

# SUPPORTING YOUTH THROUGH EMPOWERMENT

Working Together with Parole Officers and Case Managers



## THE CHOICE GROUP

Do you need a job? We work alongside Parole and Probation Officers, and other local referral sources to not only assist individuals who are facing barriers to employment, but also assist individuals to problem solve these obstacles while promoting their strengths and establishing a pattern of success.

Work can be difficult when you face obstacles in your personal life. Our goal is to help you achieve greater independence by reaching your work goals, becoming employed and earning income.

**Vocational Services** can help by developing your job seeking skills so you can find a job that appeals to you long term, we can help you get job interviews and even help you get there. We can help with:

- Understanding your interests & experience
- Job applications, cover letters and resumes
- Positive work behaviors & Interpersonal skills
- Appropriate work dress and personal hygiene
- Interview preparation
- Support for training and learning skills for your new job.

**Community Support Services** are designed to remove barriers to finding a job, and to help you maximize your independence so you are more able to focus on employment. Services are provided on an as needed basis, and support learning skills to be successful in living more independently and being better prepared for employment. Your counselor will work with you to identify goals and develop a plan to meet them.

### Mission Statement

The mission of The Choice Group is a commitment to excellence in meeting our clients' needs, while foremost respecting their individuality and right to make life choices.

The Choice Group's services are:

- **Individualized and time-limited** – you receive one-on-one instruction tailored to your individual goals. You, your family or representatives, your Parole/Probation Officer or Case Manager, and your counselor will discuss needs and agree on a customized plan.
- **Provided in Your Community** – training takes place in your community to help you put skills into place. Your counselor will also help you access additional resources based on your unique needs to best support you.
- **Reviewed with You Often** – your counselor will review progress, accomplishments, add additional goals if needed, and prepare you for maintaining your successes after services end.
- **Teachable** – the goal of services is employment and to assist you in developing the skills needed to get future jobs while adding skills that can help you get ahead.

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) currently has five (5) regions in Virginia:

- Northern
- Central
- Western
- Southern
- Eastern

Vocational Services and Community Support Services are currently provided by The Choice Group in various parts of the state shown in the map below, where The Choice Group is able to serve Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) youth through authorized referral sources.

Please visit

[www.thechoicegroup.com/djj-vocational-services](http://www.thechoicegroup.com/djj-vocational-services) for a complete and detailed listing of the cities and counties in the DJJ regions in Virginia served by The Choice Group.

