STATE OPERATED PROGRAMS: FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND RE-ENROLLMENT
WHAT IS AN SOP ACADEMIC PROGRAM?

Section 22.1-7 of the Code of Virginia addresses the educational responsibility for children in residence or in the custody of state agencies. "Each state board, agency, and institution having children in residence or in custody shall provide education and training to such children which are at least comparable to that which would be provided to such children in the public school system."
WHO ARE WE?

- 24 Juvenile Detention Centers
- 3 Hospital Education Programs and Clinics
- 7 Off Site Clinics
- 2 Juvenile Mental Health Facilities
- 5 Adult Mental Health Facilities
- Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center
WHO WE ARE NOT....

- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Employees of the host facility
- Guidance counselors, MH therapists, or mentors
- Attorneys
- Medical personnel
- Surrogate parents
WHAT DO WE DO?
SY 2016-2017

- 5,652 enrolled students (at least one enrollment)
- 174 post-graduates served (detention only)
- 614 CTE certificates earned by students (detention only)
- 112 students earned a GED (detention only)
- 30 students earned a HS Diploma (detention only)
- 1,914 SOL tests administered
WHEN MIGHT A STUDENT ENTER AN SOP ACADEMIC PROGRAM?

- Court order with various length of stays (detention or mental health)
- Serve a sentence after being placed into DJJ custody (detention)
- Mandatory evaluation
- Chronic medical need
Detention

▪ Minimum of a five and half hour school day
▪ Core content areas, Health/PE, and sometimes art, music, or literacy
▪ SOL Curriculum/Assessments
▪ Work “counts” towards the school year’s final grades
▪ Average length of stay = 27 calendar days
WHAT DOES SCHOOL LOOK LIKE IN AN SOP?

Mental Health Facilities

- Five and a half hours offered
- Highly transient population
- “Cleared” for school
- Adult MH facilities:
  - Typically 1:1 or small group
  - IEP or GED services
WHAT DOES SCHOOL LOOK LIKE IN AN SOP?

Hospital

- Typically bedside instruction; Small groups when appropriate
- “Cleared” for school
- Time varies by student and situation
HOW CAN FAMILY MEMBERS STAY CONNECTED?

- Phone or email with education staff
- www.stateoperatedprograms.org
- School division’s website
- Visitations
- IEP meetings
- Transfer summaries
HOW CAN FAMILY MEMBERS STAY CONNECTED?

- Communication with home school, if appropriate
- Letters
- Communication with the facility staff
- Self-care
- Attending meetings, court dates, and special functions
If a student enrolls in an SOP academic program, s/he is dropped from the previous school division’s roll. A student cannot be carried on two rolls at the same time.

When the student returns to the home school, the student must re-enroll with the school. This “looks” different across the state.
There are state regulations that must be followed if the student has been in a detention center for 30 or more calendar days or if the student is returning to the home school division after being placed in DJJ custody.

Re-Enrollment Regulations
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