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In Closing

Part of the mission of the Riverside Regional Jail is to provide offenders with appropriate care opportunities for growth and change and to support a positive return to the community. Over 85% of the incarcerated individuals at Riverside will be returning to the community within 5 years. We offer our offenders the opportunity for self-improvement through programming. We want to express our thanks and appreciation to the staff and volunteers who make meeting our mission possible.

The Riverside Regional Jail conducts special education and GED classes, NA/AA meetings, and religious programming. We also have Therapeutic Communities for men and woman. This is a drug intervention/treatment program where offenders live in the same housing unit and work together to combat their addictions. There is a Veteran's Housing Unit that helps incarcerated veterans with issues such as PTSD and anger management. Riverside also is providing offenders training and help through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). WIOA helps job seekers and workers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and match employers with skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

We also have a vibrant Work Release Program. This program helps pair offenders with employers to learn job skills needed to obtain employment. Income earned by the offenders while participating in the program goes to pay fines, court costs, restitution and child support. Many offenders continue to work for the same employer upon release and some have even been given management positions in the companies they worked for.

Since the beginning of 2018, we have introduced the use of tablets into selected housing units. These tablets allow inmates to access instructional materials such as OSHA certificates, GED tutoring, news reports and books. It also has classes on cognitive problem solving and life skills along with some video games. Offenders have to do a certain amount of instructional training before they are granted access to the video games.

Due to the opiate epidemic that is sweeping the country, we are developing new programming in order to address this issue.

Riverside will continue to strive to provide offenders with viable and relevant programming and tools to assist them with developing the skills needed in order to not recidivate.

Major William "Bill" Wilson
Director of Community Corrections & Programs

REENTRY

Jarrett M. Adams

Annually, Sheriff Vanessa Crawford (Petersburg) hosts a Re-entry Forum. In 2017, the Petersburg Sheriff's Office had their 8th Annual Reentry Forum with some new innovative approaches like no other year. Two of them were to provide a special keynote speaker and to add unheard of entertainment.

First, the keynote speaker, Jarratt M. Adams served 10 years of a 28 year sentence for a sexual assault he was wrongfully convicted of at the age of 17. Mr. Adams filed multiple appeals and was exonerated with the assistance of the Wisconsin Innocence Project. Mr. Adams continued his education, Law School, and is now a practicing attorney in New York. What a testimony he has…"Journey to Justice". And, what a privilege to have him speak to Returning Citizens, their families, and Criminal Justice professionals.

Then, Sheriff Crawford invited the Men of Valor (incarcerated Veterans) to sing the National Anthem and they sang beautifully at the direction of Rebecca Collins, Riverside Regional Jail's Lead Teacher and Choir Director. This was a first for those offenders with their custody levels to be transported outside the jail to perform. Sheriff Crawford so graciously fed the Men of Valor lunch along side with those working in Criminal Justice. Each of the men were so elated and thankful of such a privilege.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The Riverside Regional Jail Authority (RRJA) remains committed to improving the community it serves. Staff work tirelessly to ensure the safety of facility personnel, to provide appropriate care and supervision of all offenders under our care, while simultaneously assisting with offender re-assimilation to our member communities.

In 2017, the Riverside Regional Jail continued to provide a varied list of programs to address issues such as substance abuse, mental illness, life skills, and education. RRJA programs and services are designed and implemented to provide structure, encourage self-discipline, and foster positive change in behavior. RRJA staff strive to assist the inmate population in identifying problem areas of their lives, implementing case-specific treatment modalities to create the opportunity for positive individual change.

Some 2017 RRJA highlights include:

Awarded Addiction Recovery Program Grant received from the Virginia Department of Justice Services.

Established the Riverside Re-entry Advisory Council (RRAC) as part of the Addiction Recovery Program Grant received from the Virginia Department of Justice Services.

Served over 200 offenders through the Therapeutic Community program with 44 male and 32 female offenders graduating from program.

Of the 354 offenders participating in education services, 16 offenders earned their GED.

Continued to operate a Veterans Housing Unit to serve those offenders that have sacrificed through service to this great nation.

Delivered a mature Medicaid Application program avoiding almost $400,000 in inmate medical expenses. Expanding the program to assist with re-entry efforts in 2017.

Secular community members donated over 3,200 hours of service.

Religious community members donated almost 3,500 hours of service.

