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Since the early 1970's, PAPIS providers have been working to ensure that those returning to the community do so better prepared to succeed in life. PAPIS funding continues to address this ongoing social need.

Six of the 9 PAPIS organizations are community-based non-profits, which have active Boards of Directors and involve over 800 volunteers in their work. The other three programs are jail-based programs.

All 9 PAPIS organizations provide classes inside local and regional jails as well as some prisons.

In an effort to improve public safety outcomes, PAPIS providers, in partnership with the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), have worked hard over the past several years to implement evidence-based practices in several key areas. The introduction of EBP in corrections requires strong leadership and support at all levels of the criminal justice system and agencies continue to undergo extensive changes, to increase community collaboration, and to utilize research-proven instruments and programs that focus on improving outcomes to reduce re-offending and further victimization.

The investment by DCJS in funding a portion of the reentry programs of each organization improves public safety by reducing the likelihood that re-entering citizens will return to the anti-social behaviors that led to their incarceration. Additionally, it returns a citizen who is better able to acquire and keep a job, provide for their family, and become a contributing member of their community. Each returning citizen that lives a crime-free life following incarceration, saves the Commonwealth the costs of additional incarcerations and saves our citizens the immeasurable costs of being victimized.

Over the past several years, PAPIS providers have achieved the following:

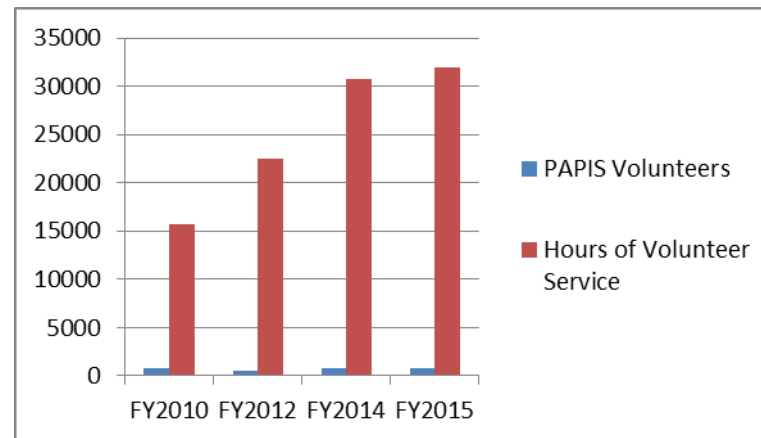
- The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) awarded three PAPIS providers and their respective collaborators multi-year Second Chance Funding based on innovative and best-practice models of reentry.
- All PAPIS providers have been trained in the Offender Screening Tool (OST), to effectively measure the criminogenic risk and needs for the local offender population. This assessment will allow PAPIS providers to create an informed case management plan that will address the risk/needs of the clients based on their measured criminogenic needs.
- Several PAPIS providers have been trained in Thinking for Change (T4C) and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) which address criminal thinking behaviors in the offender population.
- Job Retention classes and support have resulted in clients staying on the job much longer than in previous years.
- PAPIS providers are working to track and measure outcomes from their efforts.
- And the work continues...

In FY 14-15

- 15,261 individual clients were served (a 38% increase over FY 13-14)
- 5,671 clients received job assistance, employment skills, job placements and job retention counseling and support contacts
- 2,878 clients participated in educational and support groups (pre- and post-release)
- 1,808 jobs were obtained (a 57% increase over FY 13-14)
- 2,405 clients received housing assistance (an 84% percent increase over FY 13-14)
- 3,873 service units of clothing assistance were provided (an 11% increase over FY 13-14)
- 2,760 identification documents were obtained for clients (a 246% increase over FY 13-14)
- 15,175 units of transportation assistance were provided
- 4,794 referrals were made to other agencies for additional services (a 21% increase over FY 13-14)

