facility was contacted by phone. They use to house the inmates separately but currently they do not. They use to have up to 250 inmates on work release and now they have approximately 35. The 35 inmates are now housed on a separate floor. The inmates that are in the work release program are from all different counties.

The inmates are not put on GPS. They wear their own clothing. They have a sign out board and before they leave the facility will write down the description of clothing. The Facility indicated they do not have issues with escapes and the contraband issue is like any other facility. Simply stated they have contraband issues but not any more than others.

The State has a work release program at the female facility as well. However it was reported that the numbers were small.

**Delaware:**

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They have work release programs located at Community Corrections Centers.

Sussex Community Corrections Center, 23207 DuPont Blvd.  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
(302) 856-5790

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They house both men and women at this site. They are allowed to go out to look for employment, medical appointments and participate in mandated treatment programs.

They pay \$25 a week in room and board fee if they are employed full time or \$15 if they are part-time.

Morris Community Corrections Center, 300 Water Street  
Dover, DE 19904  
(302) 739-4758

MCCC is a 150-bed Level IV (4) facility in Dover, housing substance abuse treatment (Crest) and work release offenders.

Plummer Community Corrections Center, 38 Todds Lane  
Wilmington, DE 19802  
(302)761-2800  
(302)577-2849 Fax

PCCC is a multi-faceted facility that currently manages and supervises male and female offenders who are participating in traditional work release (WR), Crest (substance abuse treatment) and the Intensive Community Supervision Program (ICSP). PCCC also employs a corps of offenders, at an established wage structure, as workers for the facility.

#### **Connecticut**

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Here is information from the website:

They do not have a work release program per phone conversation with CDOC staff member. They have work crews and transition services which are in the below information from the CDOC website.

The Webster Correctional Institution provides programs consistent with the educational, pre-release, and addiction treatment needs of its offender. This low security, pre-release institution seeks to provide offenders nearing release with the tools that will support their successful community reintegration.

In this institution the educational courses offered are Adult Basic Education, G.E.D. Preparation Courses, College Courses, Culinary Arts, Business Education, Technical Prep Courses, Parenting Skills, Steer Straight, ESL, and Job Skills. The programming consists of Addiction Services - Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III, DWI Education, Anger Management, 12-Step Programs, Fellowship Programs, Victim Offender Education, Beyond Fear, and Thresholds.

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Transitional programming is an important portion of the services offered at the facility. The education department stresses transition planning, life skills and job skills. Inmates are able to meet with Connecticut Works, Job Corps and various outside school and vocational training programs. CONNTAC Education opportunities Center assists inmates nearing the end of sentence with academic placement and financial aid.

Communication classes geared toward the transitioning inmate are held in both English and Spanish. Additionally, parenting skills were held for a number of inmates and a "Read to Your Child" program was instituted.

The Webster Correctional Institution also employs inmates in various institutional jobs and offers between 120 - 150 inmates outside clearance assignments. Many of the outside clearance assignments are assigned to a community service work program and save the community over \$1,000,000 per year in labor costs.

Permanent daily inmate work crews are employed at the Bethany State Police Barracks, the Meriden State Police Complex, several local police departments and eight Department of Transportation road cleaning crews

## **Alaska**

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Info below taken from the Alaska DOC website:

#### Community Residential Centers

The ADOC operates eight Community Residential Centers (CRC) or halfway houses throughout the state with a total of 703 beds. The CRCs are owned and operated by private providers under contract with the ADOC. Ideally, these CRCs would be used exclusively as transition centers for prisoners who have been released from prison on furlough as a mid-step transition from prison back into their communities. In reality, however, as of November 2010, 329 beds were used by non-sentenced and sentenced misdemeanants or as a third- party release placement for prisoners who met CRC classification requirements.

For many prisoners, the CRCs afford individuals access to the community to find employment, housing and promote family re-unification. Upon approval, CRC residents are also able to work, providing offenders a structured opportunity to make restitution to their victims and enable them to become self-supporting when released from this transitional living environment.

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Hawaii Community Correctional Center, 60 Punahale Street  
Hilo, HI 96720, Phone: (808) 933-0428

The Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC) is a 226-bed facility located on two sites. The primary facility is situated on three acres in downtown Hilo. HCCC's reintegration program, Hale Nani, is located five miles away in the Panaewa.

