

What Virginia CARES Does . . .

Serving Southwest Virginia, People Incorporated's Virginia CARES program is part of a statewide network that delivers programs to individuals in need of confidence-building and skills for re-integrating with family and the job market. Services include pre-release life skills, post-release referrals to community service providers and help in securing employment.

Qualifying individuals may receive financial aid, job readiness training, job search assistance, human relations and self-awareness training, and ongoing support.

Key Services

- **Immediate Assistance** – Locating food, clothing, housing transportation and forms of identification
- **Employment Assistance** – Learn job search skills with the goal of long-term employment
- **Counseling and Peer Support** – One-to-one counseling as well as support groups
- **Societal Integration and Career Development** – Help with career building, family reunification and integration into community

Virginia CARES' staff educates employers about the benefits of hiring returning citizens to fill employment needs. They also collaborate with service agencies, probation officers, churches and others to maintain a local network of support for participants.



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The Commonwealth's Statewide Reentry Solution

Provides Assistance To Obtain

- Food
- Clothing
- Shelter
- Transportation
- Forms of Identification

Referral Services

- Legal
- Medical
- Family Counseling
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Financial counseling

Job/Career Services

- Job Readiness Workshops
- Mock Interviews
- Resume Preparation
- Career Counseling
- Educational Opportunities
- Job Search Skills
- Job Leads

Post-Release Support Groups

- Educational Groups
- Peer Groups
- Group Counseling

Participants learn to

- Make better life choices
- Strengthen or rebuild family relationships
- Identify the requirements of obtaining and keeping a job
- Understand that others can relate to the challenges faced by returning citizens

