Riverside Regional Jail Authority

ANNUAL PROGRAMS REPORT

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Annually, the Riverside Regional Jail Authority (RRJA) reports the successes of the Community Corrections and Programs departments. The Authority's successes in 2021 were met with some challenges, as with all organizations across the globe.

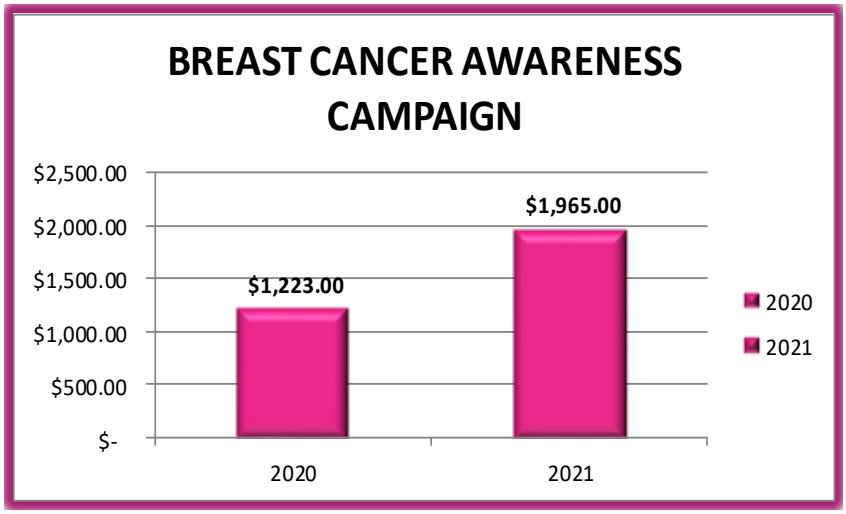
In 2021, together, administration and staff mended fractured morale, realigned responsibilities and restored goals and objectives. Amid periodic Corona-virus outbreaks and staffing barriers, we continued to exemplify that ''healthy things grow, growing things change, and change challenges us." As a team, we achieved another successful year.

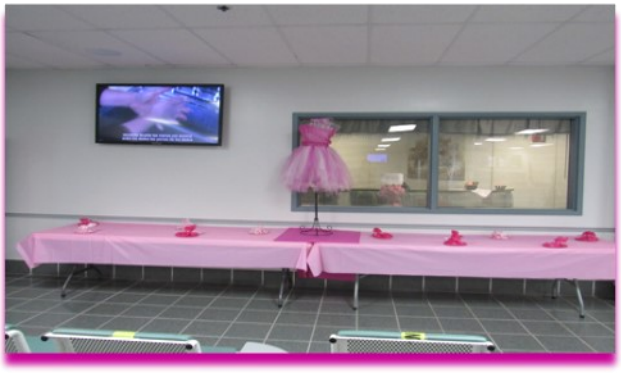
Some 2021 RRJA highlights include:

- Continued to deliver a mature Medicaid Application program avoiding almost $7,094,837.42 in inmate medical expenses based on 77 applications submitted for 24-hour in-hospitalizations. Expanded the program to assist with re-entry efforts in 2021 providing 183 referrals and 207 interviews.
- Awarded a continuation for the Addiction Recovery Program Grant received from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. This program served female offenders struggling with addiction and preparing for release; of which 112 participants entered the program and 42 completed the program requirements.
- Served over 952 offenders through the Therapeutic Community program with 23 male and 15 female offenders graduating from the program.
- Implemented a cognitive behavior program that served 519 men and women.
- Community members donated over 4,033 hours of service.
- Maintained inmate access to legal research conducted by staff whom produced 6,708 copies when visitation was limited for 3,979 inmate requests.
- Loaned 1,010 books and magazines and provided 154 renewals from the jail's book cart.
- Each year Interns from diverse colleges and universities collaborate to provide training for their students. RRJ trained 12 new juniors and seniors during the year.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CHARITY

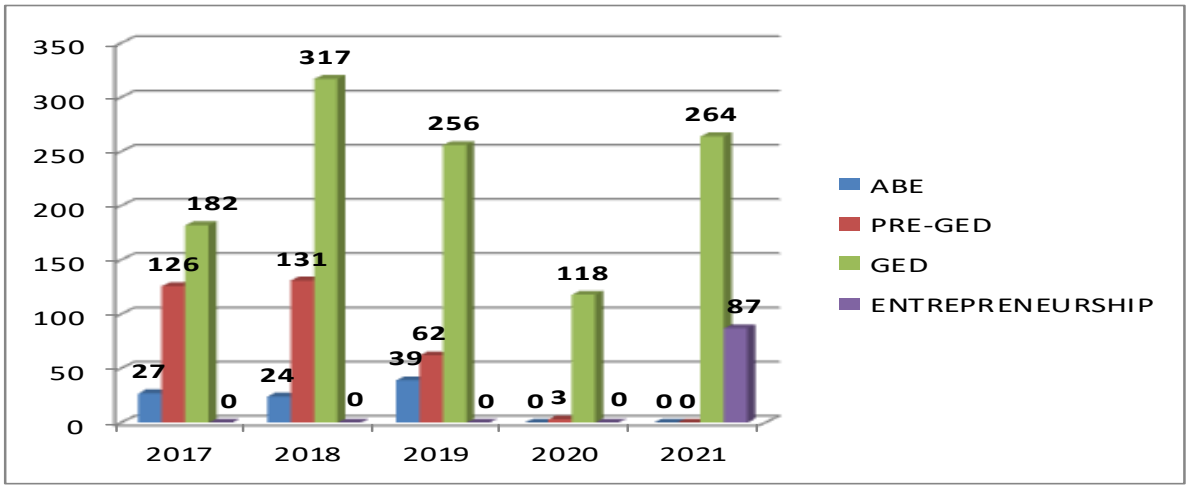
Riverside Regional Jail (RRJ) has provided financial support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month for a number of years. RRJ endeavors to find innovative ways to raise support and awareness of this dreadful disease. In 2021 staff displayed their talents via baking delicious eye-tantalizing sweet treats and making jewelry and basket. Moreover, breast cancer trinkets such as ink pens, lapel pins, sunshades, etc. were available for purchase. All efforts proved fruitful, as RRJ raised $1,965 from the bake sales, clothing and accessories, sales and raffle tickets. In 2021, all funds collected were donated to the Hawthorne Cancer Foundation, Southside Cancer Center and Virginia Cancer Center.





OFFENDER EDUCATION-GED

In 2021, the contract teachers from Southside Programs for Adult Continuing Education, Prince George County and Riverside started with **351** students participating in educational instruction at the Regional Jail. The year began with great expectations, however due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) concerns the Superintendent of RRJ made a health conscious decision to limit individual instruction to “pods only.”