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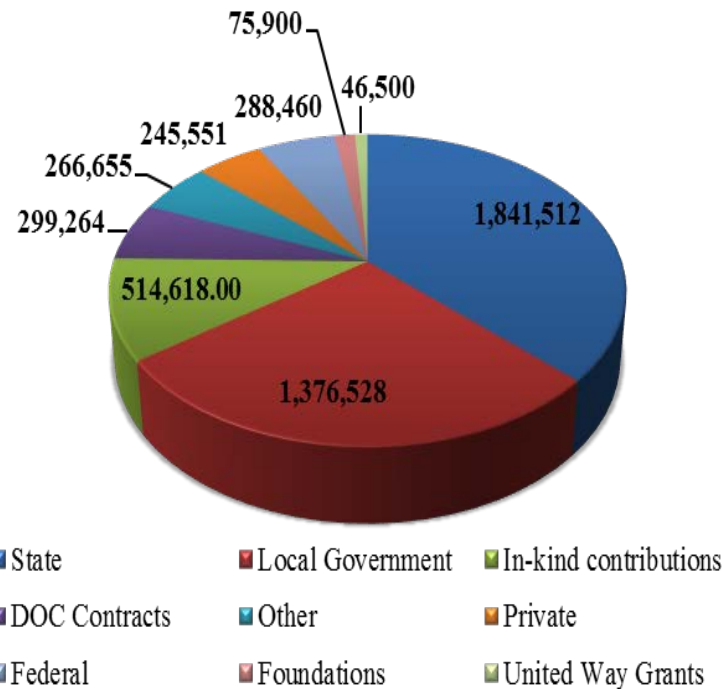
PAPIS generates an additional \$1.73 for every \$1.00 provided by the Commonwealth. In addition to receiving direct funding, each PAPIS organization creates coalitions within their communities to organize and further stretch the dollars. In FY 14-15, community volunteers (many of them faith-based) provided increasing amounts of assistance even as the number of volunteers saw a slight decrease. In FY 14-15, 797 volunteers contributed over 31,965 hours of service valued at \$782,822.85.



The Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency, values an average hour of volunteer service in Virginia at \$24.49 for 2015. (www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/pressroom/value_states.cfm).

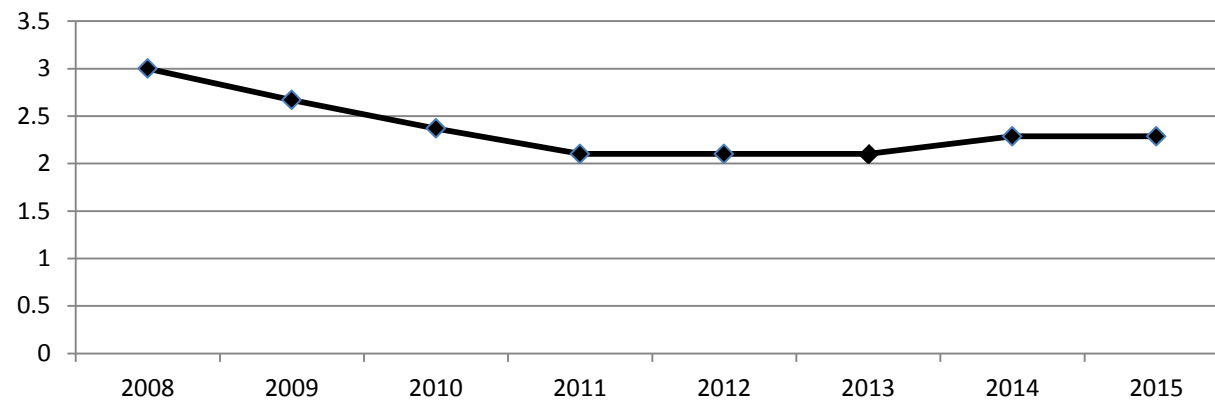
Funding:

- PAPIS' funding comes from three sources: 1/3 from state appropriations, 1/3 from local appropriations and 1/3 from private donations, grants, etc.



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- Prior to 2008, PAPIS received approximately \$3 million in state funding annually to provide the essential services described above.
- Since 2008, PAPIS' funding has been cut drastically. The impact of the budget cuts have been exacerbated by cuts elsewhere (the United Way, local government support, etc.)
- In 2013, the General Assembly approved a very small increase for PAPIS, bringing its funding to \$2.2 million annually.



A recent study by the Department of Criminal Justice Services concluded that PAPIS had increased the number of job placements secured by offenders and reduced the rates of re-arrest. It also found that decreased funding had caused the PAPIS programs to close offices in parts of the state and to eliminate some positions, affecting the level and type of services available to offenders. The study concluded: **“PAPIS providers are not sufficiently funded to provide services to all offenders in need.”**

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