

FACT SHEET: Reentry Partnership Housing (RPH) Program



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Interested in becoming a Certified Reentry Partnership Housing Provider?

What is the Reentry Partnership Housing Program?

The Reentry Partnership Housing (RPH) Program is a means to provide housing to qualified individuals under the supervision of the Georgia Department of Community Supervision (DCS) who do not have valid residence plans. These individuals may be released from prison or jail or are active participants in an Accountability Court (felony drug, mental health, veterans, or family). Certified RPH Providers provide stable housing and food access to these individuals. The goal of the RPH Program is to provide short-term housing assistance to help stabilize an individual's reentry process and enhance his or her ability to remain crime free. This program involves a unique collaboration between several State agencies including the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), the Georgia Department of Community Supervision (DCS), the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) and the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ).

High Priority Demand:

The RPH program is seeking providers who are able to house the high need populations:

1. The registered sex offender population per guidelines found at: <https://dcs.georgia.gov/reentry-services>.
2. Individuals classified as Mental Health (MH) Level III per GDC guidelines: Individuals with a mental health disorder and/or symptoms that seriously impair adaptive functioning. These individuals require placement into a Level III Supportive Living Unit and require continuous case management and psychological/psychiatric treatment with or without psychotropic medications.

How does the program work?

DCS, in conjunction with GDC and CACJ, identifies RPH participants and places them with Certified RPH providers. DCS notifies DCA of any placements. Providers are reimbursed by DCA \$750 per month for each individual with no Mental Health diagnosis for up to three (3) months and \$850 per month for up to six (6) months for individuals with a Mental Health III diagnosis. A Community Supervision Officer monitors each program participant for compliance with conditions of parole or probation, and those referred through Accountability Courts must comply with the Judges' directives. The Community Supervision Officers and Accountability Court staff work with the Certified RPH providers and other stakeholders to support participants' successful reentry into the community.

How do I become a Certified RPH Provider?

Applications are being accepted year-round for providers who are able to house the registered sex offender population and individuals classified as MH Level III as mentioned above.

2006 - RPH was created to provide housing and parole for homeless inmates past their tentative parole month.

- **2015** - Increased services to include homeless probationers.
- **2018** - Expanded to offer RPH to felony Accountability Court Participants.