GED students studied diligently to attain the credentialing that each must acquire to pass the four (4) core subject areas. Taking in consideration the quote by Maya Angelou, "All great achievements require time," therefore an extensive amount of after class assignments was given, these assignments were completed by students, reviewed and graded by teachers. . These assignments were given based on the guidelines for College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education.

In 2021 teachers and students continued to face obstacles with electronic difficulties. Because of restraints with security staffing, face to face instruction were limited. Instructors embraced again the motto, "great achievement requires personal force, determined spirit and self-confidence."

Going forward plans are to expand the educational workforce component to include employability, digital literacy, and other soft skills. GED staff looks forward to fulfilling our federal mandate for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Overall, 2021 has been a year of many changes and challenges. We look forward to and anticipate an increased number of graduates in 2022. "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”-Booker T. Washington

OFFENDER EDUCATION-SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Special Education Department at Riverside Regional Jail consists of two certified part-time teachers from Prince George County Public Schools. The teachers are licensed in special education with an endorsement in the area of Emotional Disabilities. The number of students served through this department fluctuates day to day due to students being released from the facility and back into the community or they are moved to the Department of Corrections to continue to serve the remainder of their sentences. On average during the duration of a school year the special education teacher serves nine students at a time. In order for an inmate to qualify for special education services while they are incarcerated, they have to meet the following criteria:

- have not reached the age of 22 before September 30th of the school year;
- have a current or expired IEP (Individualized Education Plan) from a public or private school (not to include students who were dismissed from receiving special education);
- have not graduated high school, college, or already received a GED in another program.

When new inmates enter the facility that meet the age requirement for this program, interviews are conducted by the special education teachers in order to determine if they meet the criteria to receive special education services. Once it is determined that they have not graduated from high school and they are a student with special need, their former school is contacted and a signed request for records is sent to acquire the appropriate paperwork needed to construct their new IEP. All special education students who are incarcerated at Riverside Regional Jail and are receiving services have their IEP's from their former school districts transferred over to the Prince George County Public Schools record system.

During the school year of 2019-2020, COVID-19 put a halt to the special education program at Riverside Regional Jail on March 13, 2020. Under the advisement of Virginia Governor Ralph Northam and more specifically the command staff at RRJ, all contracted employees were no longer permitted to enter the facility until further notice. As programs have been opened back up at RRJ (October 2020), the original teacher returned to serve the students who qualify for special education services; however, instruction has been limited due to being involved in another employment contract within Prince George County Public Schools. A second part time instructor was employed in order to assist with fulfilling the teacher related responsibilities. At this current time to date the program is up and smoothly running again with some limitations. Students from different pods cannot be educated together due in order to decrease the possibility of spreading COVID. Because of these limitations, it is more difficult to service the students with IEP's who are incarcerated at Riverside Regional Jail with having two part time instructors.

The special education teachers at Riverside Regional Jail look forward to educating our incarcerated youth.

THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY PROGRAM

The Therapeutic Community Program "Without Walls" has provided substance abuse services for Riverside Regional Jail male offenders since 1997. In January of 2014, Riverside Regional Jail received a Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grant through the Department of Criminal Justice Services, allowing RRJ to incorporate a women's TC program "New Beginnings" for those 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 lifestyles. The TC Program is designed as an intensive and comprehensive treatment model that has been modified for the jail setting. The program is a voluntary program that uses a coordinated staff approach to deliver treatment services (4-ALDF-5A-07). The Veteran's program allows for offenders who have actively served in the military to prepare for reentry to community through treatment and Veterans benefits. Both the Veterans and the Cognitive program are guided through a problem-focused therapeutic approach that assist to help the participants identify and change dysfunctional beliefs and thoughts through therapeutic programming. able to identify unwanted behavior and 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 offender holds the role as the "Agent of Change" and the staff's role is that of the "Rational Authority."

The Riverside Regional Jail's therapeutic community staff consist of (5) Therapeutic Counselors (2) who hold Bachelor degrees (psychology/social work) (2) Master level Counselors (social work and human services) (1) Aftercare Case Worker with a Bachelor's Degree (social work) (1) Bachelor's level-lead counselor, and (1) Facility Program Administrator who holds a Masters degree, is a Qualified Mental Health Professional and is a Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC). All staff are certified substance abuse counselor or eligible for certification.

The fundamental Components of the TC program are:

Recruit (new participants) Community-based learning (Learning Experiences)

Group therapy

Group sessions

Individual sessions

Peer support

Staff led groups

Confrontation

Community Process (women)

Role play

Games (therapeutic)

Cinema therapy

Program Phase approach (TC)

Pro-social Activity

Self-Management Skills

Clinical Strategies:

Addressing Basic Needs

Addressing Criminality (thinking Errors)

Addressing Anger

Addressing Denial and Resistance (change)

Addressing Guilt, Shame, and Stigma

Designing Treatment to Reflect the Stages of Change

The TC/Cognitive Committee programs (men & women) The program consists of three housing units one for the TC men, one for the Veterans/Cognitive men, and one for the TC/Cognitive women. The two male unit has the capacity to hold up to 65 men and the one for the women has the capacity to hold up to 60 women. However, in order to provide a safe and healthy environment that is conducive for therapeutic services, this capacity is generally slightly lower. The program provides a variety of daily evidence-based groups. These groups as noted below provide the bulk of the therapy; however, participants receive individual and group counseling as needed as well as provide peer-lead groups and each participate must present a presentation relative to their treatment objects prior to completion.

Since the rise of the Pandemic (COVID) the population of the program units have decreased for social distancing purposes. The program staff took measures to protect the efficacy of the program by providing virtual services that included daily groups, one-on-one services as needed, and by providing daily correspondence, and enlisted support groups, for several months in order to continue programs many of the groups that were provided for the major part of the year were provided virtually daily via zoom due to COVID. Such groups included:

- ◊ Substance abuse education/Relapse Prevention-the total population of the pod (all are active participants)
- ◊ Thinking for a Change-(total population of the pod) active participates per week (men)
- ◊ Thinking for a Change-19-21 active participates per week (women)
- ◊ Criminality and self-change-TC men
- ◊ Peer Support-groups (men & women)
- ◊ Anger Management-approximately (provided by Program Staff
- ◊ Helping women recover
- ◊ Managing Mental Health-Re-entry
- ◊ (Re-entry (men) "Resource for Source Group" within the pod for those being released within 90 days- 5-6 participants-6-week cycle (cohort group)
- ◊ Veterans (group and benefits session with a VA representative 2x month)
- ◊ Reentry Services

Men's Cog And Vets Program: Building Bridges

TC Women: New Beginnings

Men's TC: Without Walls Program

COG Women: "Brighter Future"

THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY GRADUATION

TC honors it's participates by hosting a graduation "completion ceremony" every quarter. The program has a guest speaker, all program participants are allowed to attend the ceremony, they provide their own entertainment (songs, poems, skits and one male and one female is selected to provide a few words of encouragement to their peers), family members are invited, and each member is honored with a certificate and are able to visit and eat lunch with their family. However, due to the Pandemic (COVID), the graduation is now virtual so that family members, speakers, other pods, and staff can view the ceremony. After the ceremony all the program participants are served refreshments and those graduates are allowed some time to meet with their guest (virtually).

