

# Community Support for All Youth

This document is intended to provide answers to some of the frequently asked questions of **Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) staff**.



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## WHAT IS COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR ALL YOUTH?

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Community Support for All Youth (CSAY) is the overarching framework and philosophy that all young people may be offered community-based supports by the JR regions. CSAY addresses the unique needs of young people by utilizing community-based services to assist with the successful transition from their residential stay.



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## WHO CAN RECEIVE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES?

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Community-based services may be offered to young people releasing to the community. These services are available through Parole Aftercare, Community Assisted Reentry, and community facilities. Those young people participating in Community Transition Services (CTS), will be required to participate in community-based services. Young people releasing to supervision by county probation, tribal probation, the Department of Corrections (DOC), or moving out of state are not eligible for these services.



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## WHAT IS PAROLE AFTERCARE?

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Parole Aftercare occurs through a relational and strengths-focused model that recognizes the vital role of family and natural supports in helping young people reenter their communities. DCYF mandates participation in Parole Aftercare for certain youth releasing from JR confinement under RCW 13.40.210. Parole Aftercare is an important step in successful community reentry for the young people who qualify for this service. For more information on RCW 13.40.210, go to <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=13.40.210>.



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## WHAT IS COMMUNITY ASSISTED REENTRY (CAR)?

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Community Assisted Reentry (CAR), formerly known as “No Parole,” is the pathway young people without a parole obligation can receive critical community-based supports necessary for their successful transition. Participation in CAR services is voluntary.

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## WHAT IS COMMUNITY FACILITY PLACEMENT?

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JR has eight minimum security community facilities that provide a less restrictive opportunity for youth and young adults to engage in an array of learning, growth, employment, and reentry activities in a community setting, guided by staff support, prior to their release to the community. For more information about these facilities, go to [www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/juvenile-rehabilitation/residential-facilities](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/juvenile-rehabilitation/residential-facilities). While in residence at a community facility, young people may be offered the opportunity to take advantage of CSAY services.



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## WHAT IS CTS?

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CTS provides a step down from the community facility’s less restrictive option to residential confinement for eligible JR young people. CTS offers therapeutic supports and connections to services along with electronic monitoring in the community while young people complete their residential sentence. Once a young person completes CTS, they may receive additional community-based supports through Parole Aftercare or CAR. Young people releasing from CTS to supervision by county probation or the DOC are not eligible for these services. Read *Community Transition Services (JR\_0038)* available online at [www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/JR\\_0038](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/JR_0038) for more information.



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## HOW LONG WILL COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES BE PROVIDED?

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- **Parole:** Eligible during the time young people are completing their designated parole obligation.
- **Community Assisted Reentry (CAR):** Eligible to receive needed supports for up to 12 months from the date they are released from residential sentence.
- **Community Facility:** Eligible while residing in a community facility.
- **Community Transition Services (CTS):** Eligible during the time they are actively participating in the CTS program.

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## IF A YOUNG PERSON PARTICIPATES IN CTS OR RELEASES TO PAROLE, CAN THEY STILL RECEIVE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES?

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Yes, young people under regional supervision (CTS or Parole Aftercare) will have access to community-based services. Any services provided will occur during the time the young person is being supervised.

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## HOW WILL YOUNG PEOPLE KNOW COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM?

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Young people will be informed of available community-based services during their intake process, initial and release Reentry Team Meeting (RTM), and also counseled about this information throughout their residential stay.

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## WHAT TYPES OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES COULD YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO?

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Community-based services can offer support for housing assistance, behavioral health, independent living, employment, education, family and community connections, mentorship, legal advocacy, and other supports that will assist with successful reentry and transition back to their communities.

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## HOW WILL CSAY'S COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES ALIGN WITH DCYF'S EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOCUS?

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JR will prioritize the identification and development for effective and accessible community-based services that reflect the young people being served related to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression. This prioritization will create an opportunity to provide the right services to the right young person in a way that matches their needs.

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## WILL YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WHILE RECEIVING COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES?

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Young people participating in CTS or serving a parole obligation will be supervised while receiving community-based services. CAR participants will not receive community supervision. All community-based services offered to young people will be coordinated by the JR regional offices.





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### WILL COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES BE MONITORED AND TRACKED?

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All services provided to young people will be monitored and tracked by the regional offices and the respective Juvenile Rehabilitation Coordinators (JRC).

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### WHAT IF A YOUNG PERSON SEEKS SERVICES FROM A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDER AFTER THEIR 12 MONTHS OF SERVICE ELIGIBILITY HAS ENDED?

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If a young person needs assistance beyond the 12-month service period, the JRC will assist the young person by providing contact information for community-based services to meet their needs without ongoing JR staff support.



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### WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION OR ASK FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT CSAY SERVICES?

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- JR Community Support for All Youth Fact Sheet - [www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/JR\\_0043.pdf](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/JR_0043.pdf)
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