



# Community Re-Entry ID Card/RIDE ON Bus Pass

**COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD**  
 Expiration: 04/02/06  
 Name: John Doe  
 DOB: 01/15/78 Sex: F HT: 5'8"  
 Eye Color: Brown Issued: 02/02/2006  
 Address: 12546 Azalia Ave. Apt # 405  
Rockville, MD 20860  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Montgomery County, Maryland, is pleased to announce the implementation of a Community Re-Entry Identification Card (CR-Entry ID Card) for offenders leaving a Montgomery County Correctional Facility and returning to our community. This card is designed to provide a temporary legal identification for offenders who are unable to obtain a standard state-issued ID card immediately upon release. The card is valid for 60 days from the date of issuance and is intended to assist offenders in accessing essential services such as transportation, housing, and employment during their re-entry period. The card is issued at no cost to the offender and is subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the accompanying document. For more information, please contact the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation at (301) 761-1000.

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Montgomery County took a quantum step forward with the establishment of a Community Re-Entry Identification Card for offenders leaving a Montgomery County Correctional Facility and returning to our community. To our knowledge we are one of the first, if not the first jurisdiction to successfully tackle this major issue facing the incarcerated – legal identification upon release.

The Department of Correction and Rehabilitation is seeking to use this ID card as a 60 day temporary Ride On pass to better enable our going home population to engage the essential services they need to be successful citizens. The pass would enable similar privileges to those of the currently used MCPS Student Bus Pass. It is an essential short term linkage to services.

**The next most challenging barrier (after a legal ID) facing the population going home is the ability to engage transportation to meet the many needs and commitments they face. These include probation requirements, drug and/or alcohol programming, obtaining essential prescribed medication and medical treatment, securing housing, finding employment, and securing permanent identification. These are a few of the needs for transportation that are often problematical and can lead to immediate technical violations.**

From the period 10/12/05 to 3/21/06 (after the ID card was reviewed and endorsed by CJCC) 31 Cards have been issued for this pilot project. The pilot addresses only Sentenced Inmates (20% to 25% of the MCCF Population) who meets the Federal, State and local requirements for a legally issued ID card that opens legal doors. While the number issued is small, the positive impact is significant for the users. The Card is valid only for 60 days from the date issued. The card is issued one to two weeks before release, thereby reducing the actual use time by one or two weeks. We would not have proceeded absent support following the CJCC presentation.

To meet this additional essential need, the Expiration Date has been enlarged and the background made white to enhance readability from a distance. The large photograph and Expiration Date will reduce the possibility of abuse. If supported by CJCC we will take this to our county transportation authority to seek their approval and work out any details. CJCC support is essential for initiatives of this type since CJCC speaks to many community stakeholders. This initiative has the support of the entire group of re-entry collaborative partnership including: Community Faith Based Groups, HHS, Identity, Office of the Public Defender, and Parole & Probation.