During the 2021 Calendar year, Therapeutic Community Program serviced approximately 42 TC males, 32 Vets/Cognitive, men 25 TC/Cognitive females daily with a total of 27 graduates. The Cognitive offenders that have participated in the program 60-90 days receive certificates of participation 60) graduates; females (18) and males (42).

A Therapeutic Celebration"

Riverside Regional Jail's quarterly Therapeutic Community (Drug Program) completion ceremony (graduation) was held **March 31, 2021**; due to the COVID Epidemic, the graduation guest (family, friends, and guest speaker) was zoomed in for the special occasion. The theme of the ceremony was "**Stepping to a Different Beat."**

The program honored participants from the Therapeutic Community Program men (10) and (1) female. All of the of the graduates completed all four phases of the program. All TC participants were able to witness this great milestone, both programs were combined via zoom in order to support each other.

The graduates and audience members were honored in song by one of the TC graduates "**Image Me**" as well as heard words of encouragement and testimony by two of the community members (1 male and 1 female). The speaker, Peer Recovery Specialist, John Goode with HYPE of Richmond, Va., provided words of strength and hope. The celebration ended with refreshments, pictures and the graduates being able to see and speak with their families, via zoom.

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FAMILY REUNIFICATION & VETERAN APPRECIATION

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, they restructured the Family Reunification Program so that participants/offenders and their families could engage in a session prior to release. Therefore, the program now provides family reunification services to TC participants and their families 30-60 days prior to release, here at the jail.

RRJ has postponed the Family Reunification group due to the Pandemic (COVID) restrictions the TC Program has postponed the Family Reunification services until further notice.

Veteran's Appreciation, November 2021. All Veteran's received a Certificate of Appreciation along with encouraging words and support from staff.

RECOVERY MONTH

Each **September**, SAMHSA sponsors *National Recovery Month (Recovery Month)* to increase awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders, and to celebrate the individuals living in recovery.

The 2021 *Recovery Month* theme, **"Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community: because it benefits everyone in recovery, we build new connections to ourselves, our families, and our communities (samsha.gov)**

RRJ has participated in Recovery Month annually since 2007. This year due to the Pandemic (COVID), a "speaker jam" was hosted for the speakers to speak virtually to the program participants only on-staff speakers presenting face-to-face. The recovery month speakers came from many local and surrounding agencies, mental health services, Department of Corrections, Peer Recovery Specialist, Veteran's representatives, program alumni, and other agencies that support those in recovery and incarcerated individuals. The speakers provided great insight as to how they have maintained their sobriety as well as provided strength and hope for the participants in the program as well as provided them with resources.

In celebration of recovery month (September 2021) Riverside Regional Jail had a recovery month t-shirt design competition for the program participants (offenders). The winner Harris designed a recovery shirt that shows the many different faces of recovery and theme "Recovery is for Everyone" (shown below). The staff had the t-shirt designed and all staff wore the t-shirts as well as had one made for the winner (Harris).

ARTISTIC EXPRESSION MESSAGES

Dustin Harris (featured below) uses creative expressions to share a message of positive thinking

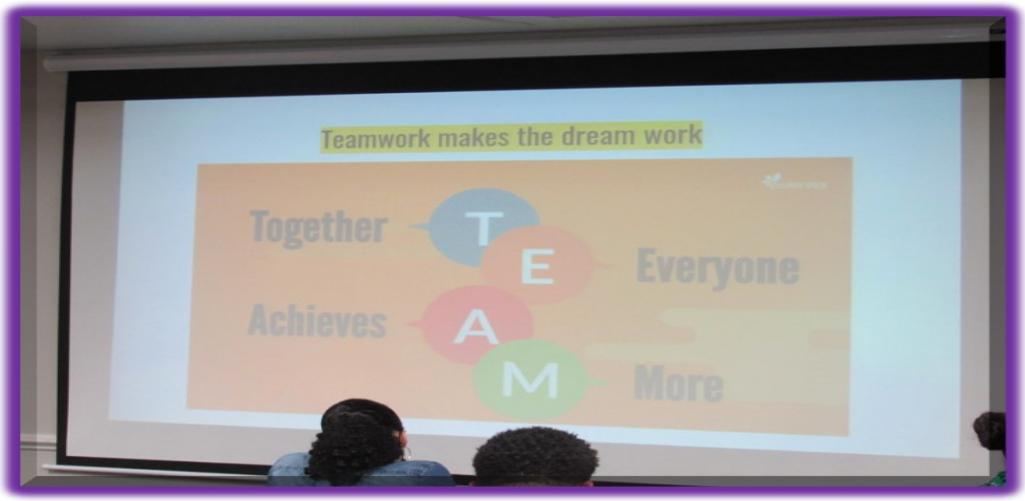
that would provoke change and recovery, not only for those with substance use disorder but for any man.

RIVERSIDE REENTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL

RRJA continued to serve 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 awarded by the Virginia Department of Justice Services in 2017 and has effectively continued each year. RRAC consistently aims to be a full-bodied enriching service for all returning citizens.

Although Covid-19 remained a concern, Riverside continued hosting collaboration meetings via RRAC with other reentry stakeholders while ensuring social distance and mask wearing during the meetings. For those still uncomfortable with group settings Zoom was also utilized.

