



Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Re-Entry Court

If you were sentenced to prison from Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, and if you are eligible for judicial release, you may be eligible for Re-Entry Court.

What is Re-Entry Court?

Re-Entry Court is an opportunity to return to the community and begin to rebuild your life under the direction of the Re-Entry Court Judge and probation staff. The Re-Entry Court Team will assist offenders with access to transitional support services as needed (assistance with housing, health care, substance abuse, counseling, vocational training) to help offenders remain in the community crime free and reduce the likelihood of returning to prison.

Minimum Requirements to Apply:

- Have 9 months or more remaining on sentence
- Sentenced in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court with a felony conviction
- Complete Re-Entry Application
- Reside in Cuyahoga County upon release from prison
- Have no more than 2 prior state or federal prison commitments
- Have no pending felonies, no outstanding warrants (misdemeanor or felony other than minor traffic offenses)
- Have no prior felony sex convictions
- Not serving mandatory time
- Not currently incarcerated for a weapons related offense
- Not currently serving time on more than two concurrent cases from Cuyahoga County

Factors for Re-Entry Court Consideration:

- Institutional adjustment - review of Institutional Summary Reports/Discipline History/Conduct Reports
- Institutional programming - educational participation during current incarceration
- Programs recommended, participated in and completed.

How does Re-Entry Court Work?

A completed application must be forwarded to the Re-Entry Court Coordinator. If minimum criteria are met, the Re-Entry Court Judge will direct the public defender and/or counsel to file a motion for judicial release with your sentencing judge. You may retain private counsel to prepare the motion. The sentencing judge may hold the hearing for judicial release and determine at that time if judicial release is granted and if a referral is made to Re-Entry Court. The Re-Entry Court Judge will make the final judgment into Re-Entry Court. If admitted, you will be supervised by the Re-Entry Court Probation Officer for a minimum of one year and will appear before the Re-Entry Court Judge for regularly scheduled court appearances. The Re-Entry Team will work with you to address any barriers to successful re-entry.

Applications:

Application is available from your Case Manager. **Any incomplete applications will be rejected; any applications containing false or inaccurate information will not be considered. Completing the application for Re-Entry Court consideration shall in no way be construed as submitting a request for judicial release.**

Forward Application to: _____