

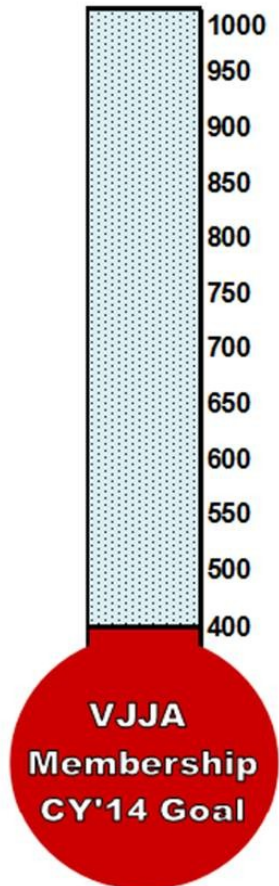
VJJA Celebrates Detention, Correctional & Residential Week

May 5-9, 2014

Colleague Profiles

We want to get to know you better. Send your own profile or suggest a colleague to be profiled.

Colleague profiles are included in each issue, but for the current issue, in honor of *Detention, Correctional & Residential Week* we are exclusively featuring the profiles of residential colleagues. For the June edition, we will similarly feature the profiles of community-based workers.



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Send Colleague Profile submissions and membership questions to:

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TAMMY KRUGER

Post-Dispositional Coord/Office Mgr
New River Valley Juvenile Detention
Christiansburg

14 Years in Current Role
26 Years with Current Employer

Previous Positions Held:
Child Care Supervisor II

First Aid/CPR/AED Adult instructor
Moral Reconciliation Therapy Facilitator

Southwest District VJJA Member

Education:
Liberty University
MA, Management & Leadership
Liberty University
BS, Criminal Justice
New River Community College
AAS, Human Services

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges; Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; Tau Sigma Academic Honor Society

Hometown:
Stuart, Florida

First Job(s):
Picking & Selling Vegetables,
Mowing Lawns, Paper Route;
Volunteered as Junior Deputy with local Sheriff's Department

Favorite Part of Job:
Having the opportunity to help the kids that come through detention attain a higher sense of self-worth and belief in having a successful future.



MARTIN COX

Casework Supervisor
Opportunity House
Lynchburg

4 Years in Current Role
16 Years in Human Services Field

Previous Positions Held:
Relief Counselor
Youth Counselor
Special Education Teacher,
Day Treatment Supervisor

Blue Ridge District VJJA Member

Education:
West Virginia University
Bachelor's Degree in Sociology

Hometown:
Clarksburg/Fairmont, West Virginia

First Job:
Paper Route

Favorite Part of Job:
Working with the challenges and diverse nature of an ever changing group of residents.

Reason for Entering the Field:
I entered the field for the purpose of trying to help make a difference. I accepted my current position because it allows me a forum to address issues which lead to the creation of 17 year old 9th graders.

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TAMMIE DOCKERY

Speech-Language Pathologist
VADJJ Division of Education
RDC, Beaumont, Bon Air, Culpeper

14 Years in Current Role

Previous Positions Held:
Previously worked as Director of
Rehabilitation for several private
long term health corporations.

Capital District VJJA Member

Endorsed in Special Education as
well as licensed to practice by the
American Speech-Language-Hearing
Association, the Department of
Education, and the Virginia Board
of Health Care Professionals.

Education:
Howard University
B.S. in Communication Science
University of Virginia
M.Ed. Speech-Language Pathology
Post-Grad Cert. Clinical Competence

Hometown:
Richmond, Virginia

First Job:
Dietary Dept. Chippenham Hospital

Favorite Part of Job:
That "lightbulb" moment during a
session when the resident
realizes he/she has successfully
completed an activity.

Reason for Entering the Field:
Sat in class one day with a friend
who was studying to be a Speech-
Language Pathologist and fell in love
with the idea of studying the brain.



SARA JONES

Treatment Program Coordinator
The Merrimac Center
Williamsburg

9 Years with Current Employer
12 Years in Human Services Field

Previous Positions Held:
Counselor for Camp Alta Mons –
Outdoor Adventure Christian Camp
and Mount St. Vincent Home
and School, Denver, CO

President, Virginia Detention
Association of Post-Dispositional
Programs (VDAPP)

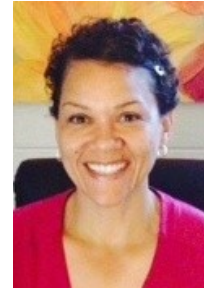
Education:
Virginia Wesleyan College
B.A. in Religious Studies
Iliff School of Theology
Master of Divinity
Capella University
Ph.D. Candidate, Psychology

Hometown:
Williamsburg, Virginia

First Job:
Brushworks, Inc
house painting and repair

Favorite Part of Job:
That moment when residents recog-
nize that someone believes in them
despite their past and then start to
believe in themselves.

Reason for Entering the Field:
To afford others the same support
and understanding I was given as a
child in an effort to help them better
themselves and the community.



MONICA BROWN

Deputy Superintendent
Rappahannock Juvenile Detention
Stafford

7 Months in Current Role
18 Years in Human Services Field

Previous Positions Held:
RJDC Adolescent Counselor
RJDC Programs Coordinator
DSS Social Worker
DSS Senior Social Worker

Education:
B.A., University of Rhode Island
Master of Arts Degree
Human Services Exec. Leadership
Liberty University

Hometown:
North Kingstown, Rhode Island
(but VA has been home for 17 years)

Favorite Part of Job:
Watching the windows of
opportunity open for others.