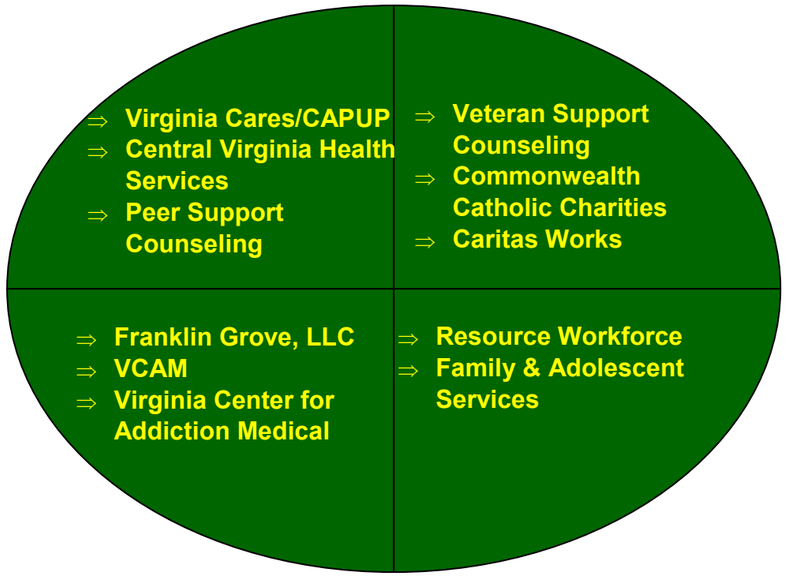
RRJA's goal is to continue to provide offenders with programs and services to address the underlying causes of their criminal behavior and to return well-adjusted, law-abiding, taxpaying citizens to our member jurisdictions.

COLONEL JEFFERY L. NEWTON, CJM

SUPERINTENDENT

REENTRY SERVICES

Key to success of any reentry program is Community Collaboration. Community Stakeholders provide vital programs, resources and services that aid in successful reentry. Through our partnerships with these stakeholders many worthwhile linkages are afforded. Some of the new partnerships developed in 2017 were:



Riverside Reentry Advisory Council (RRAC) Meeting

REENTRY COUNCIL COLLABORATION

According to the Virginia Office of the Attorney General, *"Across the Commonwealth there is a growing movement to provide re-entry services to ex-offenders returning to the community because these programs have been found to reduce recidivism, reduce crime, and save taxpayer dollars."* Riverside Regional Jail Authority (RRJA) has been part of the Movement for a number of years; by collaborating with local and regional reentry councils. This collaboration offers offenders needed tools for successful reentry. RRJA continues to partner with the Petersburg/Dinwiddie Reentry Council (serves Petersburg and Dinwiddie communities) and South-central Virginia Reentry and Community Collaboration Council (serves Brunswick, Emporia, Greensville, Hopewell, Prince George, Surry and Sussex).

In 2017, RRJA was invited and accepted the invitation to join the New Kent/ Charles City Reentry Council. This Council meets monthly to discuss discharge planning for inmates housed in the local jails.

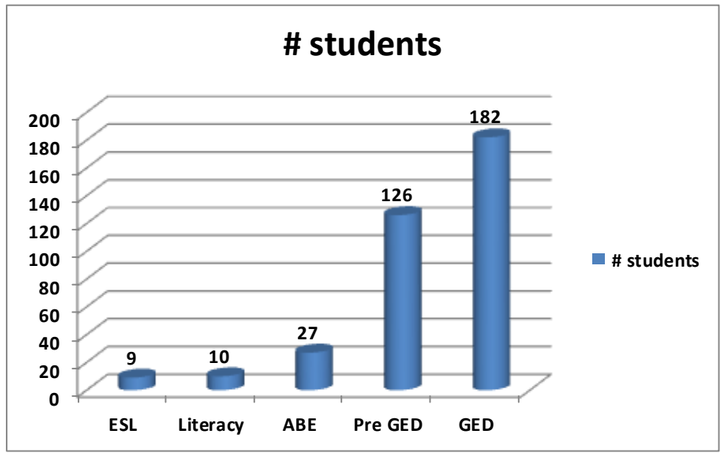
South-central Virginia Reentry & Community Collaboration Council

Riverside Reentry Advisory Council (RRAC)

Also, in November RRJA created its own Reentry Council, known as, Riverside Reentry Advisory Council (RRAC) . This council was created to fulfill the need to address reentry services for females returning to local communities with substance abuse concerns. This fulfillment was generated from a grant, Addiction Recovery Program Grant offered by the Virginia Department of Justice Services. RRJA took RRAC a step further to provide reentry services for all of its returning citizens.

OFFENDER EDUCATION

In 2017, the contract teachers from Southside Programs for Adult Continuing Education, Prince George County and Riverside have had three hundred fifty-four (354) students participate in educational instruction at the Regional Jail. Of those, one hundred eighty-two (182) were GED level students in which sixteen (16) successfully tested and passed the federal requirements to attain their GED Certification, otherwise known as, High School Equivalency Diploma. In addition to our GED level students, one hundred twenty-six (126) students were instructed at the Pre-GED level, ten (10) students were enrolled at the Literacy level, nine (9) were enrolled as English Second Language students and twenty-seven (27) were involved in the Adult Basic Education program.



Our GED students studied diligently to attain the credentialing that each must acquire to pass the four (4) core subject areas. With help, not only from their Unit Teachers, we were fortunate to have Housing Unit Tutors to assist them outside of class. Students must pass four (4) core subject areas with a score of one hundred forty-five (145) or higher. Students scoring one hundred sixty -five (165) to one hundred seventy-four (174) in any subject are deemed GED College Ready for that subject. In addition, students passing with a score of one hundred seventy-five (175) to two hundred (200) are deemed GED College Ready Plus, where they earn a college credit in that subject. In 2017, we had three (3) students earning those designated awards: Blake Thompson and Joshua Tresham: GED College Ready in Science, David Thompson GED College Ready in Social Studies.

