



Virginia Community Reentry Approach

What Councils Do

- Raise Reentry Public Awareness
- Address Reentry Barriers & Other Community Needs
- Coordinate Local Service Delivery
- Foster Successful Family & Community Reintegration
- Track Results

Virginia's current recidivism rate is 23%. This means almost 1 out of 4 individuals will return to incarceration within the Virginia Department of Corrections prison system.

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LOUISA REENTRY COUNCIL



Reducing Crime One Offender at a Time



Mission Statement:

The Virginia Community Reentry Approach strengthens public safety through a community-based reentry approach that provides opportunities for adults and juveniles previously incarcerated, that supports families and reduces recidivism.

COMMUNITY REENTRY APPROACH

Communities across Virginia are implementing a collaborative reentry approach unique in its integration of human services and public safety.

Using this approach, the Louisa Reentry Council was formed in August 2012.

The Louisa Reentry Council addresses community issues such as housing, employment, transportation, substance abuse/mental health services, family reintegration, family services, benefits, clothing, food assistance, and transitioning from incarceration, with a mentoring/coaching model.

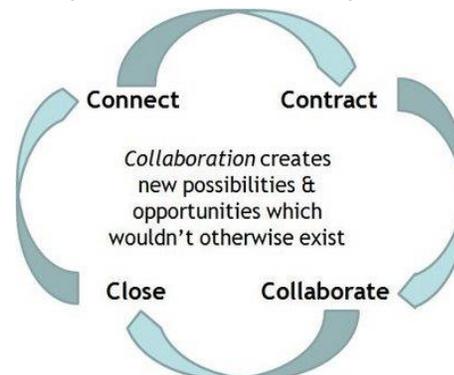
The Louisa Reentry Council has been identifying gaps in service and focuses on reentry by addressing barriers and coordinating reentry related services and resources.

The Louisa Reentry Council does not impose any requirements on local government agencies or community partners. Rather, the Council is made up of individuals, agencies, and organizations coming together to address reentry and community needs through effective collaboration.

MAXIMIZATION OF RESOURCES

The Louisa Reentry Council utilizes collaboration to maximize resources by coordinating and integrating local service delivery. Coordinated services include the following agencies:

*Department of Human Services
Offender Aid and Restoration
Louisa Sheriff's Office
Central Virginia Regional Jail
Local Faith-Based Organizations
Probation and Parole
JAUNT
Workforce
Louisa Commonwealth Attorney's Office
Louisa County Board of Supervisors
Resource Council of Virginia
Region Ten Community Service Board
Local School System/Adult Education
DARS
Child Support Enforcement
Louisa Resource Council
Louisa Housing Foundation
Rehabilitation Services
Virginia Employment Commission
Louisa County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism
Celebrate Recovery
Community Members
Successfully returned citizens and family members*



FOCUS ON LOUISA REENTRY SERVICES

The Louisa Reentry Council places an emphasis on outcome-based programming by utilizing community resources, which include: access to employment and workforce development services, reentry support for responsible decision-making, and development of positive work habits and associations, on formation of healthy relationships, and on use of positive parenting practices.

The approach the Louisa Reentry Council is taking to maximize the benefit not only for the returning citizen, but for the community, as well, is the mentoring/coaching approach.

Interested individuals will be involved in assisting a returning citizen for the three months prior to release, and up to nine months after release, whose role is to provide help, information, and encouragement to the returning citizen to facilitate a successful reentry into the community. These individuals will assist the returning citizens in development of the person's individual goals for success and assist him/her with identifying the needs to successfully achieve his/her goals. There is no fee for participation, only commitment to the program.

95% of those incarcerated will be released and returning to our community.