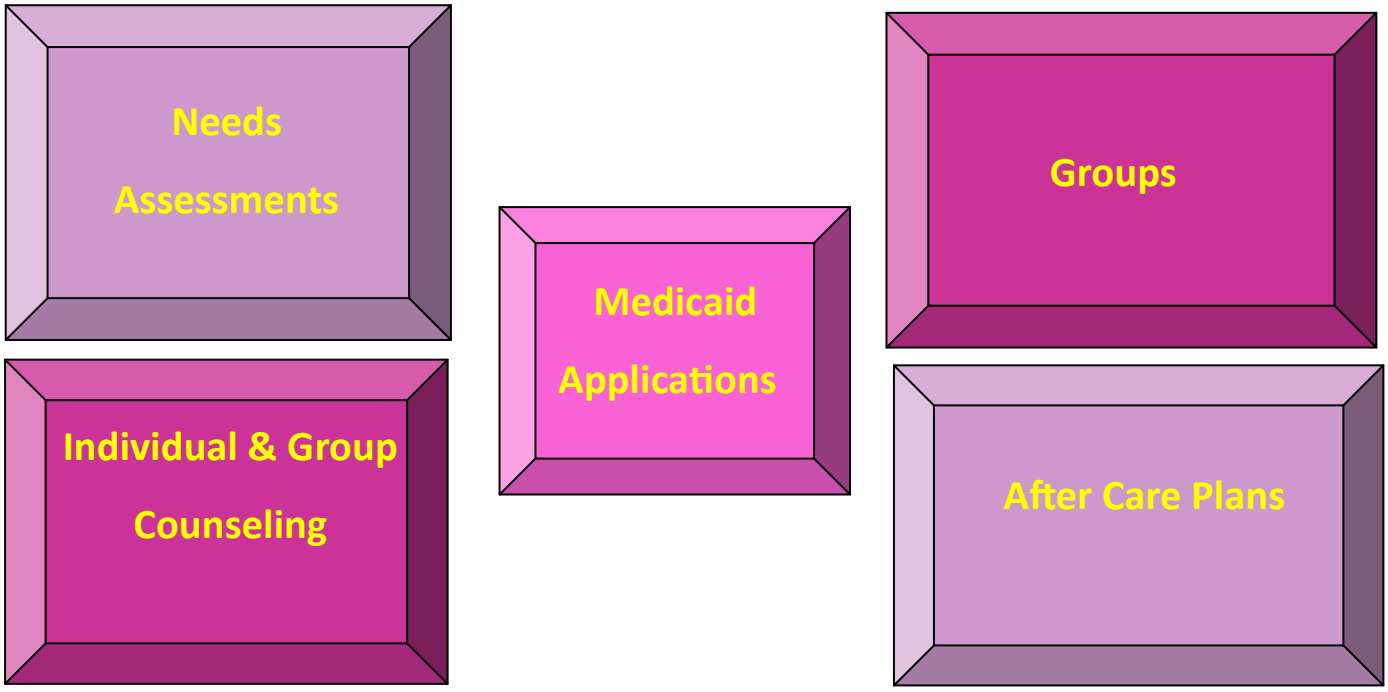
RRAC collaboratively partnered with community and governmental agencies to afford those returning to local communities with services necessary for successful reentry.



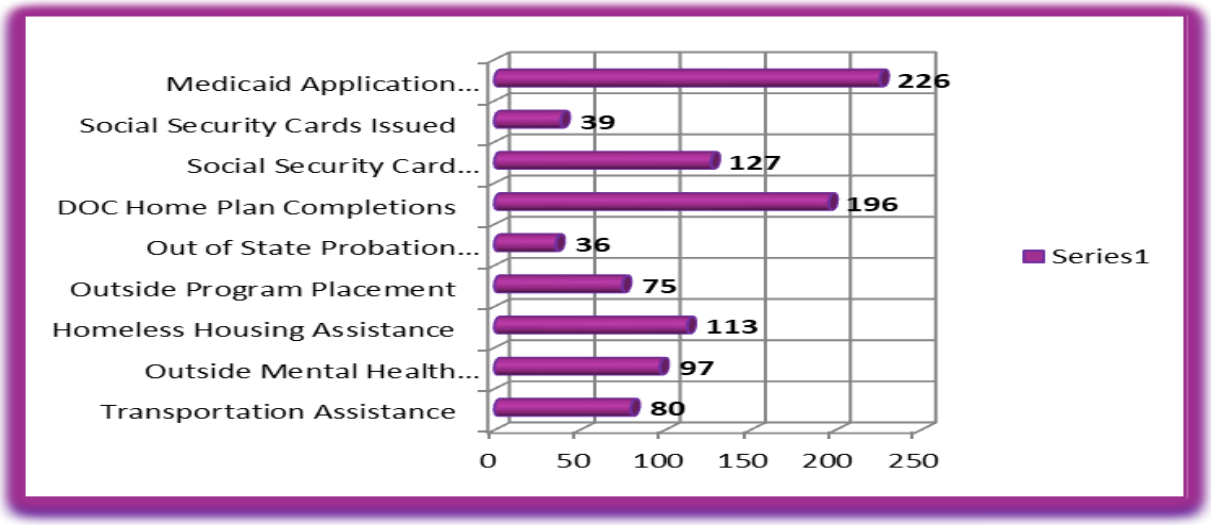
Some of the attendees for October 2021: Merakey, Regensis life, VADOC-Probation/Parole, Focus Outreach, City Refuge, Atlantic Outreach/HYPE, Future Generations, Behavioral Awareness, Real Life program, Serenity, Gateway Homes, CVHS Health Services, Open Door (Veterans) and many others.

CASE MANAGEMENT

Riverside Regional Jail employs Case Workers who are assigned to a Housing Unit according to their specialty (mental health, high security, community corrections, men or women). The services provided include but are not limited to:



Case Workers may act as a liaison between the inmates and the courts, attorneys, probation officers, family members or other outside service providers on behalf of the inmate. Community resources, either through referrals for service or by contractual agreement are used to provide inmates with the services to meet their program needs. The assistance provided in 2021 is listed below:

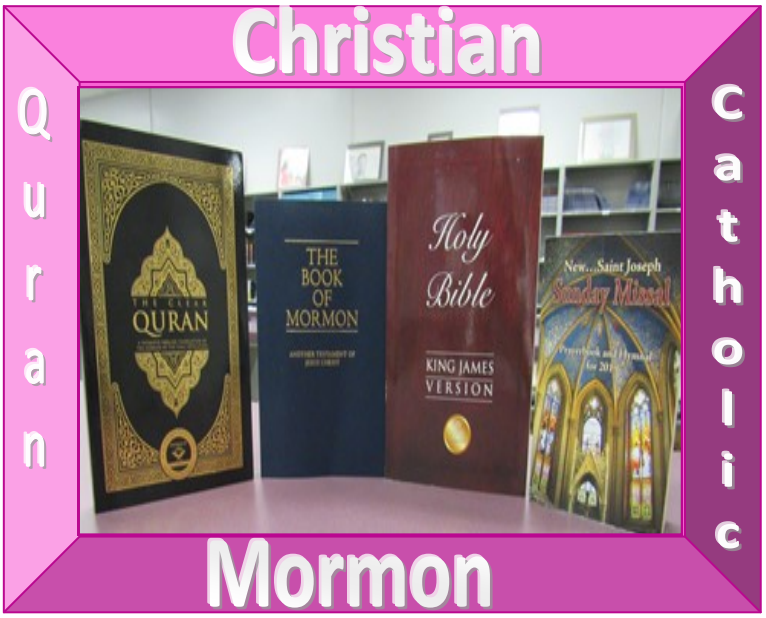


LIBRARY

COVID19 with all it's variants adversely impacted the library services again in 2021. Though we experienced curtailed or suspended law visitation or book cart services surges, the Programs-staffed by 2, continually afforded the inmate population with legal forms and information and leisure reading material when possible.