2017-NON-CONSECTIVE DAY SENTENCING

	10 Days or Less	11 to 30 Days	31 to 89 Days	Over 90 Days	Total
Did Not Start	10	7	6	3	26
Stopped Reporting	112	66	29	11	218
Positive Alcohol/Drug Test	8	11	4	1	24
Received New Charge	12	8	5	1	26
Completed Successfully	414	159	45	1	619
Total	556	251	89	17	913

10 Days or Less		11 to 30 Days		31 to 89 Days		Over 90 Days	
Success	Failure	Success	Failure	Success	Failure	Success	Failure
414	142	159	92	45	44	1	16
74%	26%	63%	37%	51%	49%	6%	94%

RRJA continues to analyze the efficacy of the non-consecutive day incarceration program and work release program. The success of those granted work release continue to experience a greater success rate than those serving non-consecutive day sentences. Offenders inability to abide by the requirements of the program during a substantial non-consecutive sentence, continue to impede the goal of the statue.

2017 WORK RELEASE SENTENCING

COMPLETED	YEARLY TOTAL	REMOVED	YEARLY TOTAL
Charlies City	4	Charlies City	0
Chesterfield	47	Chesterfield	13
Colonial Heights	11	Colonial Heights	2
Hopewell	2	Hopewell	1
Petersburg	10	Petersburg	2
Prince George	4	Prince George	1
Surry	0	Surry	0
Other(Outside)	1	Other	1
JCB/DOC	41	JCB/DOC	9
TOTAL	**120**	**TOTAL**	**29**
PERCENTAGE	**80.54%**	**Percentage**	**19.46%**

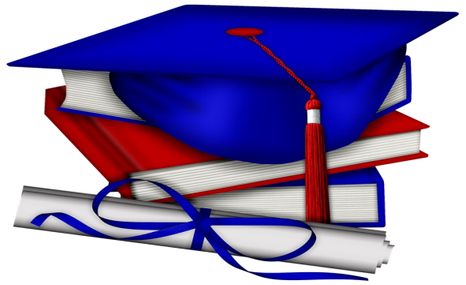
We recognized our graduates with graduation ceremonies and receptions for their accomplishments. It is a special time of celebration as students are presented with their GED Certificates by Riverside Administration, Educators, and Guests. They are also allowed to have two loved ones attend the ceremony to encourage and celebrate with them.

Left to right: Shanora Willoughby, Blaize Seifried, Kenneth Robertson, Jr. and Khayyan Lewis

Left to right: Rebecca Collins, RRJ Lead Teacher
Jennifer Kittrell, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Williamsburg
Babette Coleman, RRJ Programs Manager

GED staff looked forward to starting CRC (Career Readiness Certificate) Standards testing to fulfill our federal mandate for WIOA. We plan to continue working with John Tyler Community College and Virginia State University. We hope to add J. Sergeant Reynolds, Richard Bland, and Virginia Commonwealth to assist with continuing educational and vocational needs.

Overall, our year was successful. We look forward to and anticipate an increased number of graduates in 2018, **when we are off and running on all cylinders**. As Henry Ford once said, “An educated person is not only one who knows a lot but, knows how to do a lot of things.”



VETERANS

The first Memorial Day ceremony honoring RRJ's inmate veterans was conducted in HU-4's gymnasium, 25 May 2017.

The 57 inmate veterans were addressed by Major Wilson and later by Superintendent Newton. The veterans were also addressed by Sergeant Major Eddie Camp, Jr., who is attached to the Combined Arms Support Command, Sustainment Unit One Stop. Sergeant Major Camp spoke of the need for stability, unity and loyalty in all areas of a person's life amongst other topics. Gifts of appreciation were given to Sergeant Major Camp by RRJ's Captain Hendricks following Sergeant Major Camp's address.

Jeff Anderson, a local bag-pipes musician played Sgt. Mackenzie and later at the close of the ceremony, Amazing Grace. The veteran's pod choral group, Men of Valor, performed as well under the direction of GED teacher Mrs. Collins. Bob Harp, a local trumpeter, played Taps to close the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, the inmate veterans were treated to fried chicken, soda and cup cakes.

Sergeant Major Eddie Camp, Jr. , Combined Arms Support Command, Sustainment Unit One Stop

Jeff Anderson
Bag-piper

Bob Harp
Bag-piper

RRJA continues to partner with the Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) to provide public transportation availability to work release offenders as well as the public. This service not only affords reliable transportation for offenders, but also provides as source of transportation for citizens to visit their loved one's currently incarcerated.

