

**Community Collaboration Council
Statement of Partnership & Participation**

This is a statement of partnership and participation as a member of the local community collaboration council. I understand the purpose of the council is to strengthen our community and its families through collaboration and coordination of local resources and services.

Collaboration councils address issues such as reentry, housing, employment, behavioral health, substance abuse, family services, positive youth development, benefits and food assistance. Councils address reentry through implementation of the Virginia Community Reentry Approach. Localities implementing this approach identify community assets and service gaps and they focus on reentry by addressing reentry barriers and coordinating reentry related services and resources.

Councils are composed of community-based agencies, businesses, non-profits, civic groups and faith-based organizations. In addressing reentry councils coordinate with jails and correctional centers on pre-release services and collaborate on post-release service delivery. They also increase public awareness of reentry and reentry related issues, including the impact of crime on victims and helping link previously incarcerated individuals and their families with positive influences in the community through mentoring, coaching, peer support and other pro-social activities.

I understand that the Virginia Community Reentry Approach implemented by councils is not a program or an organization. Rather, it is a community-based approach to reentry that integrates public safety and human services. Each individual or agency council member provides their own services but they do so in a planned and coordinated way. The Community Reentry Approach goals are to:

- Increase public safety and reduce recidivism through effective resource coordination and reentry service delivery
- Maximize opportunities for people returning to the community after incarceration
- Support family and community integration for people returning from incarceration

As an individual member or organizational designee of a local reentry & collaboration council I agree to:

- Attend scheduled collaboration council meetings and/or events.
- Voluntarily participate in work groups or subcommittees.
- Provide information, services or resources to members of the community and/or previously incarcerated citizens returning to the community (if applicable).
- Submit services provision data on a quarterly basis (if applicable).

Statement of Participation for: _____ **(Council Name)**

Council Partner Type (check one): Individual Member _____ Agency/Organization Member _____

Name _____ **Telephone** _____ **Email** _____

Agency (if applicable) _____

Address _____

As an individual or an agency member of the local community reentry council the services I/we will provide to assist previously incarcerated citizens returning to our community and neighborhoods are (list/describe services provided by your agency or by you as an individual volunteer that you bring to the coordinated service delivery approach of the council-continue on back if needed):

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____