Corrections Victoria - Transitional Services Overview

Prison-Based Case Management

Transition Support for Remand Prisoners

Permit Leave Program

Centrelink

TAP

Intensive Case Management Programs

RECEPTION

RELEASE
Why Integrate Support Services?

- To achieve an amalgamation of functions that were provided by discrete programs into a single, integrated intensive case management service;
- To reduce the confusion caused by the wide range of entry points to transitional support services;
- To enable the activities of the prison, transitional support provider, and community correctional services to intersect at the point of release from prison;
- To provide an integrated service provider model;
- To provide an integrated service delivery model;
- To reduce the duplication across programs and the potential for unproductive competition for the same client base;
- To provide a seamless service for prisoners with multiple transitional needs and improved coordination of services;
- To allow for greater alignment between transitional support and correctional interventions;
Voluntary
3 months pre-release, up to 12 months post-release

Link Out
- December 2007 – June 2010
- Program Capacity = 500 men per year
- Total no. of clients = 818

Women’s Integrated Support Program (WISP)
- July 2006 – June 2010
- Program Capacity = 90 women per year
- Total no. of clients = 323

Konnect
- December 2008 – June 2010
- Program Capacity = 65 per year
  (50 men, 15 women)
Program Eligibility

- Sentenced, with a minimum 3 months remaining on sentence
- High to moderate risk of re-offending
- Multiple and complex transitional needs
- Willingness to engage in case-management
- Willingness to effect change
- Not be a registered sex offender or currently serving a sentence for sex offences
Support Services

- Intensive case-management
- Access and referral to long-term, affordable and secure housing
- Justice Support
- Family Reunification
- Financial Support
- Social Support
- Education, Training and Employment Referral
- D&A treatment and referral
- Mental Health treatment and referral
- Physical Health referral
- Support to develop independent living skills
- Referral to other specialist support programs
Presenting Issues

- Accommodation
- Drug & Alcohol
- Family Reunification
- Social Support
- Mental Health
- Employment
Housing Tenure on Exit

% of Clients

- THM
- Public Housing
- Private Rental
- Crisis
- Boarding/Rooming
- Other Stable
- Prison

WISP

Link Out
Link Out Drug & Alcohol Outcomes

- Referred
- Engaged
WISP
Family Reunification Outcomes

% of Clients

- Family Support Service
- Relationship Counselling
- DHS Advocacy

Referred
Engaged
Link Out
Family Reunification Outcomes
Employment Outcomes

- **WISP**
  - Referred: 82
  - Engaged: 66

- **Link Out**
  - Referred: 80
  - Engaged: 64
Findings and Challenges

- One size fits all?
- Voluntary or Mandatory
- Consortium Model?
- High Risk vs Moderate/Low Risk?
- Gender Specific?
- Straight Release or Parole?