Petersburg Area Transit

The Riverside Regional Jail Authority (RRJA), in compliance with Commonwealth of Virginia "alternative sentencing" efforts, also operates a non-consecutive day incarceration program. The least restrictive incarceration options are weekend jail sentences (Friday evening through Sunday evening) or two or more days during the week. This program continues to experience an increase in participants facilitated by member jurisdiction courts sentencing an increased number of offenders to non-consecutive day incarceration in an effort to keep them gainfully employed in accordance with § 53.1-131.1 (Provision for sentencing of person to nonconsecutive days in jail; payment to defray costs; penalty). The code states:

> *"Any court having jurisdiction for the trial of a person charged with a misdemeanor or traffic offense or charged with any offense under Chapter 5 (§ 20-61 et seq.) of Title 20 may, if the defendant is convicted and sentenced to confinement in jail, impose the time to be served on weekends or nonconsecutive days to permit the convicted defendant to retain gainful employment. This program could continue to see significant increases in 2018 with the possible expansion of § 53.1-131.1 to non-violent felons."*

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

The Riverside Regional Jail Authority operates the largest Community Corrections program in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In calendar year 2017, over 1,300 offenders participated in the agency's Community Corrections program. RRJA continued in it's efforts to secure new partnerships with the addition of Food Lion Distribution to it's list of employers. This year Rescare Workforce Resource Center focused it's attention on individuals transferring from federal institutions into our local community. Rescare initiated contact with offenders and began pre-release transition programming which continued after their transfer to Riverside. They offered training in heavy machinery and CDL-licensure, and tractor trailer driving.

One of the single greatest impediments to a successful reentry into society is the ability to achieve gainful employment. Community Corrections personnel have developed partnerships with over 20 local employers. In 2017, Rescare's Workforce Resource Centers partnership with the Federal Bureau of Prisons continued to allow RRJA the opportunity to assist offenders with not only finding employment in the local area, but also meaningful technical training opportunities. The Workforce Resource Center (WFRC) is a national career development agency, who utilizes federal grant money to provide citizens with assistance in securing a career field.

ResCare Workforce Services

Food Lion Distribution Center, located in Disputanta, Virginia, contributed a great deal to offender success 2017 by providing gainful employment before and after release. Offenders were offered full-time employment, with a benefits package. Many offender have maintained employment post-release. Several offenders have secured positions after their successful release from the Community Corrections program with the assistance of program staff.

Riverside Regional Jail held its second annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 7, 2017 in Housing Unit 4's gym. The Keynote Speaker for the ceremony was Command Sergeant Major Ronald L. Smith, Jr. CSM Smith is currently assigned to the 29th Infantry Division, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He recently returned from an extended overseas deployment with the Combined Joint Operations Center—Jordan, in conjunction with Operation Inherent Resolve, the operations conducted against ISIS' forces in Syria and Iraq. CSM Smith addressed the need for personal leadership, the need for dealing with adversity and the need for maintaining commitment and resolve. In his own words,

"My message today to all my fellow veterans is – 'NEVER GIVE UP.' So I'm going to start my message by assigning everyone some homework. What is Operation Proper Exit? I just returned from my most recent deployment in August of this year. One of the highlights of my deployment was meeting a group of Soldiers and Marines who were wounded in battle. One of these Soldiers is MSG Leroy Petry, a recipient of the Medal of Honor in July 2011. MSG Petry shared with me and many other Soldiers his account what led him to losing his right hand in combat.

I often think back on what effect that conversation had on me and my Soldiers. Because at the root of what he told us, it was his will not to give up. The other amazing part of the conversation was the long road to recovery that he faced both physically and emotionally to this day. You see, he described the multiple resources and organizations that helped get him to where he is today. And through that process as well, he demonstrates the "Never Give Up" attitude.

As we look at our own life situations and obstacles, sometimes we find ourselves having a hard time applying that "Never Give Up" attitude, to include myself. After returning home from multiple deployments, I found myself feeling like a stranger in my own home. When I would talk to my family, I would come away with the same conclusion - they don't understand and this is not working. So what changed? What changed is what you see right here- utilizing resources. This program is a resource. The services that MSG Petry used in his return to duty are resources. When you look at me, I just don't want you to see CSM Smith. I want you to see a Soldier who got his degree because of federal and state tuition assistance. I want you to see someone who uses services at the VA Hospital. And most importantly I want to make sure my Soldiers understand what is available to them. That could be in the form of Health care, women veterans' programs, job assistance, or educational benefits.

In closing, as we look ahead to Veterans Day, be proud and take pride in your service. Use the available services that are there for you. Always reflect on others who have served and 'Never give up.' Thank you and thank you for you service."

Colonel Jeffery L. Newton, CJM
Superintendent, RRJ
Command Sergeant Major Smith,
Assistant Commandant of the US Army Transportation Corp

Command Sergeant Major Smith
Mrs. Collins, Choir Director
Men of Valor, Veteran Choir

THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY

The Therapeutic Community (TC) Program “Without Walls” has provided substance abuse services for Riverside Regional Jail male offenders since 1997. In January of 2014, Riverside Regional Jail incorporated a Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program for women “New Beginnings” through a national grant (RSAT) for women with substance abuse and co-occurring disorders.

Both programs here at Riverside Regional Jail require all offenders to adhere to the program rules as well as the facility rules and regulations. The TC Program provides the offenders with an opportunity for positive change; while providing a more structured living environment that provides the offenders the opportunity to learn pro-social values and behaviors that can lead to productive and law-abiding life styles. The TC Program is designed as an intensive and comprehensive treatment model that has been modified for the jail setting. The program is voluntary and uses a coordinated staff approach to deliver treatment services. The treatment philosophy is comprised of treatment staff and the offenders (participants) as the key agents of change “community method.” The program also incorporates self-help believing that the offender (participants) is the main contributor to their change process.

