

## **Social Reintegration Subcommittee**

### **Goals Realized**

Produce a Handbook for Families and Visitors of Inmates to reduce barriers between the DOC and family members by providing information on prison rules, visitation practices, and other topics that facilitate communication.

Expand the video project "Messages from Mom/Dad" by 200 additional incarcerated offenders to reach a total of 450 children.

Contract with phone provider for lower costs for collect calls from inmates.

Expand the Parenting Program to 2 more prisons for a total of 5 programs offering the program.

Continue the Milk and Cookies Program for children of incarcerated parents at Sacred Heart Community Center, Swansboro and Blackwood with additional funding. Add ~~two~~ five additional schools (Bellmeade, Woodville, Fairfield, Summerhill, Oakgrove).

Contract for a standardized and validated Risk/Needs Assessment Instrument and track offender progress through a case-management system. Reallocate program resources within DOC and contract services with the community according to empirically based aggregate offender needs.

Include a component in the Productive Citizenship: A Vision Beyond Survival Curriculum on emotional coping skills needed for reentry. Include PREPS program in DOC Reentry menu.

Increase Transitional Therapeutic Community (TTC) beds to ~~175~~ 195.

### **Goals Not Fully Realized**

Increase awareness of prison visitation service; explore visitation service commencing in Tidewater.

Implement a pilot family-counseling program in a Transition or Prerelease program that prepares offenders and the family for reintegration. Establish a support group for caregivers piloted with AFOI monthly, 6:30 -9:00 pm at Second Presbyterian.

Evaluate the effectiveness of each DOC treatment program.

### **New Goals**

New DOC Strategic Plan requires survey of family member so determine ways to improve relationships with offender families.

Pilot “video visitation” at Wallens Ridge State Prison for family members in Richmond.

DOC implemented a Holiday Pack program (care packages from home).

Implement Evidence Based Practices in DOC programming.

Help offenders obtain identity documents needed to obtain housing, transportation, and employment after release.