

PAPIS Community Reentry Services Coalition

2007
Annual Report

Enhancing Public Safety by Reducing Barriers to Productive Citizenship

A Message from the Coalition

During FY 2007 over 17,000 inmates and ex-offenders, their families and their communities throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia benefited from the work of our nine-member PAPIS Community Reentry Services Coalition. We are especially proud of the fact that all of the services provided to these individuals cost \$162 per person in federal and state funds – compared to over \$22,500 *per year* incarceration cost for *one* offender in a state prison.

PAPIS – Virginia’s state-wide program to assist offenders in successfully transitioning back into the community from jails, and state and federal prisons is providing a model to the country for how a state, working with local government agencies and community-based non-profits can leverage financial resources and hundreds of volunteers to provide reentry services to local offenders. This Annual Report highlights the impact these organizations have had on the economic health and safety of Virginia communities during FY 07.

Who are the organizational members of the Coalition? Several are community-based, non-profit organizations that have been providing transition and reentry services since the early 1970s. A few of the newer organizations are local government programs. The map on the adjacent page shows in green the counties that are served by Coalition members. A total of 720 volunteers across the state worked with us in FY 07.

How are these organizations supported? Each member organization has multiple sources of funding, including local, state and federal governments, foundations, corporations, churches, and individuals. The Coalition lost state funding in 2002 due to deficits in the state budget. Some state funds have gradually been restored and have been augmented with federal funds from the U.S. Department of Justice. Given the number of offenders expected to return to Virginia communities in the next few years, continued and increased state funds are critical to the continuation of the Coalition's program services.

Why is “offender reentry” a growing concern – for Virginia and for the nation? The U.S. Department of Justice reports that over 600,000 inmates were released from state and federal prisons in 2007; meanwhile at least half of the nine million inmates incarcerated in local and regional jails throughout the country will come out each year. In Virginia, 36,361 individuals were incarcerated just in state prisons in FY 06; 10,616 were released, but 12,523 were newly admitted. Over 10,000 individuals were released in FY 06 from just two local jails in Northern Virginia. The numbers are staggering. We expect an even larger number to be released this coming year due to changes in federal law concerning crack cocaine. Without intervention programs such as those provided by the Coalition, national data indicate that as high as 67% of inmates released will be rearrested within three years and over half will return to prison at a cost of \$22,500 per bed in Virginia. On the other hand, research shows that returning offenders who have access to key supports and services upon release commit fewer crimes, maintain employment, and show improved outcomes for health, income, and a broad range of other indicators. In many ways, Virginia has moved ahead of many other states by piloting several

reentry initiatives and recognizing and supporting reentry services programs provided by our Coalition.

What are some major accomplishments of Coalition members?

- * Participation in three of six state Reentry Pilot projects
- * Collaboration with Veteran’s Affairs on a reentry initiative
- * Coordination of an alternative to incarceration program for women convicted of prostitution
- * Management of both Virginia Serious and Violent Offender Reentry (VASAVOR) Programs with amazing recidivism results--as low as 3% in one of the programs
- * Creation of a housing partnership to provide housing for violent offenders
- * Job fairs for offenders
- * Partnerships with VEC and workforce staff to increase employability skills for offenders
- * Partnerships with the Virginia Cooperative Extension agency to provide financial planning for offenders in jail programs
- * Creation of a flower shop which generates revenue for programs while giving released offenders a place to work when they first come out of jail or prison
- * A faith-based initiative with local faith communities that provides one-on-one support for returning offenders
- * Opening of a new site in the New River Valley of Virginia to serve the southwestern part of the state.
- * Generation of over \$27 million in taxable income by newly employed PAPIS program participants creating a potential of \$35 million in prison operating cost avoidance.

Meanwhile, every day the nine Coalition organizations' case managers, interns, and volunteers provide an array of services including personal hygiene items, clothes, food, ID documents, resumes, substance abuse/mental health counseling/referrals, job readiness classes, transportation and housing assistance, mentoring, and other services which help program clients reintegrate into the community and work toward becoming productive taxpaying members of that community. The emphasis is always on helping clients find and maintain employment – a key to a successful reentry.