Various religious communities continued to donate faith specific spiritual literature, references and studies throughout highs and lows of COVID19. The materials were distributed as per each request.

Multifaceted Doctrinal References:

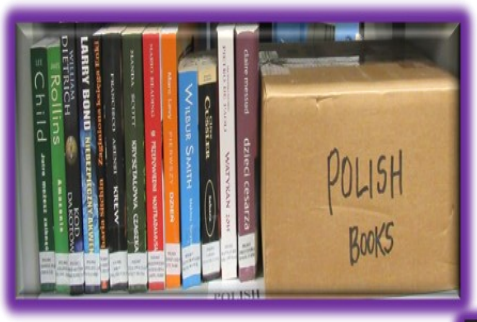


LIBRARY BOOK CART

The inmate population enjoys the varied means of leisure escape via mystical whimsy; adventurous travels; western journeys; thrilling rides; etc. for moments at a time. In 2021 inmates requested 1,010 leisure reading materials that permitted them to mentally be somewhere outside of the 4 walls of incarceration.

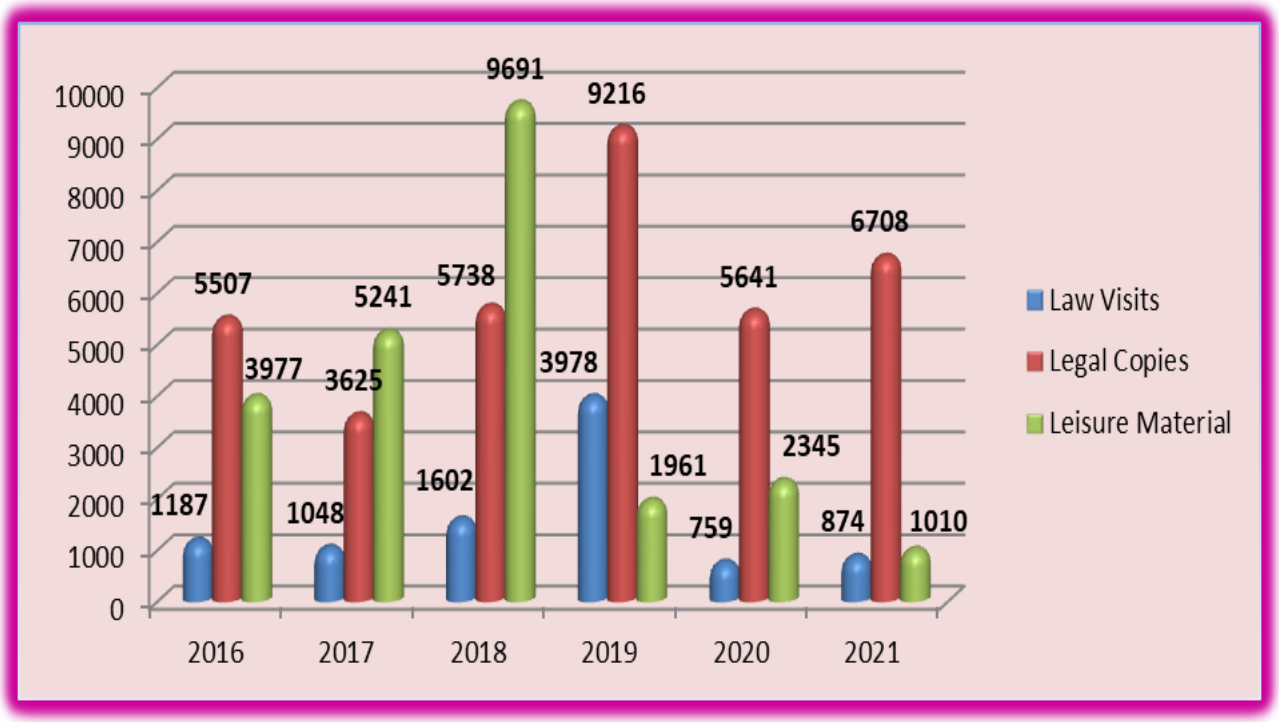
Riverside Regional Jail subscribes to various magazines through EBSCO as part of our leisure reading inventory. The jail also subscribes to USA Today Newspaper. Both subscriptions allow RRJ to meet American Correction Association Accreditation Standards and Department of Corrections Compliance Standards for Jails. Our magazine subscription includes titles such as Car & Driver, Field & Stream, National Geographic, Time, Esquire, People en Espanol, etc. In 2021, EBSCO generously donated Good Housekeeping and Allure to our subscription.

Donated books are also part of RRJ's leisure reading inventory. There are over 4,055 titles and 5,378 books available for checkout. In 2021, our most popular book titles were National Geographic February & July issues and a book entitled A Dance with the Dragon 2.



LAW LIBRARY

The Library Staff continued to provide legal statutes, forms and cases during times of "no movement" throughout the facility in 2021. In times of limited access due to extreme COVID restrictions, Library Staff ensured all specific requests for statutes, forms and cases were provided. Every opportunity permitting direct access to the Law Library was granted to the inmates allowing them to conduct their own research. There were 871 offender visits to the law library, with an additional 30 special visit requests. During these visits, over 6,708 copies were requested.



Sentence Modification and Writ of Mandamus Forms continued to be heavily requested. An increase in requests for Sentencing Guidelines Worksheets and the new laws pertaining to inmate releases were processed. During tax season, there were numerous requests for tax and stimulus forms.