The Riverside Regional Jail’s therapeutic community staff consist of (4) Therapeutic Counselors who hold Bachelor degrees (1) with a Masters degree (4) are Certified Substance Abuse Counselors (CASC) and (1) Aftercare Case Manager, with a Bachelor’s Degree and (1) Therapeutic Community Manager, who holds a Masters degree, is a Qualified Mental Health Professional and is a Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC).

The fundamental Components of the TC program are:

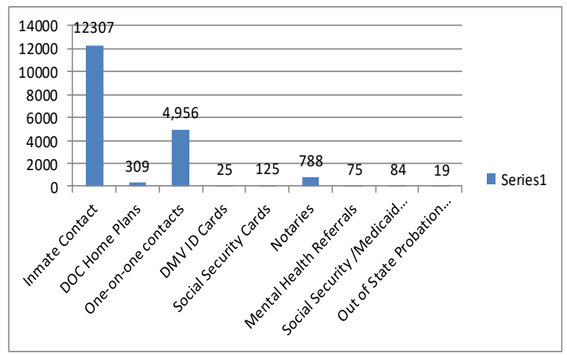
- Community-based learning
- Group sessions
- Individual & Group Counseling
- Peer support
- Staff led groups

- Confrontation
- Role play
- Games (therapeutic)
- Cinema therapy

- Phase approach
- Cognitive Restructuring
- 12-Step Facilitation
- Behavioral Modification

A relapse prevention group is given by the pod’s case worker. A representative from the Virginia Employment Commission gives quarterly updates on the VEC’s veteran oriented programs. The Veterans Administration Justice Outreach Coordinator is here several times a month.

Overall, case worker activities were generally in proportion to their inmate contacts. There were no unexpected increases or decreases—788 notaries, 38 funerals/private viewings, 75 referrals to outside mental health agencies, 84 referrals to Social Security/Medicaid, 309 DOC home plans, 19 out of state probation transfers. All of these numbers echo last year’s numbers.



Pre-release activities decreased slightly, as fewer inmates requested assistance with housing, clothing or transportation. Regardless of any slight increases or decreases, the pre-release problems that have plagued both case worker and inmate alike remain just below the surface:

- There is no viable short term shelter available in the Tri-Cities area for ex-offenders,
- regardless of gender.
- There is now a necessity to transport homeless ex-offenders to Central Intake in Richmond, assuming that they are able to arrive there before 3:30PM, Monday through Friday.
- The lack of shelter for female ex-offenders in the Tri-Cities area, unless an individual can prove that she was the victim of domestic assault/abuse.

Case workers continue to provide pre-release assistance in the following areas:

- Coordinate with Richmond Behavioral Health Agency and District 19 to have on hand services available for those inmates under the care of these agencies prior to their incarceration.
- Assist with obtaining birth certificates.
- Facilitate the completion and timely delivery of interstate probation transfer applications.
- Facilitate reactivation of Social Security Disability or Medicaid benefits.
- Assist with applying for SNAP and TANF benefits.
- Assist with MCV’s Virginia Coordinated Care applications.
- Provide clothing assistance for those inmates being released during cold weather.

CASE WORK

The case workers made a total of 12,307 inmate contacts last year: 4,956 one-on-one contacts and 7,351 email contacts. The total number is down from 2016, which had 13,298 total contacts. However, it is important to note this number, 12,307, reflects the work of two case workers, not three, as one case worker resigned unexpectedly in August.

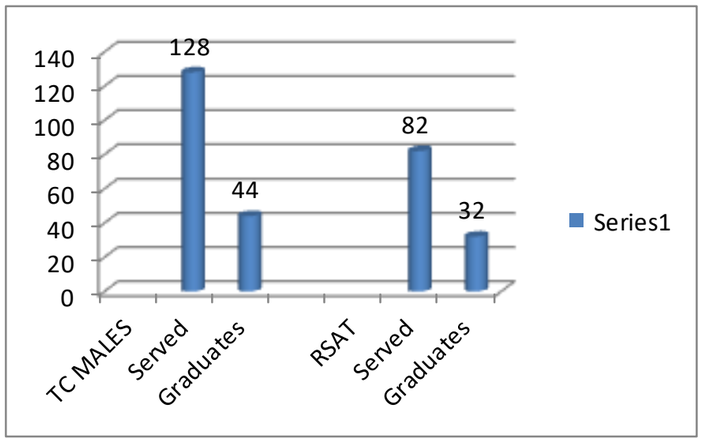
As opposed to 2016, the preponderance of contacts was made via the request form system as opposed to direct, one on one contacts. More than a few of these forms eventually led to one on one contacts. The request system has caught on with the inmates, most of whom are able to explain their requests sufficiently within a range of around 3 emails.

2017 also saw a full calendar year in which both DMV issued identification cards and replacement Social Security cards were offered consistently throughout the year. 25 ID cards were issued; the cards are issued to the individual at the time of their release. The total number of issued ID cards was relatively low although there were many applicants. The total number of issued Social Security cards was much higher at around 125.

