# Virginia Department of Corrections



### **Program Description**

The Offender Reentry Program was developed to initiate pre-release partnerships with local jails and community resources. The program provides reentry transition services to offenders and helps to reestablish the offender back into the community.

#### Jail Locations

Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail Hampton Community Correctional Center Henrico County Jail Riverside Regional Jail Chesapeake City Jail Roanoke City Jail Arlington County Jail Norfolk City Jail

### Jail Locations

Danville Adult Detention Center New River Valley Regional Jail Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center Blue Ridge Regional Jail Rappahannock Regional Jail

### Transition Coordinator

A DOC Transition Coordinator is assigned to each participating jail to oversee the development and implementation of the program. The Transition Coordinator acts as the liaison between the DOC, jail and local probation and parole.

# Partnerships and Collaborations

OAR Charlottesville Step-Up, Inc. OAR Richmond Virginia Cares

# Partnerships and Collaborations

Department of Social Services Department of Motor Vehicles Social Security Administration Virginia Employment Commission Department of Rehabilitative Services

# Partnerships and Collaborations

Local Community Service Boards Department of Correctional Education Virginia Co-op Extension Capital Area Workforce Consortium Aids Service Group

**Partnerships and Collaborations** 

Planned Parenthood Salvation Army Baby Steps, Inc. Fatherhood Initiative Tidewater Building Associates

# **Benefits of Program**

- Brings offender closer to returning locality and family
- # Job Development Skills
- # Job Placement
- Provides connection to community resources
- # Helps to reduce backlog of state responsible inmates

#### Phase One

Offenders participate in daily life skills and job readiness workshops for six-weeks.



# Job Development Skills

#Application / Resume
#Cover Letter
#Mock Interview
#Job Seeking

# Life Skills Workshops

\*Anger Management
\*Money Management
\*Self Esteem
\*Family Matters
\*Substance Abuse

## Life Skills Workshops

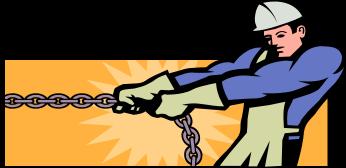
\*Changes in Society
\*Active Parenting
\*Family Legal Issues
\*Transition Action Plan

## Life Skills Workshops

\*Healthy Sexuality
\*Transition Community Release
\*Making it on Supervision
\*Conflict Resolution

#### Phase Two

Offenders who qualify will be placed in work release for a minimum of forty-five days and may remain on work release for up to eight months.



#### **Phase Three**

The program provides a forty-five day after release component. During this time, offenders receive continued assistance and referrals. Peer support groups are also provided during this time.

#### Program Implementation

The first five programs were implemented in late 2003 and early 2004. Since that time, eight additional jails have partnered with the DOC.

## **Offender Participation**

Approximately 670 offenders have participated in the program.



A recent survey was conducted on 194 offenders who successfully completed the program and had been out for a minimum of 120 days .

# Results of Survey

The survey revealed twenty misdemeanor convictions and one felony conviction. Of these convictions, two resulted in recommitment to the Department. One of these recommitments was a result of violation of suspended sentence.

#### Misdemeanor Breakdown

Property Related7Drug Related1Crimes Against Persons7FTA/ Contempt of Court4Escape1

# Felony Breakdown

#### Concealment 1