



## **VJJA Meritorious Award for Residential Services 2021 Patee Brock**

Our award winner in the area of Residential Services, earned her master's degree from Radford University and has completed post graduate work at the University of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), a Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider (CSTOP) and a Nationally Certified Custody Evaluator (NCCE).

Our award winner has nearly 35 years of experience in the juvenile justice field, having served as the court psychology associate for the Chesterfield and Colonial Heights Courts, a psychologist for James River Detention, Beaumont and Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Centers, and as a clinician with Henrico Mental Health. Currently, our award winner is a Program Specialist with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice's Division of Residential Services. Prior to her current role, she and her correctional center housing unit were among the Division of Residential Service's first pilot units to transform to and implement the Community Treatment Model (CTM).

In her role as Program Specialist for DJJ's Division of Residential Services, our award recipient chairs the Department of Juvenile Justice's Central Classification and Review Committee (CCRC), facilitates special decision cases to the agency's Director office, and has had a lead role in population management. In her role, she has advocated for taking advantage of a full continuum of residential and community-based services and has been instrumental in ensuring a seamless reentry plan is in place for youth who experience challenges with treatment plans and placements in the community upon release. Our recipient is said to *model the way* and *exemplify* how to work collaboratively across units and outside of silos. Her persistence and team player attitude has resulted in a cross-divisional, intra-agency and inter-agency collaborative approach. She often professionally and diplomatically challenges the process until all options have been exhausted and the results have proven to be in the best interest of the youth. She looks beyond the surface of the youth we serve and has become a relentless advocate, not settling for anything other than solutions that ensure that every youth receives our best effort.

For all of these reasons and more, please join me in congratulating the **2021 VJJA Meritorious Award Winner in the Area Residential Services, Ms. Patee Brock.**