

YWCA PASSAGE POINT Maple Valley, WA

Offers supportive housing and services to previously incarcerated individuals or families, empowering them in the reunification process with their children by providing a stable environment. This program equips parents with the necessary tools and skills through educational and social opportunities reducing the chances of recidivism.

Passage Point residents are selected through community referrals and outreach. Each applicant goes through a screening process which includes an application, interview, child reunification assessment, project based subsidized housing approval, and Washington State Income Eligibility approval.

Eligibility guidelines for Passage Point applicants include:

- Has been incarcerated or treatment facility to avoid incarceration within the last 24 months
- No convictions for violent crime, sexual offense, or methamphetamine production
- Homeless upon release, or history of homelessness
- Has a child under the age of 18 and a reasonable chance of reuniting with them (resident family size of five or less)
- Meets income eligibility per WA Income Eligibility and Housing Authority guidelines
- Signed agreement for YWCA housing and case management
- Demonstrated ability to make change and work toward self-sufficiency

Incarceration, addiction, and homelessness make it difficult to overcome barriers to obtain housing, employment, and education. Passage Point offers supportive housing, services, and advocacy for previously incarcerated parents to facilitate family reunification and stability.

Through educational and social opportunities, Passage Point helps reduce the chances of re-incarceration by equipping parents with the tools, skills, and resources for success. Re-Entry Life Coaches work with residents individually, encouraging self-sufficiency, positive community interaction, and connecting people to community services.

Services for residents include:

Pre-release screening and counseling
Intensive case management
Family reunification support
Education, job training, and placement support
Financial literacy and budgeting
Referral to mental health and chemical dependency counseling
Domestic violence support
Self-improvement programs
Children services and school liaison support
Permanent housing planning
Follow-up case management

Passage Point is a project unlike any other in our region and makes a lasting difference for the families who live here and the community as a whole.