

Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative

Accountability

The MPRI supports the offender's role in accountability by helping the offender learn how to achieve success upon release. The Transition Accountability Plan assesses the prisoner's risks, needs and strengths throughout incarceration and recommends specific, measurable goals to reduce risk, address needs and build upon strengths to sustain the accountability needed for success.

"Our vision is that every offender released from prison will be prepared to be successful on parole. We will reduce the return of parolees to prison and we will reduce crime. In simple terms, to be successful, parolees need a job, a decent place to live and support services when they get out."

—MDOC Policy and Strategic Planning Deputy Director
Dennis Schrantz.

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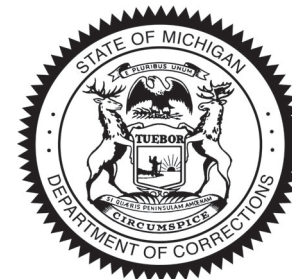
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*Safer Communities,
Safer Prisons*



The mission of the MPRI is to reduce crime and enhance public safety by implementing a seamless system of services for offenders from the time of their entry to prison through their transition, community reintegration and aftercare in the communities.

MPRI involves three phases:

1

Getting Ready Institutional Phase

Encompasses the offender's term of imprisonment.

2

Going Home ReEntry Phase

Focuses intensely on the prisoner's transition back to the community.

3

Staying Home Community Phase

Spans community supervision and the offender's eventual discharge.

The lynchpin of the program is the Transition Accountability Plan (TAP), which is prepared for each prisoner during the prison intake process and modified as the corrections process unfolds.

The plan revolves around identifying the prisoner's strengths upon entry into the corrections systems and building on those strengths throughout incarceration and continuing until the offender's discharge.

The key to the initiative is working with offenders while they are incarcerated, preparing them for release, and continuing to work as partners with probation and parole after release.

Prisoner Facts

Each year more than 10,000 prisoners are released; 8,500 of them are paroled and over 1,500 will be returned as parole violators within 12 months of release.

More than 3,600 will return to prison within four years for an average stay of two years. Returning offenders cost the state of Michigan \$112 million every year.

An integrated approach

- Michigan Department of Corrections
- Michigan Department of Community Health
- Michigan Family Independence Agency
- Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth

These departments have teamed up to develop an integrated approach to prisoner reentry. Under the leadership of Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's administration, the group is developing an interdisciplinary system to improve parole success rates and thereby reduce crime.

Healthcare and Substance Abuse

More than half of all offenders incarcerated in Michigan prisons indicate that they have some type of substance abuse problem. In addition, a large number of parole violators return to prison because of substance abuse.

The MPRI identifies appropriate support in the community before release. This may include qualifying prisoners for Medicaid or other health benefits along with addressing the physical and mental health needs of the individual in an effort to prevent relapse.

Employment and Education

Most offenders complete their GED while incarcerated. Many also receive vocational training. While these skills are essential to a successful parole, the MPRI further identifies a prisoner's strengths and focuses the pre-release training to build on those strengths.

Community and Family Support

Without intervention, 70 percent of children with an incarcerated parent will end up in prison. Providing family support and encouraging family responsibilities are essential for a successful parole. The MPRI assists the parolee in taking responsibility while aligning him or her with the necessary human services providers and a network of community supports to assure continued success.