

Be A Mentor!

If you are interested in becoming a mentor,
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RE-ENTRY MENTORING PROGRAM



Virginia Department
of Juvenile Justice

One Team.
New Ideas.
Extraordinary Purpose.

What Is Re-Entry?

Re-entry is the transition of a person from confinement back to the community. Following release, these individuals face a multitude of unique issues and obstacles. The Department of Juvenile Justice strives to remove these hurdles for youth returning to the community by providing programs and services that educate, prepare and equip them to succeed as productive members of society.

Our Re-Entry Mission

Re-entry will promote public safety and accountability by implementing a seamless plan of services for each offender through state and local partnerships for a successful transition and reintegration in the community.

Re-Entry At A Glance



For more information about DJJ's Re-Entry Unit, visit our website at www.djj.virginia.gov and click on "Re-Entry Initiative."

Mentoring Program



Our Mission

The Re-Entry Mentoring Program will prepare court-involved youth to re-enter back into their home communities as successful citizens by pairing them with supportive mentors.

Our Vision

The Department of Juvenile Justice's Re-Entry Program is committed to improving the lives of youth and reducing recidivism by providing youth with a structured and trusting relationship, introducing effective interventions, and assisting with strengthening youth within the Commonwealth.

Our Goals

- To foster personal growth.
- To provide youth with a supportive adult.
- To reduce the rate of recidivism.
- To increase exposure to pro-social activities.

How To Be A Mentor

Mentor Eligibility

- At least 21 years of age
- Successful completion of VA state and FBI background investigation
- Successful completion of Child Protective Services investigation

Time Commitment

One to two hours per week for at least 12 months. For the first 2-3 months of the mentoring relationship, mentoring pairs meet for at least one hour at the juvenile correctional center. Once the mentee is released, the mentoring pair continues to meet at least two hours in the community for the remainder of the 12 months.

Benefits of Mentor Participants

- You will make a difference in the lives of young men and women.
- You will network among other community individuals and organizations to make the community a safer place.
- You will involve yourself in one-on-one and group "teaching."