What are our future plans? We are preparing for a substantial increase in the number of offenders who will be coming out of prisons and jails in the next few years. We have been encouraged by the attention that federal, state, and local policymakers are giving to the need for reentry services. We are especially interested in providing training and mentoring for community and faith-based groups who want to provide reentry services. This work requires substantial knowledge about prison and jail populations, what works and what doesn't, how to avoid misuse and duplication of services, and safeguards for organizational assets and personnel. The Coalition stands ready to help other organizations who can make a long-term commitment to the specialized field of transition and reentry services for the offender population.

If you have questions about our services, would like to join our advocacy efforts, or would like to make a financial contribution to any of the providers listed on the back of this report, please contact one of the providers directly.

The PAPIS Community Reentry Services Coalition

Providers and Areas Served

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Areas Served: Essex, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond County, Westmoreland

Institutions Served: Lancaster County Jail and Northern Neck Regional Jail

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Institution Served: Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Facility

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Areas Served: Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William

Institution Served: Fairfax Adult Detention Center and Loudoun County Work Release Center

OAR--Jefferson Area

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Areas Served: Albemarle, Charlottesville, Fluvanna, Goochland, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, and Orange

Institutions Served: Albemarle/Charlottesville Regional Jail, Central Virginia Regional Jail, and Augusta, Coffeewood, and Fluvanna Correctional Centers

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Areas Served: Caroline, Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Petersburg, and Richmond

Institutions Served: Jails in Chesterfield, Henrico, Petersburg, and Richmond, Henrico Regional Jail and Pamunkey Regional Jail

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Areas Served: Chesapeake, Franklin City, Hampton, Isle of Wight, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Southampton, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach

Institutions Served: Deerfield, Indian Creek, St. Brides, and Southampton Correctional Centers, Southampton Women's Pre-Release Center, Southampton Work Center, and jails in Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach

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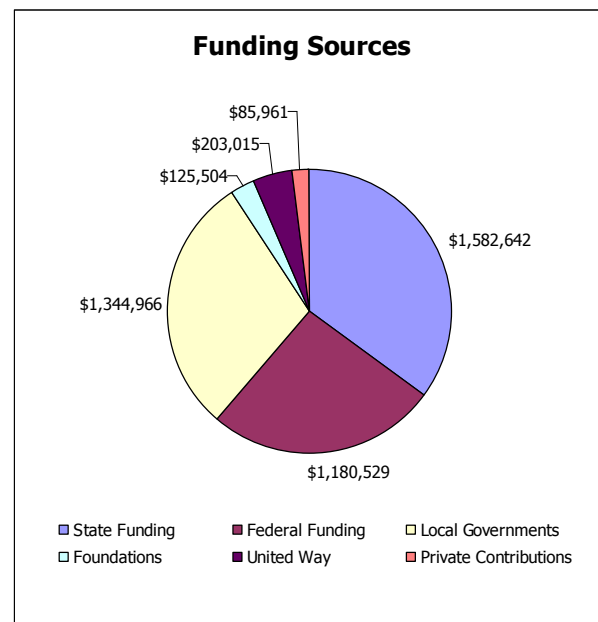
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Areas Served: Abingdon, Alexandria, Allegheny, Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Blacksburg, Botetourt, Bristol, Buchanan, Buckingham, Campbell, Caroline, Charlotte, Chesapeake, Chesterfield, Christiansburg, Craig, Cumberland, Danville, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin County, Fredericksburg, Giles, Goochland, Hampton, Henrico, Henry, Lunenburg, Lynchburg, Martinsville, Montgomery, Newport News, Norfolk, Nottoway, Petersburg, Pittsylvania, Portsmouth, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Pulaski, Radford, Richmond, Roanoke City & County, Rockbridge, Rocky Mount, Russell, Salem, Smyth, Virginia Beach, and Washington