Hale Nani offenders' reintegration services and a work release program for sentenced inmates who will be released on the island of Hawaii. HCCC also contracts transitional community residential program services for female offenders.

Work opportunities are available through in-facility work lines and Correctional Industries. Inmates are also able to participate in community service work lines for county, state, and non-profit organizations.

Oahu Community Correctional Center

2199 Kamehameha Highway  
Honolulu, HI 96819  
Phone: (808) 832-1777

OCCC staff also manages and operates the Laumaka Work Furlough Center (LWFC), which is located a block away from the jail. Inmates assigned to LWFC are either actively seeking employment or working in the community. Project Bridge, which occupies one of the buildings, is the transitional program for offenders who have completed their primary substance abuse treatment.

## **Louisiana**

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The Louisiana Department of Corrections (DOC) is responsible for the custody and care of adult offenders across Louisiana. Just over half of Louisiana's approximately 39,000 inmates are assigned to the state's twelve correctional facilities. The remaining offenders are assigned to parish facilities and work release centers. DOC's Probation and Parole division supervises an additional 70,000 offenders.

Located in Baton Rouge, the Department's Central Office (Headquarters) is comprised of divisions that support the management and operations of the adult institutions, adult Probation and Parole District Offices and all other services provided by the Department. Transitional Work Program Facilities contact information for statewide sites can be found at: <http://www.doc.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/TWP-Contact-Information-Jan-2013.pdf>

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Certain eligible offenders may enter a traditional transitional work program (formerly work release) from one (1) year to three (3) years prior to release from incarceration, depending on the offense of conviction. Offenders who are approved for transitional work programs are required to work at an approved job and, when not working, they must return to the structured environment of the assigned facility. Probation and Parole Officers are assigned monitoring responsibilities for contract transitional work programs. This may include conducting random drug screens and random shakedowns of the facility. Additionally, the Probation and Parole Officer is part of the Auditing Teams that conduct annual audits of the programs. Transitional work programs are successful in assisting an offender with making the transition from prison back into the work force. Approximately 10 to 20 percent of offenders remain with their employer upon release. The transitional work program is also utilized as a valuable alternative for technical parole violators, in lieu of returning them to prison.

Additionally, recent legislation allows for offenders convicted on certain non-violent offenses to qualify for transitional work programs upon sentencing if they are sentenced to seven (7) years or less. This program is known as the Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Program. The primary purpose of this program is to utilize existing transitional work programs to place offenders who have completed technical training in a DOC facility to become skilled craftsmen in such areas as carpentry and welding. Offenders are placed in higher paying jobs that are related to the skill set they acquired while incarcerated. The mission of this program is that offenders retain this employment after transitional work program completion and are able to make wages to maintain self-sufficiency.

## **South Dakota**

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#### Community Transition Program

In October 2004, the Department of Corrections began a community transition program designed to identify and assist offenders in need of support in their transition to community supervision. This program is provided at DOC facilities located in Sioux Falls, Pierre, Yankton and Rapid City. Transition case managers and parole agents work together in developing an Individual Transition Plan (ITP) for each offender involved in the program. This ITP lists specific behavior guidelines and/or program requirements tailored for each offender. Behavioral guidelines include but are not limited to curfew hours, financial management, and residence information. Program requirements include, but are not limited to, chemical dependency treatment, employment, sex offender treatment, and corrective thinking courses.

There are two phases to the program. Phase 1 consists of core programming (Chemical Dependency, Thinking for a Change, Job Finding and Keeping, and Financial Responsibility) specifically designed and implemented to address these identified areas of need. Phase 2 consists of securing a job in the community, saving money and transitioning towards a stable housing situation in the community.

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From the start of the program through June 30, 2010, there have been 3,568 placements in the Community Transition Program. Seventy-five percent of participants have completed the program, and of the program completions, sixty-five percent remain in the community.

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## **Pennsylvania**

### Non-Unified System

The **Bureau of Community Corrections** is responsible for residential facilities located in various Pennsylvania communities. The department operates 14 stand-alone Transitional Housing Units on correctional facility grounds and contracts for services with nearly 50 community corrections centers throughout the Commonwealth in an effort to place residents as close to their community as possible. These facilities provide a transitional process by allowing residents monitored contact with employment, educational and treatment program opportunities. Centers house inmates granted parole by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. Parolees in the centers begin to take charge of their lives, transition steadily into the community, pay subsistence and others fees while awaiting parole authority to an approved residence.

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