The Veterans Pod was initiated in 2016 and continued into its second year. The participants are screened by Programs staff based on stringent criteria. An applicant is initially verified by a check with the Veterans Administration, then through a DD-214. Additionally, the number of ex-inmates who were in the veteran's program, no more than twenty have reoffended, at least those who have been booked back into Riverside. Of those, five have re-offended multiple times, the highest number being 7, the lowest three. Ongoing efforts are being made to make the Veterans Housing Unit Project a viable, dynamic program. A counselor volunteering from the Therapeutic Community offers group therapy for substance abuse and anger management, while an off-site volunteer offers group discussions dealing with former military persons and PTSD.

TC Graduation

During the 2017 Calendar year, the female Therapeutic Community Program serviced approximately 82 (RSAT) with 32 female graduates. The TC Program serviced 128 male participants with 44 graduates.



Family Reunification Program

RRJ's Therapeutic Community program initially started the family reunification sessions to reunite the offender/participant with their family member (s) to discuss progress, milestones, and seek additional support and referrals and continued success at home and in the community. The program found it difficult to get ex-offenders/TC participants and their families to return to the facility after release; therefore they restructured the Family Reunification Program so that participants/offenders and their families could engage in a session prior to release. The program now provides family reunification services to TC participants and their families 30-60 days prior to release.

The TC program has provided for 2017, Family Reunification services for (4) male participants and (2) female participants, all participants had family members to attend. The sessions provided:

- All participants were given a Drug Awareness Quiz, to evaluate knowledge and increase knowledge.
- An overview of the Disease concept was given by TC Counselors.
- Review and discussion of addiction (people, places and things, enabling, and expectations (family members and offender/participant).
- Resource material and handouts were given.

The TC programs (men & women) provide a variety of evidence based groups weekly. These groups provide the bulk of the therapy; however, participants receive individual and group counseling as needed:

⇒ Substance abuse education- (matrix) 15 active participates per week (orientation phase)

⇒ Relapse Prevention-Matrix group 20-(men) women (22) participates per week

⇒ Thinking for a Change-65 active participates per week

⇒ Relationship group-16- (men) active participates per week

⇒ Family Matters (22) women-Every other women

⇒ Criminality and self-change-17 participates peer week

⇒ Peer Support-65 active participates per week women (22)

⇒ Anger Management-65 active participates per week

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

In the Spring of 2017, Riverside Regional Jail (RRJ) hosted its 19th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The purpose of the event was to show our appreciation to those who continue to assist the facility with volunteerism and to celebrate the services provided by the volunteers. On this special evening, RRJ's Authority Board Chairman Tyrone Franklin and Sheriff Carols Jones graced us with their participation helping to make the evening a red carpet affair.

Each year special awards are presented to three Volunteers who outshined the rest. The Sunshine Award is awarded to an active RRJA volunteer who uplifts and encourages others through words and smiles. The Dedication Award is presented to the Volunteer who has the most donated hours and can be depended on to assist when needed. Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded to an active RRJA volunteer who has been with the facility more than five years consecutively and contributes more than volunteer service hours.

Gertrude Taylor,
TRIO Education Opportunities Center
Sunshine Award

Warlisha Whisonant,
Good News Jail & Prison Ministry
Dedication Award

Jeffrey Mincks
Good News Jail & Prison Ministry & Support Groups

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are essential pieces of the puzzle that fit into Riverside Regional Jail's (RRJ) Programs Department. Our essential piece offers quality of service and words of wisdom for our inmates and staff.

Secular volunteers continued to provide programs such as: Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous, Serenity (Healthy Living), and Sisters Education Awareness Motivational Seminar, James House, Veteran Justice Outreach, Goodwill Reentry Workshops, College Bound Program, Veterans Advocacy, Drive to Work and HIV and HEP C Testing. Our 46 Secular Volunteers consistently provided quality services to assist and meet the needs of each individual held in Riverside Regional Jail. In 2017, Volunteers donated 3,213 hours totaling a savings of $77,562 in donated time. Secular Volunteers afforded 347 programs to 3,247 inmates.

There numerous organizations and community members who provide worthy programs and services for those RRJ oversees. Goodwill Industries and Virginia State University (TRIO Program) provide services for those inmates preparing to reentry local communities within 90 days or less and has earned a High School Equivalency Diploma. Drive To Work Program assists inmates with getting their driving privileges restored. The Veterans Advocate Instructor offers Veterans who are incarcerated prior to being released with resources to receive their medical and other benefits. HIV Testing and HEP C Testing are offered to each individual who has participated in risky behaviors such as unprotected sexual activity, unregulated tattooing, and intravenous or intranasal drug use. Al-A-Mo Recovery House is a recovery center for individuals who are recovering from substance abuse.

Six new programs were offered in 2017: Peer Support Counseling; The Veteran Support Group; Central Virginia Health Services, Inc.; Anger Management Support; Healing Through Art Support Group; and Healing the Trauma of Abuse. Many of these programs provide trauma informed care or education.

