

Riverside Criminal Justice Agency

Correction Connection

October 2021



Welcome, Lori Henley and Isaiah Lee!



In May, **Lori Henley** was hired as the Drug Court Program's first Drug Court Coordinator, duties historically carried out by the RCJA Director. The Drug Court Program, serving Hopewell, Prince George, and Surry, is comprised of an interdisciplinary team including the Judiciary, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office, the Defense Bar, Merakey, and RCJA. It provides a therapeutic alternative to substance-using offenders and utilizes a special court docket to address non-violent criminal offenses committed by addicted offenders. Lori is excited to bring her experience in state and local probation as well as her experience with specialized caseloads to the Drug Court Program.

In June, **Isaiah Lee** joined RCJA as a Probation Officer, where he will primarily serve the Drug Court Program. Intensive community supervision, combined with individualized substance abuse treatment, offers offenders the opportunity to establish sobriety and develop the necessary skills to continue their recovery beyond court intervention. Isaiah previously worked with the Department of Corrections as a correctional officer and a casework counselor, and then as a behavioral tech specialist at Richmond Behavioral Health Authority. He is a great addition to the Drug Court team and to RCJA!



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The Commonwealth of Virginia recognized July 18-21, 2021, as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Week, which acknowledges the crucial role community corrections and pretrial services programs play in the public safety system. Locally, the Prince George Board of Supervisors recognized RCJA by presenting a proclamation to Director, **Denise Waff**, and Program Manager, **Charlotte Walmon**, during the July 13, 2021 board meeting. In addition, RCJA staff were celebrated throughout the week with a popcorn party, a donut breakfast, a taco bar, and raffle prizes!



"If you treat your employees like they make a difference, they will."

-Jim Goodnight, CEO, SAS



Did you know Riverside Criminal Justice Agency staff are members of the Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association? VCCJA is a non-profit membership organization comprised of local community corrections and pretrial services directors, staff, and other individuals within the criminal justice system. VCCJA provides a forum for the discussion and communication of ideas to enhance public safety. Membership benefits include access to relevant training as well as advocacy for programs that decrease incarceration rates by effectively utilizing community resources.



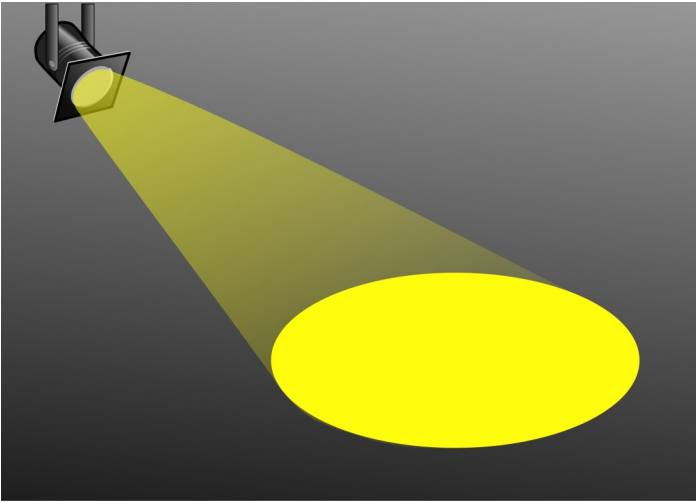
On September 10, 2021, the Central Region of VCCJA met at the Hunton Community Center and Park for VCCJA Field Day. It was a great opportunity to put faces to names of our peers from neighboring community corrections and pretrial agencies. Not only did RCJA staff enjoy a day of teambuilding and fellowship, two of our own brought the Central Region Corn Hole Tournament Championship home to Prince George County. Way to go, **Amanda Elliott** and **Stacci Nutty**!

RCJA Spotlight

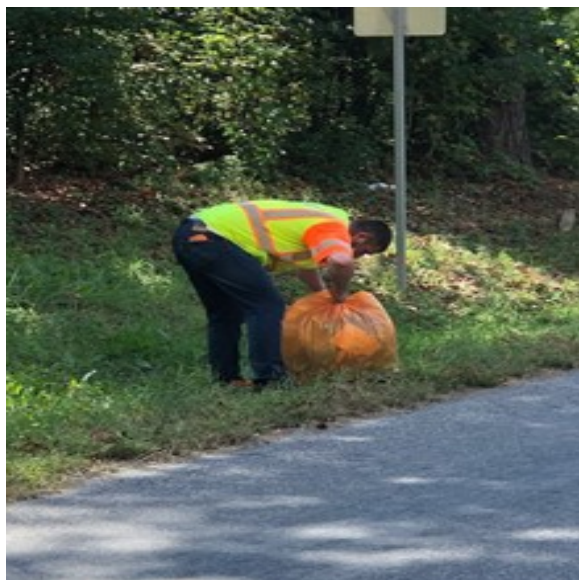
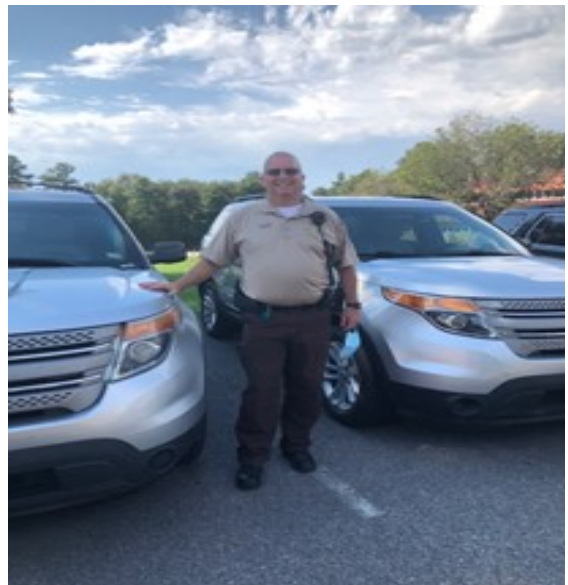
Litter

Reduction

Program



The Litter Reduction Program (LRP) is a cooperative initiative between RCJA, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, and the Courts that not only helps keep Prince George County clean through roadside trash pickup, but also allows offenders to make a meaningful contribution to the community in lieu of incarceration. Retired Sheriff's Office Sergeant, Keith King, serves as RCJA's LRP Coordinator in Prince George County and provides direct supervision to all participating offenders.



During the pandemic, many area community service sites were either forced to close or unable to accept offenders due to safety concerns. The Litter Reduction Program offered a safe and consistent way for offenders to comply with court-ordered community service. Since the program's inception, the LRP has picked up a total of **4489 bags** of litter!

To report an area in need of roadside trash pickup, please contact RCJA at 804-733-2760 or through our Facebook page.