	Sentencing Guidelines

	Tax Forms

	2021 Corrections Laws

VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS

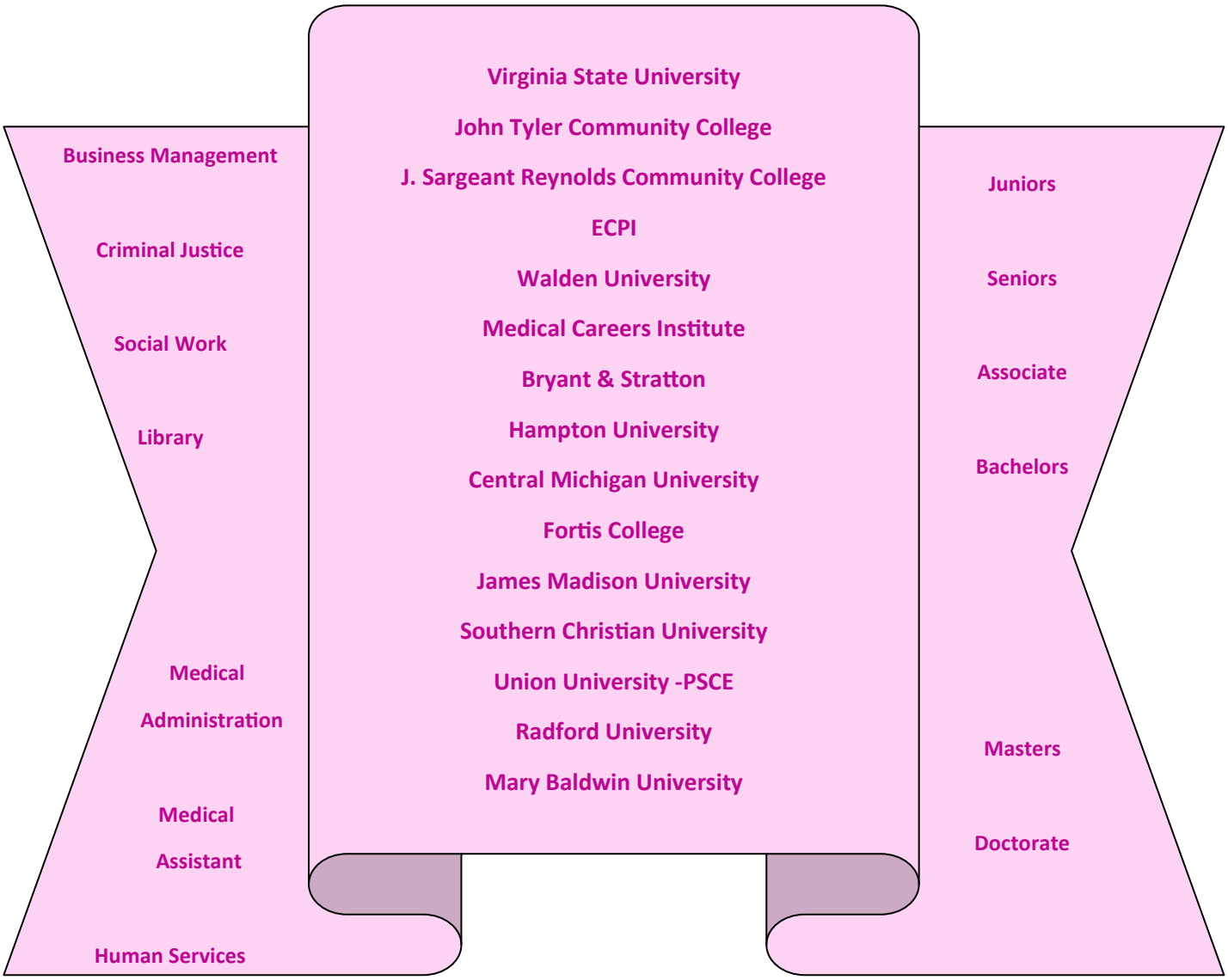
Volunteers and Interns are like a rare Pearl, priceless. These individuals provide encouragement and words of wisdom to those who are incarcerated. Since the pandemic, it has been challenging for some of the inmates to cope with the change. Alongside the inmates, Volunteers too have been impacted by not having direct access to provide programs and services. Even with these circumstances, the Volunteers and Interns were able to contribute 3,712 hours for the year 2021. The Independent Sector nationally equates volunteers' time value at $28.54 per hour. At that rate, Volunteers and Interns saved RRJA $105,940.48 in 2021.

The Interns have done a tremendous job obtaining hands on experience by working alongside both the Therapeutic Community and Programs Staff. These students were a great asset to Riverside Regional Jail.

INTERN PROGRAM

Riverside Regional Jail's Programs Department trained its first Interns in February 1988. Three Virginia State University's Criminal Justice students accepted the invitation, working alongside the Volunteer Programs Coordinator/Jail Officer. Their tutelage encompassed: learning how to assist inmates with researching legal statutes and obtaining appropriate legal forms; issuing and collecting library books for the inmate population; coordinating volunteer services and programs; assisting with the Officer Physical Agility Test; and furthering the development of programs. Upon completion of their training, all three candidates were offered Jail Officer positions.

Each year thereafter, the Internship Program grew, increasing the number of students and schools of higher learning as well as increasing the various disciplines. In calendar year 2021, thirteen (13) Interns gained hands-on training during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