⇒ Helping women recover-18-21 active participants weekly
⇒ Thinking for a change- men (40) women (22) active participants weekly
⇒ Relationship- 18-21-active participants weekly
⇒ Re-entry -22 (women) men (43) active participants weekly
⇒ Decision Point-twice a month (men &women) 10 (men) 5 (women)
⇒ Criminality 15 (men) weekly
⇒ Confrontation-community process (weekly) for both program –all participants
⇒ Beyond Trauma/Criminality weekly (22)

Recovery Month

For the calendar year 2017 RRJ's Therapeutic Communities continued to recognize Recovery Month; which is recognized in September nationally. Recovery Month was nationally founded in 2002, by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The theme for this year (2017) Recovery Month was "Voices of Recovery: Our families, our stories, our recovery." The purpose of Recovery Month is to provide focus on reducing the stigma attached to the disease of addiction through the sobriety stories of those in recovery. During the calendar year of 2017 approximately 27 speakers from various pathways of recovery and TC alumni came to speak and share their health and strength to the participates in The Riverside Drug Programs.

Michael Jackson

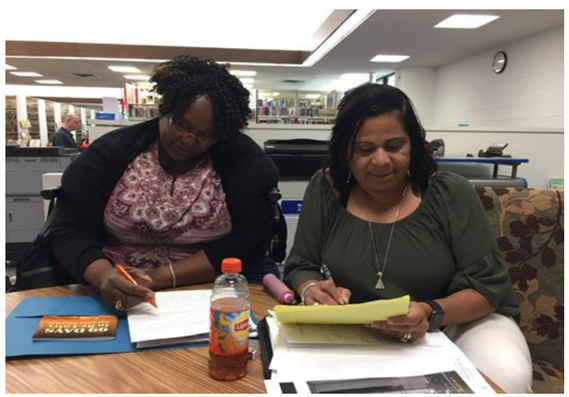
Shannon Rivera

Broderick Moss

ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT

In 2017, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services solicited grant recipients to fulfill a need for Peer Recovery Services for offenders preparing to return to local communities. This solicitation was comprised of six program components of which at least three were to be addressed. Riverside Regional Jail chose Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Peer Recovery Support and Reentry Services for females with substance abuse concerns who were scheduled to be released within 120 days. The desired outcome of the three program components is that all participants would be afforded programs and services that would enhance, educate and encourage positive lifestyle choices and employability skills that aid in making proper decisions thus producing productive citizens. Riverside Regional Jail's grant proposal was submitted on August 21, 2017, as an enhancement to the Female Therapeutic Community that included general population females with substance abuse concerns. DCJS honored our proposal for $48,000.

The program is designed to utilize cognitive behavior therapy approaches as a way to help offenders identify self-defeating thoughts and behaviors. The program will also utilize evidenced based psycho-educational groups to address substance abuse and relapse prevention. These programs and services are afforded through a Peer Recovery Specialist and Community Stakeholders via development of the Riverside Reentry Advisory Council (RRAC). These Community Stakeholders not only assist with providing programs and services while the offender is housed in our facility, but will assist community linkages upon release.



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COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

In 2017, Riverside Regional Jail Authority partnered with forty-one (41) Community Stakeholders to provide: reading glasses, housing assistance provide pre and post counseling for HIV and Hep C Tests; Therapeutic Community Completion Ceremonies; facilitate VCAM Workshops, Bible studies, GED Graduation Keynote address, a Child Support Information Workshop, and a Domestic Violence Prevention Seminar. Also, a bagpiper playing for our Memorial Day Ceremony as well as substance users came to share their stories of strength and hope. Of these partners, the following organizations and individuals provided these services:

- ⇒ Local church members
- ⇒ Minority Health Consortium
- ⇒ Former offenders
- ⇒ VCAM
- ⇒ Williamsburg Deputy Chief Probation Officer
- ⇒ Fort Lee Domestic Abuse & Victim Advocates
- ⇒ Prince George County Director of Student Services

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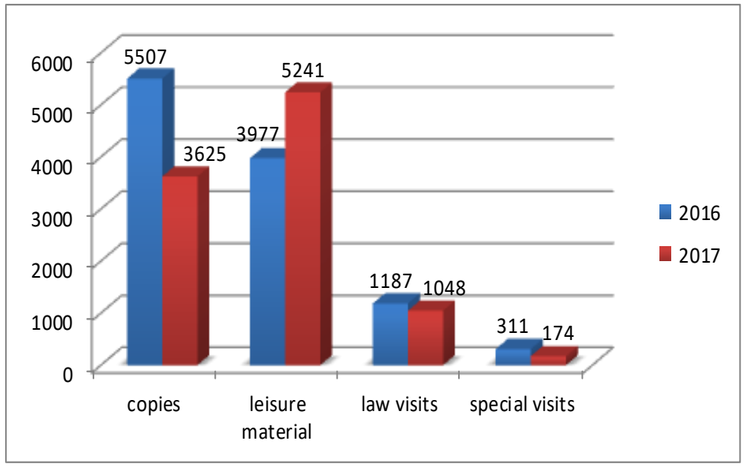
LIBRARY

The Programs Department's Library offered both legal research and leisure reading materials. Offenders were afforded law library visitation in order to conduct independent research on their criminal cases and gain a working knowledge of the Judicial System. Utilizing the Alexandria Library Management System and the Information/Communication kiosks, offenders were provided with a more efficient means to request and receive circulated leisure reading material.

