

Mission Statement

The Agency provides education, training, and treatment designed to encourage positive changes and meet the rehabilitative needs of offenders. We are committed to enhancing public safety through the utilization of evidence-based practices to reduce the rate of recidivism while promoting efficiency and economy in the delivery of correctional services. We are dedicated to improving quality of life and public safety by being professional and non-judgmental with respect to individual needs; being proactive through accountability, empathy and encouragement to support offenders; and creating awareness to empower individuals to make positive changes resulting in an alternative lifestyle to live productively and lawfully.

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Spotlight: Welcome Karon Winston



Karon Winston began working as the Program Manager for Riverside Criminal Justice Agency on October 16, 2017. Prior to joining the agency, Karon worked as a Sergeant for the Amelia County Sheriff's office for the past four years. He started his career in probation and pretrial services with the City of Richmond where he served a dual role as a probation and pretrial officer. He is a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University with Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. Currently he is pursuing a Master's Degree with Penn State with a concentration in Homeland Security. Karon resides in

Chesterfield County and has one daughter, who is currently a student at Virginia States University as a biology major. When not working, he enjoys spending time with his family, playing the bass guitar, computer programming, star wars, and road cycling. He is a fan of NFL football and is a Dallas Cowboys fan. Karon looks forward to the atmosphere at RCJA and is excited about engaging and being involved with the population that we serve. We are excited to have Karon aboard!

Drug Court's 15th Year Anniversary

The Hopewell, Prince George, Surry Drug Court Program celebrated its 15th anniversary on



September 27, 2017. The 15th Anniversary Celebration brought together participants, graduates, friends, family, and some very special guests to celebrate the accomplishments of many. Program supporters filled the Beacon Theatre on September 27, 2017, as those in attendance were treated to heartfelt words of joy, encouragement and gratitude from Circuit Court Judge, William Edward Tomko, III, and Prince George Commonwealth's Attorney, Mrs. Susan Fierro. In addition past graduates, elected officials, past and current judicial officers offered their support of the program. This innovative program provides treatment and support services to

adults charged with drug-related felonies. Graduates earn a dismissal of their criminal charges and can rebuild their lives, reconnect with families, and re-enter their communities as productive employees, volunteers, parents, mentors, and role models. The Drug Court program addresses each participant holistically ration to break the cycle of recidivism. It is a less expensive and more effective way to treat addiction rather than simply incarcerating drug addicts.



National Recovery Month September 2017

Riverside Criminal Justice Agency participated in celebrating "Recovery Month". Various individuals were invited to attend including our clients, drug court participants, and local community service board clients and members. The event was held in Prince George County under the pavilion at Scott Park, where John Randolph Medical Center and Center for Therapeutic Justice were more than happy



to partner with RCJA. They provided information on substance abuse and recovery services

within the community while attending this event. There were over 60 people in attendance for the Recovery Night Event! Anthony Crain did a fantastic job facilitating the group. He welcomed the attendees with a powerful message and then led an open forum style meeting with games and prizes being awarded for participation. Much focus was given to the disease of addiction and the effects it has on people and without regard to their lives. Anthony stated that recovery was supposed to be fun; thus, there was music, good food, and lots of comradery.

We cannot thank John Randolph Medical Center enough for providing food and drinks to be enjoyed by all who attended, free of charge. In addition, we are thankful for our



strong Community Policing unit in Prince George County with whom we work closely. Prince George Police Officer Harold Shreves volunteered to cook for the group and this gesture spoke volumes to those in attendance. Comments at the end of the event were extremely positive and rewarding. Thus, plans are already being discussed for next year's event. This proved to be a very successful collaborative effort and that impacted lives of most of the participants.



National Night Out at Country Aire Mobile Home Park



Staff from Riverside Criminal Justice Agency spent the evening of Tuesday August 1st, 2017 outdoors with the community members participating in National Night Out. For several years, staff at Riverside Criminal Justice Agency has enjoyed participating in National Night Out activities and this year staff participated at Country Aire Mobile Home Park. From 6 to 8 p.m., special events were held at sites around Prince George County, where neighborhood groups promoted involvement in crime

prevention activities, police-community partnerships and neighborhood relationships and camaraderie. Activities included free food, games, bounce houses, water fights and opportunities to interact with Prince George County police officers, firefighters and other first responders. We believe that our community has seen an improvement in public safety because of the relationships that are built in the community with law enforcement, criminal justice personnel, elected officials, and our first responders.



Drug Court Graduation 2017

Tracy Roberts began his participation in the Prince George, Hopewell, Surry Drug Court on February 11, 2016 and successfully graduated on September 18, 2017. Upon



“I could not have done this without Drug Court and the Drug Court team”. He now looks forward to spending more time with his fam-

ily and enjoying his grandchildren. Mr. Roberts also continues his engagement with the current drug court participants on a weekly basis for support and encouragement. Congratulations to Mr. Roberts on graduating Drug Court and beginning a wonderful new chapter in his life!



days of clean time, and completed Substance Abuse Treatment, Anger Management and Life Skills, as well as a variety of other requirements. While in Drug Court, Mr. Roberts secured gainful employment, secured an apartment, and purchased a vehicle. Mr. Roberts stated,



You've Earned It Charles



It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Charles Ware, our pretrial investigator. He has provided us with over 15 years of devoted service. We don't know how we will get along without him! Charles's attention to detail, while keeping the broader picture in mind, has been invaluable. His duty to his pretrial investigations as well as his thoroughness in all tasks he completed has demonstrated a commitment to excellence that we have come to depend upon. In addition to his incredible competence and skill, he has been a friend to all with his thoughtfulness and quiet encouragement. Although everyone is very happy for Charles, he is going to be gravely missed. We want him to know when he leaves RCJA, that it has been a privilege to have him on our team. His shoes are definitely going to be hard to fill. We wish him the very best and may his retirement be all that he had hoped for. Farewell and good luck to you!

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HEADLINE NEWS



CHARLES WARE IS FINALLY RETIRING!

This is a developing news story however we can confirm at press time we have verified reports that the RCJA family of Prince George is planning a fun-filled, retirement party in honor of Charles Ware.

Please join us in the 2nd floor break room on October 24th from 2pm to 4pm to celebrate Charles' retirement and his employment with Prince George County for the last 15+ years.

