

Petersburg Sheriff's Office partners with River City Comprehensive Counseling Services & Riverside Regional Jail to Provide Transitional Services



Standing: Ryan Williams, Marvin Burgess, Alonza J. George, Jr.,(Facilitator),Phillip Wiggins, Timothy Johnson.
Seated: (left to right) Gerald Russell, Clarence R. Jones, Jody Davenport, Alvin F. Clanton

Several years ago, prior to the Petersburg City Jail closing, the Petersburg Sheriff's Office had received a grant for transitional services for the inmates housed at the city jail. After the jail closed, there were funds still left in the grant and there still was a need for these services, as the men and women who were incarcerated, now at Riverside Regional Jail, were still going to be coming back into our communities.

So in an effort to make proper use of those funds, the Petersburg Sheriff's Office partnered with River City Comprehensive Counseling Services and Riverside Regional Jail to provide those transitional services to inmates who were scheduled to be released into the tri-city area in the coming months. The inmates were brought to the Petersburg City Jail, Monday-Thursday to participate in the program. The facilitator was Mr. Alonza George, Jr.

The mission of River City Comprehensive Counseling Services is to provide individuals with effective mental health and substance abuse services in a safe, comfortable, and supportive environment. In everything they do, they promise caring and compassion, dignity and respect, responsiveness and courtesy; they strive for excellence, innovation, flexibility, integrity and teamwork.

The men seated and standing above are the inaugural group of individuals who completed the 12 week program. The program proved to be a huge success and River City is currently working with the second set of individuals to assist them with giving them the tools for a successful transition into the community in the next several months.

To learn more about this program or others that the Petersburg Sheriff's Office sponsors, please give Sheriff Vanessa Crawford a call at 733-2369.