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Initiatives & Status

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Reentry Initiative

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DOC Re-entry Initiative

- Cornerstones
  - Organizational development to support positive change
  - Evidence based practices
Key Components to Reentry Model:

- Reentry preparation begins at the offender’s first contact with DOC and continues throughout term with DOC.
- COMPAS Risk and Needs Assessment completed at Reception and annually thereafter, at reentry, and continues post release in Community Corrections.
- Reentry Case Plans are prepared at reception and reviewed annually thereafter based on the Risk and Needs profile from the Assessment.
Thinking for a Change (cognitive-behavioral program):
- Provided to offenders (based on need) within 6 months of reception to DOC
- Peer support groups continue throughout incarceration
- Booster session provided before release
- Support groups continue after release during Community Corrections supervision

Other programs provided to meet specific needs:
- Substance abuse treatment
- Mental health
- Sex offender residential treatment
- Therapeutic community
- Work/VCE
- DCE academic and vocational programs, grant funded college courses
- Faith Based Programs
Release Planning

- Release planning occurs annually
  - Problematic releases (homeless, sex offender, violent, geriatric, infirmed) are assigned to Community Re-entry Specialists
- Prior to 12 months of release offenders will be transferred to an Intensive Reentry Program
### Intensive Re-entry Program Features

- Residential cognitive community peer format
- Workforce development and connection to employment
- Substance abuse treatment
- Faith based mentorship
- Family reunification activities
- Cognitive problem solving
- Thinking for a Change programming
- Specialized programming for women
- Life skills classes
- Reentry Probation Officer involvement
- Local Reentry Council involvement
Re-entry Challenges

- Resources for programming are limited
- Caseloads for Probation and Parole staff are too high
- Need for reentry housing with programming (halfway houses)
- Need for housing for offenders with medical & mental health needs
- Priority for services at local Community Services Board for offenders with mental health diagnoses is lacking in some cases.
- Barrier crime provisions in Code
  - Restriction on post release placement and opportunities
- Engender support of stakeholders, citizens and local agencies
Governor’s Scorecard

- The Scorecard will report performance in the three Re-entry plan areas:
  - System Change
    - Policy development and implementation
  - Reentry
    - Institution Programs and Services, Institutional Education, Community Programs and Services
  - Public Safety
    - Recidivism
INSTITUTIONS

- Augusta Correctional Center
- Baskerville Correctional Center
- Bland Correctional Center
- Buckingham Correctional Center
- Coffeewood Correctional Center
- Deep Meadow Correctional Center
- Deerfield Correctional Center
- Dillwyn Correctional Center
- Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women
- Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women Reception
- Green Rock Correctional Center
- Greensville Correctional Center
- Haynesville Correctional Center
- Indian Creek Correctional Center
- Keen Mountain Correctional Center
- Lawrenceville Correctional Center
- Lunenburg Correctional Center
- Marion Correctional Treatment Center
- Mecklenburg Correctional Center
- Nottoway Correctional Center
- Pocahontas State Correctional Center
- Powhatan Correctional Center
- Powhatan Reception & Classification Center
- Red Onion State Prison
- St. Brides Correctional Center
- Sussex I State Prison
- Sussex II State Prison
- Virginia Correctional Center for Women
- Wallens Ridge State Prison
CORRECTIONAL UNITS
- Caroline Correctional Unit
- Rustburg Correctional Unit
- Cold Springs Correctional Unit
- Central Virginia Correctional Unit (Female)
- Haynesville Correctional Unit
- Wise Correctional Unit
- Halifax Correctional Unit
- Patrick Henry Correctional Unit

WORK CENTERS
- Deerfield Women’s Work Center
- Brunswick Work Center (Female)
- Cold Springs Work Center
- Greensville Work Center
- James River Work Center
- Nottoway Work Center
- Deerfield Men’s Work Center
**SECURITY LEVELS**

