

Virginia Department of Corrections



Offender Reentry Program

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

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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

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- ✱ 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.

Survey



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 Related	7
Drug Related	1
Crimes Against Persons	7
FTA/ Contempt of Court	4
Escape	1

Felony Breakdown



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