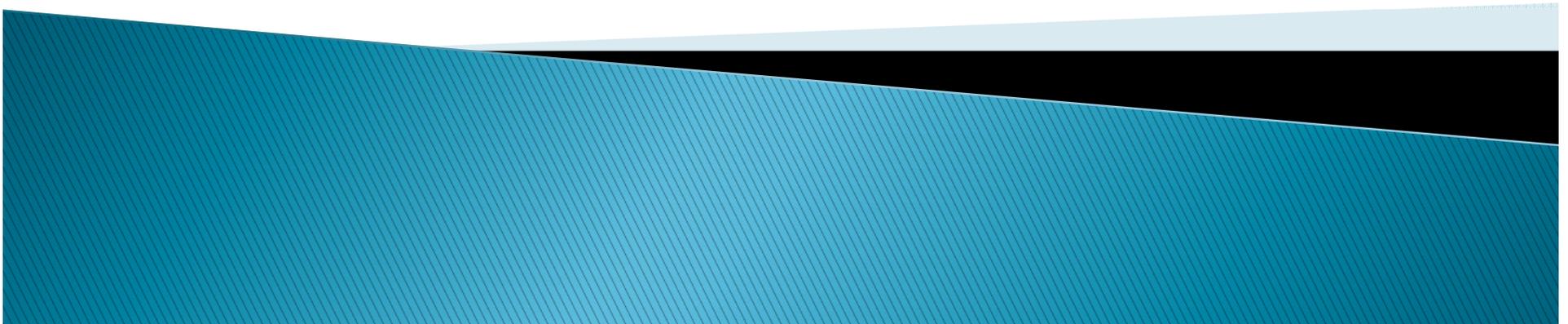


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Overview of Re-Entry 2011

- ▶ In 2010, the Virginia Prisoner and Juvenile Offender Re-Entry Council adopted 67 recommendations
- ▶ Recommendations will be implemented in 2011–2012
- ▶ The various workgroups/committees will continue to meet this year to assist with the implementation



Overview of Re-Entry 2011

- ▶ Workgroups: Offender Preparation; Housing; Employment, Education and Workforce; Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Local and Regional Jails; Financial Obligations; Health and Family Reintegration; Juvenile; Women and Veterans
- ▶ DOC and DJJ have developed 4 year re-entry plans and are currently implementing their strategies—combined there are over 120 recommendations to improve re-entry services



Overview of Re-Entry 2011

▶ DOC:

- Strong collaboration is promoted with non-profit organizations, local communities, and other state agencies
- Reentry programs will begin when an offender is sentenced to a VADOC facility and continues through release from community supervision
- Better utilize assessment information, programming needs and reentry plans when making prison assignments



Overview of Re-Entry 2011

▶ DOC:

- Employ a system of research based practices and programs that reduce the criminal thinking and behaviors of offenders
- Program : Thinking For Change (Cognitive-Behavioral Program)
- Other programs: Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Sex Offender Residential Treatment; Work/VCE, College Courses and DCE vocational programs



Overview of Re-Entry 2011

- ▶ DOC:

- Strategies for Offenders

- Time left to serve ≥ 5 years*

- Strategies for Offenders

- Time left to serve < 5 years*

- Reentry Phase

- 12 months of release*



Overview of Re-Entry 2011

- ▶ DOC Challenges:
 - Sex Offenders
 - Violent Offenders
 - Geriatric and those with Disabilities (mental/physical)
 - Limited resources for programming



Overview of Re-Entry 2011

- ▶ Campus Within Walls---partnership between Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC) (DOC) and (DCE) at Greensville Correctional Center (GRCC) and Lunenburg Correctional Center (LCC) .
- ▶ Certificate of General Studies and/or an Associates Degree. Offenders who participate in this program reside together in a single dormitory in the institution.



Overview of Re-Entry 2011

- ▶ One Stop Behind the Walls (July 2010)
 - Virginia Goodwill Network, Dillwyn Correctional Center, Department of Corrections, Department of Correctional Education
 - To effectively transition ex-offenders into competitive employment in their communities and to ensure that community supports are in place for sustainable community re-integration.
Implementing the pilot will enable testing: effective pre-release services; assessment protocols; connections to post release services; placement services; and, post release community support services



Overview of Re-Entry 2011

- ▶ Local Re-Entry Councils
- ▶ Between 2006 and 2010 six local reentry councils were established to coordinate services for those leaving prison or jail.
- ▶ Albemarle/Charlottesville, Culpeper, King George and Planning District 16 (Caroline County, Fredericksburg, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford), Norfolk, Richmond City and surrounding counties of Henrico, Chesterfield and Hanover and fourteen localities of far Southwest Virginia.



Overview of Re-Entry 2011

- ▶ DJJ 4 year plan:
 - The model stresses the role of partnerships with service providers in both the institutional and community settings and linkages with social networks (e.g., the faith-based community) that support the juvenile offender's reintegration into the community and reinforce pro-social choices
 - Director Holland will present on the Plan in a few minutes



Overview of Re-Entry 2011

▶ Meeting with Stakeholders

- Martinsville, Henry County
- Norfolk Re-entry Court
- Grant Applications
 - DCJS, in partnership with the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety (SPS), will be soliciting grant applications for a comprehensive public safety anti-gang strategy to address the following areas associated with gangs: law enforcement/suppression, offender reentry supervision and services, and prevention/intervention.
 - The money is allocated to Virginia by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.



Overview of Re-Entry 2011

- ▶ *SB1170 (Marsden)/ HB2036 (Peace and Keam)* – Commitment on parole supervision; court services unit to consult with local department.
- ▶ *SB923 (McDougle)/ HB2225 (Wright)* – Department of Corrections; inmate trust accounts.
- ▶ *SB1258 (Vogel)/ HB1688 (Dance and Alexander)* – Prisoners; mandatory testing for human immunodeficiency virus.
- ▶ *HB1613 (Ward)* – Local prisoner programs; workforces in certain cemeteries.



Overview of Re-Entry 2011

- ▶ *HB2040 (Anderson)/SB1109 (Hanger)*– Authorizes the use of inmate labor at rest areas along the Interstate Highway System
- ▶ Technical Assistance (Council of State Governments)



Justice Reinvestment

- ▶ Justice Reinvestment is a data-driven approach to reduce spending on corrections and reinvest identified
- ▶ savings in evidence-based strategies designed to increase public safety and hold offenders accountable
- ▶ States and localities using the justice reinvestment approach collect and analyze data on drivers of
- ▶ criminal justice populations and costs, identify and implement changes that address costs and achieve
- ▶ better outcomes, and measure both the fiscal and public safety impacts of those changes.



Justice Reinvestment

- ▶ The goal of JR is to identify potential policy changes that can increase public safety
- ▶ VA was selected to participate in Phase I of this initiative
- ▶ Provides Technical Assistance funding
- ▶ It is bipartisan—supported by the House, Senate, Judiciary and Executive Branch
- ▶ Workgroup has been convened
- ▶ Data collection has commenced
- ▶ Scope of Work to be finalized soon