**Male Institutions**

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<th>SCORE RANGE</th>
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<td>LEVEL 1 - LOW</td>
<td>0 to +9</td>
<td>Male Work Centers 042, 044, 046, 050, 052</td>
<td>INITIAL &amp; RECLASS: 5 Years or Less</td>
<td>No Murder I or II, Robbery w/Weapon, Sex-related crime, Kidnap/Abduction; Felonious Assault, Flight/Escape; Carjacking; Malicious Wounding; Assault/Flight/FTA pattern; Escape Risks; Felony Detainers. (see p.11 for exceptions within 2 yrs. of release)</td>
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<td>LEVEL 1 - HIGH</td>
<td>10 to +9</td>
<td>2, BACC (4), 9, 10, 17, 18, 23, 28</td>
<td>INITIAL &amp; RECLASS: 10 YEARS OR LESS</td>
<td>No Murder I or II, Violent Sex Offense, Kidnap/Abduction, Escape Risk, or Felony Detainers.</td>
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<td>10 to 16</td>
<td>BACC (4), BCC, DMCC</td>
<td>INITIAL &amp; RECLASS: 15 years or less</td>
<td>No Murder I, Sex offense or Escape Risk. No Kidnap/Abduction at 004.</td>
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<td>17 to 25</td>
<td>CWCC, DCC, DWCC, HCC, ICC, LCC, GCC, GROC, PSCC, STBCC</td>
<td>INITIAL &amp; RECLASS: 20 years or less</td>
<td>No Escape History within past 5 years (initial only). No Life+ or Multiple Life sentences. Single Life GCA sentences must have reached their PED.</td>
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<td>LEVEL 3</td>
<td>26 to 31</td>
<td>ACC, BKCC, GCC, GROC, KMCC, LVCC, PCC, PSCC</td>
<td>INITIAL &amp; RECLASS: No Restrictions</td>
<td>Multiple, &amp; Life Plus sentences must have served 20 consecutive years on sentence. (If parole eligible, must have reached PED)</td>
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<td>LEVEL 4</td>
<td>32+</td>
<td>SX I, WRSP</td>
<td>INITIAL &amp; RECLASS: No Restrictions</td>
<td>Inmates convicted of 105 Assault win past 24 months must be assigned to Level 4 or above.</td>
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<td>LEVEL 5</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>ROSP</td>
<td>INITIAL &amp; RECLASS: All sentences</td>
<td>Severe behavior problems that require a closely supervised GP setting. No disruptive behavior for at least 24 months prior to consideration for transfer to less secure facility.</td>
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<td>LEVEL 6</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>PROFILE: Recent disruptive, assaultive, severe behavior problems, predatory-type behavior, escape risk; requiring segregation. Must complete Phase Program prior to transfer to less secure facility.</td>
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# SECURITY LEVELS

## Female Institutions

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<td>Female Work Center 038, 040</td>
<td>INITIAL &amp; RECLASS: 12 years or less</td>
<td>No Murder I or II, Sexual Assault, Kidnap/Abduction; No Escape History; No Felony Detainers; No Disruptive Behavior</td>
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<td>LEVEL 2</td>
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<td>VCCW, Unit 13</td>
<td>INITIAL &amp; RECLASS: 15 years or less</td>
<td>No escape History (past 5 years of incarceration) Life, Life Plus and Multiple Life sentences will be considered on a case-by-case basis.</td>
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Population Trends

- Admissions
  - New Court Commitments
  - Parole Violators
- State Responsible (SR) Confined
  - Currently approximately 19% of SR Confined are in jails
  - Half of those are “out of compliance”
- Releases
- Community Corrections
  - Detention & Diversion Centers
  - Parole
  - Probation & Post Release
Admissions
New Court Commitment (NCC) Characteristics

- Truth-In-Sentencing (TIS) NCC have increased from 93% in FY2004 to 98% in FY2010
- 89% of NCC are Male
- Average age of NCC has increased from 33.8 years in FY2004 to 33.8 years in FY2010
- Offenders age 50 and over have increased from less than 6% of NCC in FY2004 to over 9% of NCC in FY2010
- NCC considered violent under §17.1-805 has increased from 37% of FY2004 NCC to 51% of FY2010 NCC. Prior to FY2010, this group had not exceeded 44% of the NCC.
NCC Average Sentences*

* Excludes Single Life, Multiple Life and Death Sentences

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State Responsible (SR) Confinement

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SR Confined Characteristics

- Truth-In-Sentencing (TIS) SR Confined have increased from 72% in FY2004 to 82% in FY2010.
- 93% of SR Confined are Male.
- Average age of SR Confined has increased from 35.5 years in FY2004 to 37.2 years in FY2010.
- Offenders age 50 and over have increased from 9% of SR Confined in FY2004 to 15% in FY2010.
- Offenders considered violent under §17.1-805 has increased from 61% of FY2004 SR Confined to 68% of FY2010 SR Confined.
SR Confined Average Sentences* (months)

* Excludes Single Life, Multiple Life and Death Sentences
Average age of SR released offenders has increased from 35.3 years in FY2004 to 36.7 years in FY2010.

Released offenders age 50 and over have increased from 8% in FY2004 to 13% in FY2010.

Released offenders considered violent under §17.1-805 has increased from 37% of SR releases in FY2004 to 46% of SR releases FY2010.
Community Corrections

Caseload Trends in Probation and Parole

Fiscal Year

Caseload (in thousands)

Parole
Probation
Other*

2004 47,899
2005 49,365
2006 54,110
2007 56,965
2008 59,005
2009 60,372
2010 59,616

*includes Post-Release Supervision, Other Conditional Release, Interstate Compact, and offenders who have not yet had a supervision type entered

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Recidivism

- Standard Measures:
  - Re-incarceration with DOC within 3 years of release is the DOC’s official measure
  - Re-arrest
  - Re-conviction

- Special Studies:
  - Recidivism Trends
  - Sex Offender Recidivism
Three Year Re-Incarceration Rates

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Among the 36 states that report felon recidivism as re-incarceration within three years of release, Virginia ranks fourth for the lowest recidivism rate.

*Montana’s rate is based on only the male population.
Up-to-date Information on Population Trends and Recidivism can be found on the Department of Corrections website:

http://www.vadoc.virginia.gov/about/facts/default.shtm