



## Gloucester Department of Community Engagement

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### **RE-ENTRY COUNCILS TOPIC OF GLOUCESTER'S JUNE RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING**

The May meeting of the Gloucester Resource Council is scheduled for June 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gloucester Library community room. Anne Mitchell, who serves on one the Reentry and Community Collaboration Council (RCCC), will be the guest speaker. RCCCs have been established throughout Virginia to address key community issues surrounding the return of former incarcerated offenders by implementing a collaborative reentry approach with the goal of reducing recidivism, maximizing opportunities, and providing support needed for successful return and integration into the community of former offenders. The reentry collaboration approach is developed around four primary principles: pre-release planning, interagency coordination, integrated service delivery and support of family and community reintegration, including development of positive links to the community. The U.S. Bureau of Justice has reported that within three years of release, about 68% of released prisoners were rearrested and within five years three-quarters or 76% are rearrested.

The Gloucester Resource Council is a network of human service agencies and organizations, businesses, and community members that meet to discuss and share information and resources. Cooperative, interagency efforts are planned and implemented to help maximize community resources and minimize costly duplication of services. Monthly meetings are conducted on the first Wednesday with all meetings open to any interested community member or organizational representative.

For more information on the council, please contact the Department of Community Engagement at 693-5730 or email Christi Lewis at [clewis@gloucesterva.info](mailto:clewis@gloucesterva.info)

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