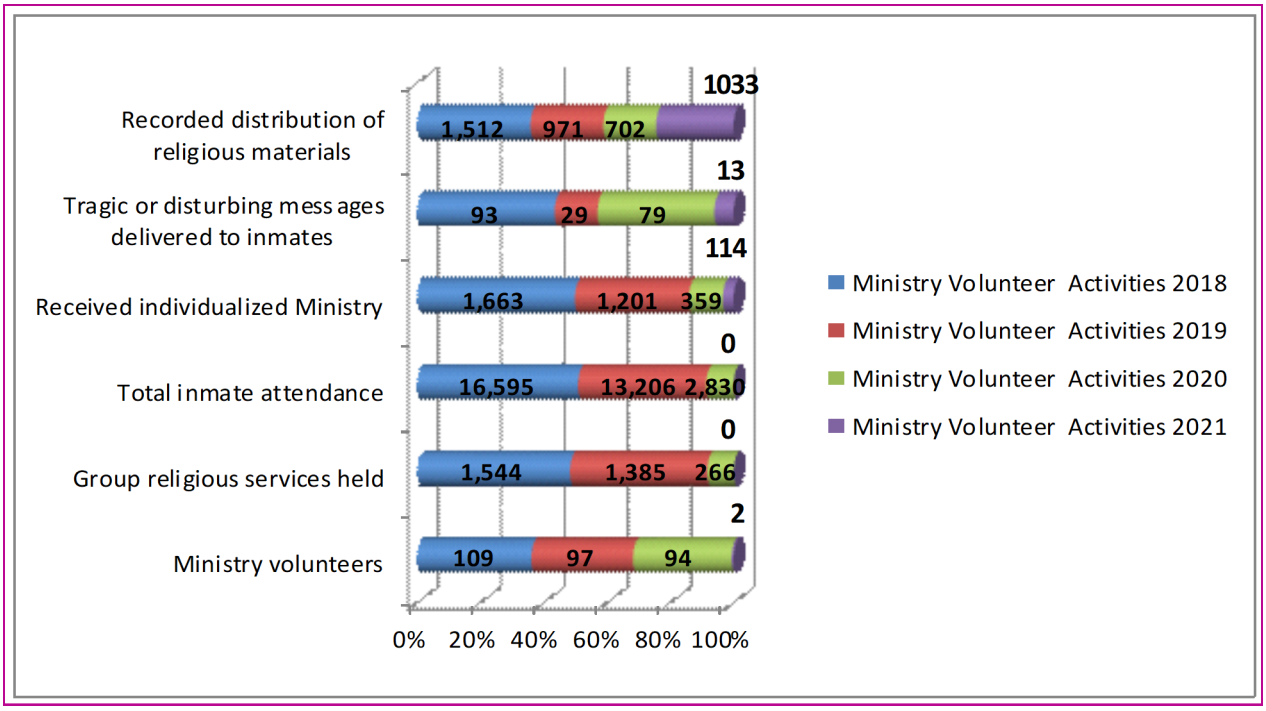
MINISTRY

March 13, 2020, Riverside instituted the CDC safety precautions to reduce the potential spread of COVID 19. All volunteers and religious activities that included weekly worship services were then suspended. Chaplain Services then adapted virtual services using DVDs to afford each religion to shown throughout the jail on television channel 11 at the scheduled times. This has been a source of affording residents to be engaged in their preferred worship experience.

Chaplain Services have maintained meeting weekly request for religious materials that included totals of 573 General Religious reading materials and 460 Faith Specific religious materials that were distributed. In addition, 129 residents received spiritual mentoring that included assisting with 13 tragic/ disturbing messages.

The Southside Jail & Prison Ministries continued to support the ministry with donations that include eyeglasses, Bibles, and assisted 2 out of state returning citizens with clothes and bus tickets. Several other religious organizations that represent Islam, Jehovah Witnesses, and Mormons also donated literature and other materials that are permitted in the facility.

Currently volunteer Pastor Keith Jones have been reinstated to assist the chaplain and we are optimistic that as the pandemic decreases more volunteers and religious services will be reinstated.



ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM

In 2017, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) solicited grant recipients to fulfill a need for Peer Recovery Services for offenders preparing to return to local communities. 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 and a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist was hired.

The Addiction Recovery Grant Program began classes on January 29, 2018. Twenty-one of the 6-week sessions have been completed and session twenty-eight has started. Enrollment for Cohort Groups 1 thru total 350 participants of which 208 participants completed the sessions, 73 participants attended but did not complete the required sessions due to release or transfer to another facility and 36 participants were dropped from the program due to non-attendance or disciplinary reasons. Classes include: Anger Management, Recovery Wellness, Substance Matrix, Communication Skills, Trauma, Family Matters/ Relationship Building, Job Readiness, and Decision Points.

Safety precautions due to Covid-19 continued to cause volunteers & stakeholders to be temporarily suspended from the facility. The Riverside Reentry Advisory Council (RRAC) resumed meetings on April 22, 2021 and October 14, 2021 to exchange resources and services. Staff shortages, and jail lock downs caused some problems for scheduled classes that resulted in some cancellations and makeup classes.

Free or low-cost housing that include recovery/ transitional housing and recovery programs continues to be a priority of reentry recovery concerns. Post Release follow-up per telephone calls continued as an attempt to offer additional support to the returning citizens and families.

The Peer Recovery Specialist (PRS) coordinated schedules, facilitated various reentry groups as prescribed for the program. The PRS also provides one on-one peer sessions and linked program participants with other jail staff and with community resources as needed.

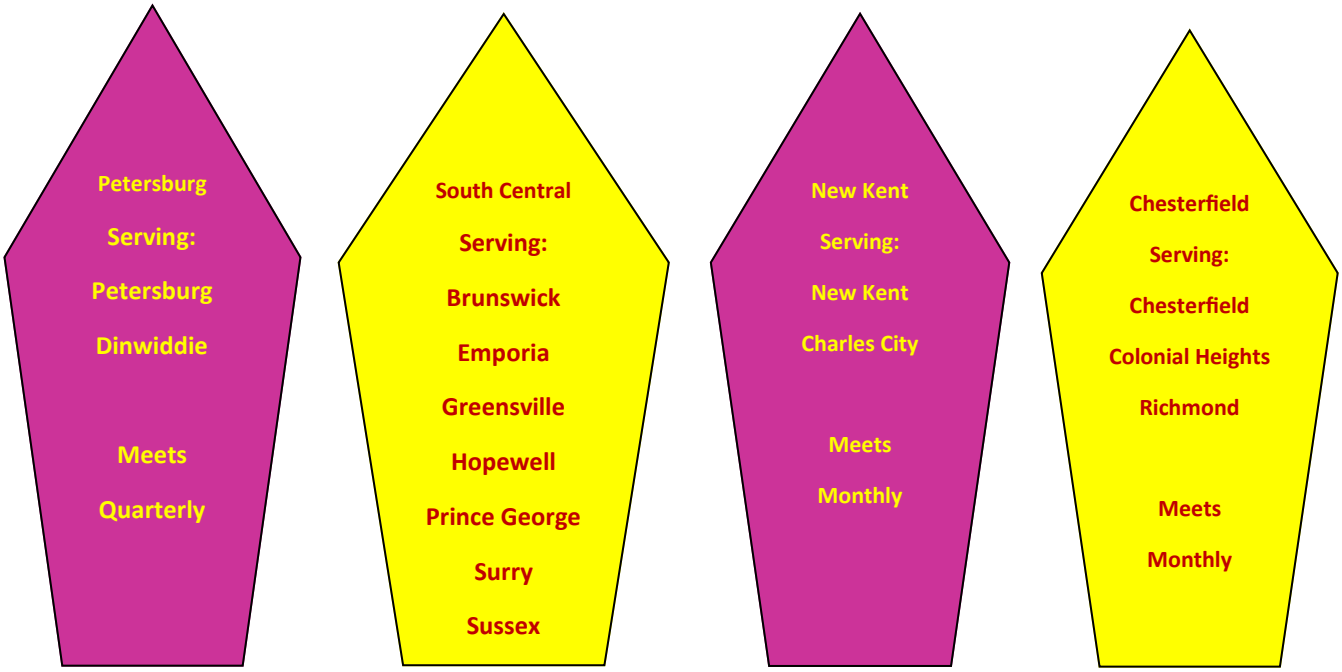
At the completion of each cohort group a completion ceremony is held that includes staff attendance and refreshments for the graduates. All the graduates receive a certificate of completion.

