Reintegration Planning for ID Offenders

Transitional Accommodation Support and Services

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TASS ID

Transitional Accommodation and Support services for People with an Intellectual Disability

- 6 months accommodation / support period for up to 3 clients at a time
- Accommodation provided through Department of Housing of Works
- Provision of basic furnishing
- Case management model with areas of support:
  - Tenancy maintenance
  - Accessing employment/training
  - Advocacy – Centrelink, health professionals
  - Development of social networks including family
  - Development of daily living skills – budgeting, home management, transport, health appointments,
  - Acquiring long term accommodation
Entry criteria

Eligibility
To be eligible for the TASS ID program the offender must be leaving custody and require accommodation and support. The person may have a previous diagnosis of an intellectual impairment (70 or less IQ) or a borderline intellectual impairment (70-85 IQ). People with an ABI or dual diagnosis are also eligible for the program.

Referrals
Referrals for TASS are self generated with clients completing a nomination form which they can request from prison staff. The service will review referrals from:

• Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander people leaving custody;
• Men and women clients, including those with family responsibilities;
• Juveniles aged 16 and over who are able to live independently and
• Sex offenders
**Assessment tools**

**KBIT – Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test**

A test measuring verbal and non-verbal ability providing a quick estimate of the intellectual ability of adults in institutional settings such as prisons, group homes, rehabilitation clinics or mental health centers.

KBIT is presented in three sections providing a standardized score of verbal and nonverbal skills which formulate an IQ composite.

The IQ composite provides a good overview of general mental functioning and offers a sound assessment of an individual’s overall intelligence compared with others of the same age. The IQ range of scores are:

- Lower extreme 40-69
- Below average 70-84
- Average 85-115
- Above Average 116-130
- Upper Extreme 131-160
Section one – Verbal Knowledge
60 picture questions
Section two – Matrices - Non verbal
46 questions. Examinee to find a relationship or rule in a set of pictures or patterns
Section three – Riddles
48 Verbal riddles

• What has a check out, desk places to read and rows of books?

• What is fragile, comes in pairs, and is sometimes needed for reading?

• What is ought by collectors, identifies a person, and is sometimes written on unusual objects?
ICAP – Inventory for Client and Agency Planning

A comprehensive, structured assessment designed to assess the status, adaptive functioning and service needs of clients.

The purpose of the ICAP is to aid in screening, monitoring, managing, planning, and evaluating services for people with impairments and intellectual disabilities.

The assessment areas within the ICAP are:

• **Adaptive behavior** – 4 domains
  – Motor skills
  – Social and communication skills
  – Personal living skills
  – Community Living skills

• **Maladaptive behavior** (Problem behavior)

• **ICAP Service level** – level of support required

The ICAP also provides the ability to collect information in relation to primary and secondary diagnosis, health and medical issues, day programs, social and leisure activities, support services and residential placements.
Community Living Skills

• Buys items from a vending machine
• Buys specific items requested on an errand, although may not count change correctly
• States day, month and year of birth
• Uses a watch or a clock daily to do something at the correct time
• Correctly counts change from a five dollar note
• Budgets money to cover expenses for at least one week
• Works at a steady pace on a job for at least two hours