

about the program

What is the San Diego County Prisoner Reentry Program (Senate Bill 618)?

The program is a comprehensive multi-agency collaboration designed to assist, educate, treat addictions and transition parolees into the community.

There is no sentence reduction as a result of participation in this program.

Who is eligible for the program?

Among other requirements, candidates must be:

- In custody
- Have a sentence between eight months and 72 months with time to serve of no less than four months and no more than 36 months.

Among other exculsory factors, candidates cannot have:

- Any other law enforcement holds
- A prison gang affiliation
- Either a current violent felony offense or a violent felony offense within the last five years

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PRISONER REENTRY PROGRAM



stopping the revolving door to prison



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A Message from your District Attorney:

Senate Bill 618 is a joint effort between the State of California, the County of San Diego and local community agencies designed to break the cycle of recidivism. With a 70% recidivism rate in San Diego County alone, it is increasingly apparent that the time for action has arrived.

It is my hope that our prisoner Reentry Program will serve as one of the first steps toward reducing this statistic and improving the level of public safety in our community.



The Prison Reentry Program was created with the knowledge that 95% of all state prisoners will eventually be released. Many of those in prison are there due to drug, fraud or other non-violent convictions, and will be incarcerated less than three years. The program provides these individuals with the tools necessary to overcome obstacles such as addiction and limited education, allowing them to come back to our communities as sober, productive individuals.

We cannot arrest our way out of this problem, but we can take steps to stop the revolving door to prison and reduce prison overcrowding.

Participant Process Flow Chart

Upon deciding to plead guilty and accepting a stipulated prison term, program eligibility is reviewed.



Defendant is advised of eligibility for SB 618 and agrees to be screened by signing letter of intent.



Participant begins vocational/educational, mental health, medical, and substance abuse assessments at county level.



An individualized Life Plan is developed with the participant.



Participant serves prison sentence while receiving prison case management services and programming.



Six months prior to release, Prison Case Manager & Community Case Manager coordinate reentry plans with Participant.



Participant is released and paroled. Participant is picked up at the prison gate by their Community Case Manager.



Community Case Manager, Parole Agent, participant and others meet regularly as a Community Roundtable to review progress.



Participant graduates from program 18 months post-release.

"I am extremely fortunate to have received this program and I believe it has great potential to help people who are ready to make changes in their lives, but don't have the ways or means to do it on their own. It so far has been a great success as far as I'm concerned. Thank you all for your help and support in my efforts to make a change to a positive lifestyle."

– SB 618 Participant



Benefits of the Program

- Priority placement in programming
- Enhanced educational services: GED, tutoring, college correspondence classes
- Enhanced vocational services including assessment within the first 120 days of incarceration
- Faith-Based Support (upon request)
- Prison Case Management Services
- Community Case Management Services