Reason for Entering the Field:
To advocate and assist those that
society as a whole denies equal
opportunity to and/or turns their
backs on all together.



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One Juvenile Justice System ... One Team

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EIPHANY SUTTON

Recreation Specialist Senior
VADJJ - Bon Air JCC
Chesterfield

6 months in Current Role
3 Years in Human Services Field

Previous Positions Held:
Recreation Specialist

Capital District VJJA Member

Education:
Old Dominion University
BS in Exercise Science
Virginia State University
pursuing MEd Counseling Education

Hometown:
Newport News, Virginia

First Job:
Games Hostess
Busch Gardens

Favorite Part of Job:
Interacting with residents
through different activities

Reason for Entering the Field:
Early on in my life I wasn't
far from where a lot of the
residents I work with are now.
However, I always had
someone to help guide me
in the right direction. I feel it
is only right that I do the same
for someone else and make
a difference in their life.

Other:
Loves music and playing basketball.



WAYNE GORE

MH / SA Therapist
Northwestern Regional Detention
Winchester

19 Years in Current Role
1 Year with Current Employer

Previous Positions Held:
Substance Abuse Therapist
Senior Juvenile Probation Substance
Abuse Assessment Officer
Salvation Army Intake Specialist

Valley District VJJA Member

Licensed Professional Counselor
Certified Substance Abuse Counselor

Education:
George Mason University
Bachelor of Science in Bus. Admin
Virginia Tech Graduate School
Master of Arts, Educ/Comm. Couns.
NOVA Community College
Certificate in Sub Abuse Counseling
John Hopkins University
Continuing Studies

Hometown:
Purcellville, Virginia

First Job:
Family Farm

Favorite Part of Job:
Helping adolescents develop
the self-awareness that
will bring future success.

Reason for Entering the Field:
To help facilitate nurturing environ-
ments for the process of change.



MELINDA JARVIS

Post-Dispositional Coordinator
Virginia Beach Juvenile Detention
Virginia Beach

9 Years with Current Role
15 Years in Human Services Field

Previous Positions Held:
CHINS Probation Officer at 2nd CSU
Challenge Outreach Counselor, TYSC
Counselor Coordinator, TYSC

Tidewater District VJJA Member

Certified Substance Abuse Counselor
Gang Specialist

Education:
James Madison University
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Old Dominion University
Master of Science in Psychology

Hometown:
Chesapeake, Virginia

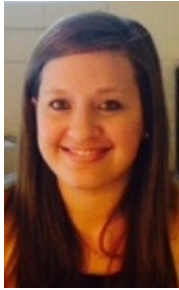
First Job:
Lifeguard

Favorite Part of Job:
The moments when you see real
change, the smiles, and the days
when past residents call or stop
by to say hello, excited and proud
to share their success stories.

Reason for Entering the Field:
I always had a love for
psychology and helping people.
I never saw myself working with
teenagers but once I started
in the field, I found my niche
and I truly love what I do.

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LEAH NELSON

Programs Coordinator
Rappahannock Juvenile Detention
Stafford

6 Months in Current Role
8 Years in Human Services Field

Previous Positions Held:
Senior Probation Officer / 15th CSU
School-Based PO / Riverbend High
Substitute Teacher / Spotsy Schools
QHMP / In-Home / Mentoring

School-Based Probation Program
recognized by OJJDP as a
best-practice program.

Education:
Old Dominion University
B.S. Human Services Counseling
Virginia Commonwealth University
School of Social Work
some graduate work

Hometown:
Originally from Pittsburgh, PA.
Lived in CA, moved to VA at age 11.

Favorite Part of Job:
Being able to have a direct impact
on the services that are being pro-
vided to the juveniles we serve in
both the Post D and CPP Programs.
appreciate the freedom given to me
to express my creativity and flex my
organizational skills on a daily basis

Reason for Entering the Field:
I entered the human services field
because of a personal experience I
had at a young age with the Depart-
ment of Social Services (young
teenage mother) and felt that my
calling was to help others.



SASHA DAVENPORT

Re-Entry Specialist
VADJJ - Beaumont JCC
Beaumont

3 Years with Current Employer
16.5 Years in Human Services Field

Previous Positions Held:
Transition Specialist
Career Pathways Instructor
Counselor, Powhatan CC
Counselor, VA CC for Women

Capital District VJJA Member

Outstanding Participant,
NIC OWDS Training;
Employee of the Month, PCC+VCCW

National Institute of Corrections
Offender Workforce Development
Specialist Training; Trained in
Effective Practices in Community
Supervision / Correctional
Settings (EPICS)

Education:
Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal
Justice; Master of Public Administra-
tion (MPA); Master of Arts in
Mental Health Counseling

Hometown:
Baltimore, Maryland

First Job:
Burger King

Favorite Part of Job:
Helping People

Reason for Entering the Field:
Wanted to be a judge,
but life kicked in.



GREGORY HAYTHE

Youth Care Worker / Team Leader
Lynchburg Reg. Juvenile Detention
Lynchburg

5 Years in Current Role
15 Years at the Detention Center

Previous Positions Held:
Presbyterian Home as a
Residential Worker

Handle With Care Instructor
CPR / First Aid
AED Certified

Education:
Central Virginia Community College,
Lynchburg; General Studies

Hometown:
Lynchburg, Virginia

First Job:
Chef
Western Sizzlin

Favorite Part of Job:
Being able to help others.

Reason for Entering the Field:
Growing up without a
father figure, I wanted
to be a role model for others.



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