In 2017, 5,241 leisure reading materials, an inexpensive escape from incarceration, reached offenders via electronic offender request forms. There were 1,048 offenders visits to law library, with an additional 174 special visit requests. During these visits, over 3,625 copies were requested.



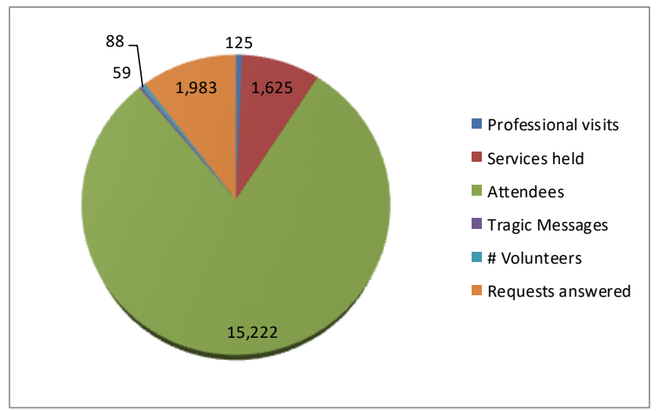
In 2018, this department will strive to enhance offender experiences with the anticipated introduction of E-Books and other similar resources. With the continued support of our community and all other organizations, we will see these achievements.

MINISTRY

Dr. A. Wyatt Mullinax, in addressing 10 dysfunctional thinking errors and practical & workable solutions to them, said, "BELIEFS influence our thinking, THINKING grows out of beliefs, and FEELINGS come out of our thinking and influences BEHAVIOR, which is the basis for the RESULTS we end up with." The sincere and guided practice of one's faith provides the foundation for our belief system and is essential if we are to orient our lives to true north of one's moral compass resulting in internal, positive and lasting change. Riverside Regional Jail, the religious community, and Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, work together providing quality opportunities for inmates to deepen their faith and in turn orienting them to that moral compass found in their faith's teachings.

We continue to engage inmates at various levels in the practice of their faith. In 2017 a team of Volunteer Chaplain's Assistants were trained and placed in service to provide a Ministry of Presence for the Chaplain's Office in the inmate living areas. This team of 16 volunteers exist to have a weekly presence in the inmate living areas responding to Inmate requests, allowing greater access to chaplain services for the inmate population. Among the 16 volunteers, there are three females ministering to the female inmates, two former military servicemen ministering in the Veteran's Unit, and one Hispanic volunteer for our Spanish speaking population. In 2017, this team volunteered 730 hours and responded to 1983 requests for individualized ministry.

Forty-five group religious activities were held each week led by 85 volunteers for an annual total of 1,625 services held; Two hundred ninety-three inmates attended those services each week, giving an annual attendance of 15,222.



Our desire is to see inmates come into a real and vibrant relationship with God during their time here. Connection with the local church is an essential part of that process. We understand the transient nature of our ministry here and welcome the connection to a local congregation. Knowing the many demands on local clergy, we work diligently to facilitate a continued connection of them with the inmate to enhance spiritual counseling of the inmate. This is accomplished through a simple clearance procedure for Professional Clergy visitation privileges at the facility. In 2017 Community Pastors made professional visits with 125 inmates.

An equally important area of ministry is that of delivering and following up to tragic and disturbing messages inmates may receive. The serious illness, injury, or death of a loved one is challenging at any time, but more so when an individual is cut off from their support group as is the case during incarceration. The Chaplain's office strives to stand in the gap by offering grief ministry to inmates during and after the time a tragic message is received. In 2017 the chaplain delivered 59 tragic messages, and ministered to many more inmates who received some devastating news while here.

Ministry to the staff in a facility such as Riverside is one of the privileges of chaplaincy. To minister and encourage them in their work, and family is rewarding. Corrections is a unique career field. The men and women here serve their community by protecting them from the criminal element. Few pastors and professionals understand the challenges of such a job. As chaplain, I am equipped to assist the corrections staff work through the spiritual ramification of dealing with an often difficult population. In 2017, I met with 26 staff members and provided spiritual assistance to many more.

Ministry Talent Donated

Donated hours	3,460
$24.14 per hour	x $24.14
Savings	**$83,524.40**

As is evident by the numbers given, the chaplain cannot begin to accomplish this work and other ministry were it not for the 88 ministry volunteers assisting with support, and ministry tasks. Dedicated volunteers are the heart and soul of ministry at Riverside Regional Jail. They come because of their desire. Their incentive is obedience to God's call. They understand the dividends of such an investment in a broken life. They offer the hope, guidance, and support inmates need to make it through a period of instability and transition. Volunteers assist them in learning the importance of the faith in and obedience to God as a key component of breaking the cycle of crime. We have continued to deepen the volunteer base this year adding 18 additional ministry volunteers of which, three bring a combined 28 year's experience in jail ministry; Three have long careers in the education field; Two are ex-offenders, serving in their church and community; Three are providing musical support to the services; Others are gifted teachers; All enhance the ministry in Riverside giving over 3,460 hours in one of many areas of ministry. I am honored to serve my God in Riverside Regional Jail, ministering to inmates and staff alongside the dedicated volunteers.