

## Partners

The Norfolk Re-Entry Council consists of representatives from numerous organizations including, but not limited to:

- Norfolk Department of Human Services
- Norfolk Probation & Parole
- VA Department of Corrections (VADOC)
- VDSS-Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE)
- Old Dominion University
- Norfolk Public Schools
- Norfolk Circuit Courts
- Norfolk Criminal Justice Services
- Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)
- Tidewater Community College (TCC)
- Garden of Hope/Second Chances
- Step-Up
- Commonwealth Attorney Office-Community Collaboration Center
- Norfolk Sheriff's Office
- Opportunity Inc.
- Newport News Sheriff's Dept.
- Norfolk Community Service Board
- 211 Virginia



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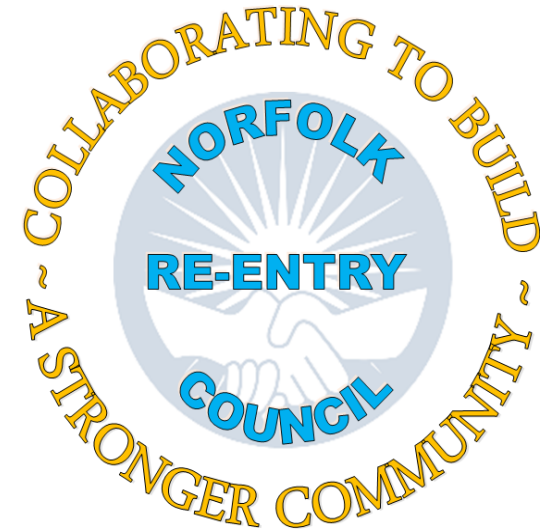
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## Mission

The Norfolk Re-Entry Council works to maximize opportunities for people returning to the community through local partnerships and by using effective re-entry planning and service delivery to support families, community integration and public safety.



## What is Re-Entry?

Re-entry is the process of returning to the community following some period of incarceration. Re-entry planning involves the use of programs targeted at effective reintegration of people returning back to communities.

Re-entry programming also involves a comprehensive case management approach, and is intended to assist people with acquiring the life skills needed to succeed in the community and become law-abiding citizens. Some of the programs assisting in the re-entry process include cognitive behavioral programs, mental health counseling, drug rehabilitation, vocational training, and employment programs.



## Vision Statement

A city offering services to those previously involved with the criminal justice system, creating self-sustaining families and productive communities.

## Goals

- Increase public safety and reduce recidivism through effective reentry planning and service delivery
- Maximize opportunities for people returning to the community after incarceration
- Support family and community integration for those returning from incarceration
- Expand and strengthen the collaboration of services
- Ensure cost effectiveness through coordinating services
- Promote outreach, education and awareness surrounding issues related to re-entry

## Committees

**Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Committee (FBCI):** focusing on strengthening partnerships with faith-based organizations, collaborating on initiatives that will enhance our community. The goal is to utilize the unique network of churches and nonprofit community organizations to address the needs of returning citizens.

**Hampton Roads Re-Entry Employment Committee (HRREC):** focusing on identifying and promoting strategies that assist people with criminal backgrounds to gain and maintain employment. This is accomplished by identifying and promoting best practices, utilizing and sharing respected publications, developing partnerships, sponsoring trainings and Job Fairs and finding ways to implement innovative strategies.

**Juvenile Re-Entry Committee:** focusing on bringing people together to strengthen, collaborate and address issues with our youth. Our goal is to prevent juvenile justice involvement by increasing parental involvement, strengthening families and communities, increasing awareness of services, and developing strategies to reduce recidivism.

**Planning Committee:** responsible for the strategic planning of the Norfolk Re-Entry Council. This group is tasked with developing the mission, vision and goals, identifying long-term strategies and organizing major events such as topical Town Hall Meetings and a statewide Re-entry Collaboration Summit.