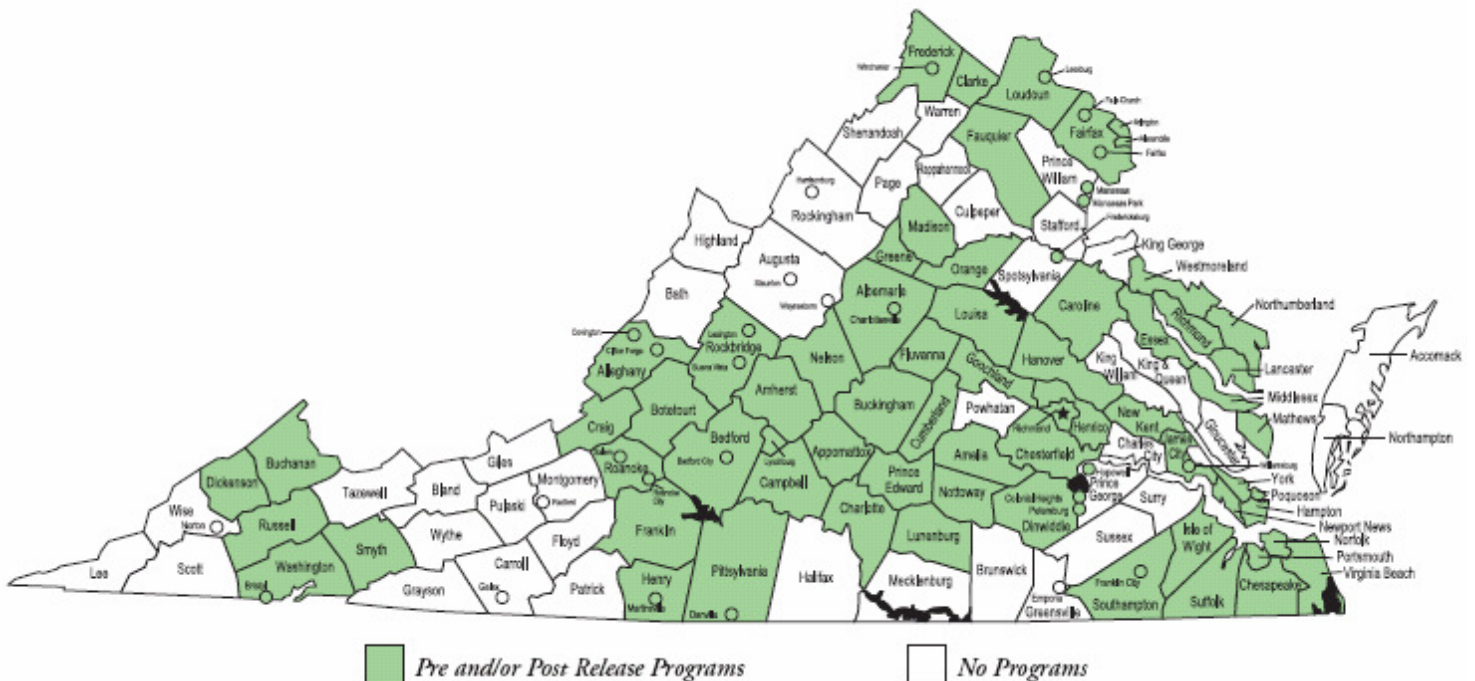
Institutions Served: Appalachian, Botetourt, Halifax, Patrick Henry, Pulaski, Rustburg, Tazewell, and Wise Correctional Units, Augusta, Brunswick, Coffeewood, Deep Meadow, Dillwyn, Keen Mountain, Lunenburg, Marion, and Nottoway Correctional Centers, and James River Work Center

Service Highlights

- ✓ 17,087 individual clients served
- ✓ 4,461 service units provided through clients' participation in job readiness activities
- ✓ 17,718 job search and job retention service units provided
- ✓ 1,628 full-time jobs obtained
- ✓ 1,492 housing assistance service units provided
- ✓ 2,144 clothing assistance service units provided
- ✓ 2,894 identification documents obtained for clients
- ✓ 9,931 transportation assistance service units provided
- ✓ 10,214 service units provided through clients' participation in educational and support groups
- ✓ 720 volunteers assisted in a variety of services



PAPIS Community Reentry Services Coalition Program Coverage



Map provided courtesy of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services - 2005