



*Commonwealth of Virginia  
Department of Criminal Justice Services*

March 12, 2009

**MEMORANDUM:**

**TO:** All PSA Directors  
**FROM:** Jana Braswell, EBP Program Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** VPRAI Training Registration

As you will recall from the February 2009 memo, DCJS in collaboration with the VPRAI committee and Luminosity Inc., recently conducted a validation study of the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (VPRAI). As a result of the validation study and considering our pursuit of evidence-based practices, minor modifications were made to the VPRAI to improve predictive accuracy and significant changes were made to the design of the VPRAI report to be more consistent with evidence-based practices. The revised VPRAI requires a mandatory training to ensure that all pretrial officers understand the changes in the VPRAI and PTCC and can properly use the revised instrument.

The VPRAI training will take place at four regional sites. Each program has been assigned to a specific training venue (see: Training Schedule below). The training will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. each day. Lunch will be on your own. There will be two trainings, held back to back, at each site so you can split your staff to avoid the need to close offices. After we confirm attendance for each date, we will send additional information such as directions, places for lunch, etc.

To register your staff, please send Jana Braswell an e-mail in response to this memo **NO LATER THAN** Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please include the following information in your e-mail to me:

1. The name of your agency
2. The name and e-mail of staff attending (and the day they plan to attend)
3. The name and e-mail of any additional persons attending (yourself, other managers, etc.)

Remember, the training schedule was arranged so you could split your staff to avoid the need to close offices. It is also necessary to divide staff into the two trainings to ensure appropriate numbers of trainees per session. All pretrial officers are required to attend; directors and managers are strongly encouraged to attend. If you have any other questions, please feel free to call me at 804.371.0531 or e-mail [jana.braswell@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:jana.braswell@dcjs.virginia.gov)

## VPRAI Training Schedule

### April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Fairfax  
Public Safety Center/Massey  
Building**  
4100 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030

**Program:**

Alexandria Criminal Justice Services  
Arlington County Sheriff's Office  
Fairfax County General District Court -  
Court Services Division  
Fauquier County Office of Adult Court  
Services  
Loudoun County Community  
Corrections  
Northwestern Regional Adult Detention  
Center  
Prince William Office of CJ Services

### April 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Chesterfield  
Eanes Pittman Building Shared  
Classroom D**  
6610 Public Safety Rd  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

**Program:**

Chesterfield CC & PT Services  
Hanover Community Corrections  
Henrico County Community Corrections  
Middle Peninsula Local Probation &  
Pretrial Services  
Piedmont Court Services-Mecklenburg  
Rappahannock Regional Jail  
Richmond Department of Justice  
Services: Pretrial Services  
Riverside Criminal Justice Agency  
Southside Community Corrections

### June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Lynchburg  
Lynchburg Dept. of Social Services**  
99 Ninth Street  
Lynchburg, VA 24504

**Program:**

Blue Ridge Court Services  
Court Community Corrections  
Halifax/Pittsylvania Court Services  
Lynchburg CC & PT Services  
New River CC & PT Services  
OAR/Jefferson Area Community  
Corrections  
Rockingham-Harrisonburg Court  
Services Unit

### June 11<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Hampton  
Ruppert L. Sargent Admin. Building**  
1 Franklin Street  
Hampton, Virginia 23669

**Program:**

Chesapeake Community Corrections  
Colonial Community Corrections  
Hampton/Newport News CJ Agency  
Norfolk Criminal Justice Services  
Portsmouth Community Corrections &  
Pretrial Services  
Virginia Beach Office of CC & PT  
Services