

We Achieve more by working with others

Helping offenders change, and watching over those who are not ready or willing to change is challenging work.

Our partners include

- ✓ Supreme, Magistrate, and Juvenile Court
- ✓ The Parole Board
- ✓ Department of Social Development
- ✓ Her Majesty's Prison
- ✓ Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force
- ✓ Department of Mental Health & Substance Dependence
- ✓ Department of Public Prosecution
- ✓ Other Government Departments
- ✓ Non-Government Organizations Employers



Our Mission

Our mission is to create a safer Turks and Caicos Islands through effective offender management and supervision in our communities while holding offenders accountable, and promoting their behavioral change.

Our Vision

Our vision is to rebuild lives and create a safer community by protecting the public and reducing re-offending.

A Force for Positive Change!

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About Us

Department of Rehabilitation and Community Services has a key role in keeping our communities safe by breaking the cycle of re-offending. This is done through effective supervision, appropriate treatment of offenders, and a providing access to services that promote successful re-entry into society.

Our Probation and Parole Officers are committed to providing quality investigations, reports and community-based supervision of offenders referred by the Courts and the Parole Board.

The interests of victims, the public, offenders and families are important considerations in providing effective probation and parole services.

This is what we do

- Supervise probationers and parolees in the community, evaluate their progress, and ensure regular contact is made in accordance with the Department's policy.
- Investigate and prepare written reports and make suitable recommendations on all cases referred to us.
- Screen and assess all clients using a risk assessment to inform intervention, supervision, and sentencing.
- Establish and facilitate rehabilitation programmes for offenders placed under our supervision.
- Develop case plans to address delinquent behavior and reduce the risk of re-offending.
- Assist with re-entry planning by coordinating services for the offender's successful reintegration into society.
- Work with community agencies to facilitate access to services relevant to the offender.
- Engage community agencies to provide work for offenders to perform community service and ensure compliance.
- Notify the Court and Parole Board of any breaches and initiate breach proceedings.
- Visit offenders and their families in the community, home, employment and other locations.

Our Approach to Rehabilitation

We offer a range of rehabilitation programmes. They vary in length from a few weeks to several months. Some involve working one on one with a probation officer and others are delivered to small groups by trained facilitators.

We use a variety of activities and evidence based techniques to stop offenders from committing crimes. These techniques place emphasis on reducing undesirable behavior through teaching new skills and providing opportunities to use the new skills.

Our Rehabilitation Programmes include:

- Anger Management
- Substance Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Sexual Offending
- How to Escape Your Prison (MRT Programme)
- Thinking for A Change
- Chance for Change Support Group
- Conflict Resolution
- Restorative Justice.

“ Our rehabilitation interventions offer a pathway to change for offenders so they leave our care better able to lead crime-free lives. ”

Our Services

Department of Rehabilitation and Community Services provides the following services to our clients:

Pre-sentence Report (PSR): A full life history of the offender, encompassing a risk assessment. It is used by the Judge in sentencing proceedings and is also used by the probation/parole officer and prison to assist in developing case plans and in formulating treatment programs.

Community Service: A Programme designed to have offenders give back to the community through unpaid work in the community which can be performed as a condition of probation.

Probation: Supervision of convicted offenders from the Court utilizing community resources, research-based and evidence-based practices.

Parole: Conditional release from prison which allows an inmate to serve the remainder of the sentence outside the prison, depending upon compliance with terms and conditions established by the parole board/Governor.

Voluntary Supervision: A Programme aimed at supervising juveniles and addressing their delinquent behavior to prevent them from entering the criminal justice systems.

Chance 4 Change: A re-entry Programme