Left to right: Ms. Robinson, Jennifer Walker, Shannon Elam Lane, Caitlin Dillenbeck, Sherita King, & Lisa Myers. Not pictured: Chaplain Blackwell, Instructor

REENTRY COUNCIL COLLABORATION

Riverside Regional Jail Authority (RRJA) strives to provides reentry assistance for those transitioning to local communities through its collaboration with local and regional reentry organizations and councils. Our collaboration continues to offer offenders needed tools for successful reentry.

In 2021, COVID19 presented itself as a continual challenge. Through it all, RRJA persevered in providing services and connections for the inmates through our partner Reentry Councils, to properly serve those returning to local communities via Zoom, telephone or in-person. RRJA maintained partnerships with the Petersburg/Dinwiddie Reentry Council, South-central Virginia Reentry and Community Collaboration Council, New Kent Council and Chesterfield Council. RRJA also developed a reentry relationship with the Richmond Reentry Council. These Councils meet monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly to discuss discharge planning for inmates housed in the local jails and network to find solutions for hard-to-place cases.



Richmond Regional Reentry Council is also among the Councils that RRJ collaborates with. This Council, although not within the jail's jurisdiction, many offenders returned to that area. They provide many meaningful programs and services for those they serve.

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. RRJA maintained many Community Stakeholders over the course of 6-years:

- ⇒ **Behavioral Awareness Center**
- ⇒ **The Virginia Bonding Program**
- ⇒ **Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities**
- ⇒ **Virginia DOC-Community Release**
- ⇒ **211**
- ⇒ **Goodwill-Petersburg**
- ⇒ **Jordan's Quest**
- ⇒ **Yeshua's House**
- ⇒ **Now Faith That Works Church**
- ⇒ **Another Level Barber & Cosmetology School**
- ⇒ **John Tyler Community College CCWA**
- ⇒ **Williamsburg Probation**
- ⇒ **Newport News Sheriff's Office**
- ⇒ **Regenesis**
- ⇒ **City of Refuge**
- ⇒ **Child Support Services**
- ⇒ **Virginia State University Adjunct Professors**
- ⇒ **Veteran Justice Outreach Specialists**
- ⇒ **TRIO**
- ⇒ **U.S. Probation**
- ⇒ **United Counseling Services**
- ⇒ **Southside Programs for Adult Continuing Education**
- ⇒ **River City Comprehensive Services**
- ⇒ **The Lee Group**
- ⇒ **Regenesis**
- ⇒ **New Kent Victim Witness Advocacy**
- ⇒ **District 19**
- ⇒ **Gateway Homes**
- ⇒ **Central Virginia Health Services**
- ⇒ **Peer Support Counseling**
- ⇒ **Commonwealth Catholic Charities**
- ⇒ **Caritas Works**
- ⇒ **Virginia Center for Addiction Medical**
- ⇒ **Veteran Support Counseling**
- ⇒ **Focused Outreach Richmond**
- ⇒ **Petersburg/Dinwiddie Reentry Council**
- ⇒ **New Kent/Charles City Reentry Council**
- ⇒ **South-central Community Collaboration Council**

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

The Riverside Regional Jail Authority Community Corrections Program which includes Work, Education and Rehabilitative Release, Non-Consecutive Sentencing and Home Electronic Monitoring, continues to thrive during what was considered for many to be the height of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Calendar year 2021 has shown to be a recovery period with respect to Community Corrections participation. On March 15, 2021, we resumed our Non-Consecutive Days Program with modifications and COVID protocols to ensure the safety of staff and participants. We worked with the Department of Corrections to ensure the transit of eligible offenders to participate in the Jail Contract Bed Program here at RRJ. In response to the pandemic, the Home Electronic Monitoring Program had a marked increase due to efforts to reduce the federal prison populations.

RRJ continues to work hand in hand with community employers to ensure that returning citizens have a significant chance of a success through gainful employment. These partnerships have continued to provide the participants with livable wages, health insurance and invaluable skills. With the assistance of companies like Tindall Construction, Tidewater Fiber Recycling, Indveco and a host of others, we have consistently maintained an employment rate of 95% and above. Over 300 offenders participated in the agency's Community Corrections Program during the year.

Attaining marketable skills and trades is a valuable assets for individuals seeking a successful transition. RRJA is continuing in its efforts to provide much needed services for individuals returning to the community.

2021 WORK RELEASE SENTENCING

COMPLETED	YEARLY TOTAL	REMOVED	YEARLY TOTAL
Charles City	0	Charles City	0
Chesterfield	8	Chesterfield	1
Colonial Heights	2	Colonial Heights	0
Hopewell	2	Hopewell	0
Petersburg	3	Petersburg	0
Prince George	8	Prince George	0
Surry	0	Surry	0
Other (Outside)	1	Other	0
Jail Contract Bed/Department of Corrections	74	Jail Contract Bed/ Department of Corrections	3
TOTAL	98	**TOTAL**	4

2021 Non Consecutive Day Reporting

Days	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-60		61-90		90+		
	Success	Failure	Success	Failure	Success	Failure	Success	Failure	Success	Failure	Success	Failure	Totals
Charles City	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chesterfield	102	9	20	10	4	3	8	11	0	0	0	0	167
Colonial Heights	13	5	5	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	29
Hopewell	8	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
Petersburg	11	2	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	19
Prince George	4	3	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Surry	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	140	19	33	14	11	5	11	13	0	0	0	0	243
Percentage	86%	14%	58%	42%	55%	45%	84%	16%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

IN CLOSING

Amid persistent coronavirus outbreaks innovative programs and services were continually afforded via the Community Corrections and Programs Departments in 2021. The continued institutional and community-based program opportunities for offenders included substance abuse treatment and educational programs, library (leisure and law), employment, chaplaincy and mental health services. Additionally, division contracts with private and non-profit providers to offered community-based treatment programs for offenders. Public safety was enhanced through the development, coordination, administration and delivery of these institutional and community-based programs and services. Through the successful implementation of a wide array of programs and initiatives, Riverside Regional Jail (RRJ) continued to make significant strides throughout the 2021 calendar year.

In calendar year 2022, RRJA seeks to add a number of additional programs and services to its roster to include ServSafe Certifications and numerous vocational and technical training opportunities. Through these service offerings, program continuity, service delivery, managed planning and intervention, RRJ will continue to provide a continuum of services for offenders, resulting in a successful transition into the community. Through Programs positive changes can be attained for those desiring “to achieve optimal physical, mental and emotional development and adaptability” (Jean Liedloff, 1975).

"Through Programs,

A Positive Change Will Come!"

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