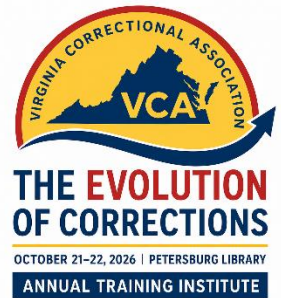


Virginia Correctional Association
2026 Training Institute - October 21-22, 2026
Petersburg Public Library
The Evolution of Corrections



Day 1: Wednesday, October 21, 2026

7:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration/Exhibitors – Breakfast Refreshments
8:45 – 9:00 AM	Presentation of Colors/Pledge Musical Selection
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Opening Session/Welcome Joseph Walters, DOC Director; Robert “Bob” Bermingham Jr., DJJ; Ms. Tracey Jenkins, Deputy Director DCJS, The Honorable Senator Lashrecse D. Aird; The Honorable Mayor of Petersburg Samuel Parham, and John “March” Altman, Petersburg City Manager
10:00 – 11:30 AM	Keynote Speaker - Workshop #1 “My Reentry Journey” – Director of VA CARES
11:35 – 12:50 PM	LUNCHEON SPEAKER Director Joseph Walters – Virginia Department of Corrections
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Workshop #2 - DCJS “Impact of Cannabis legalization on the Criminal Justice System” - DCJS
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Break/Visit Exhibitors
2:15 – 3:15 PM	Workshop #3 “The Evolution of Corrections from Frontline to Headquarters” – Mr. Jerry Streat
3:15 – 4:30 PM	Workshop #4 -Breakout Session The Path towards Leadership for the Female Leader The Role You Play in Coaching for the Future
4:45 – 5:45 PM	VCA Business Meeting – (Board and VCA Members) Dana Ratliffe-Walker, VCA President Presiding

Day 2: Thursday, October 22, 2026

8:00 – 8:45 AM	Registration/Exhibitors – Breakfast Refreshments
9:00 – 10:15 AM	Keynote Speaker - Workshop #6 “Understanding the effectiveness of medication for treatment of opioid use disorder – MOUD in the Prison Setting”
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Break/Visit Exhibitors
10:30 – 11:30 AM	The Impact Homeland Security has in the Correctional Setting and in today’s Community
11:30 -11:40 AM	Break/Visit Exhibitors
11:40 – 12:40 PM	Identifying and Responding to Human Trafficking
12:40 – 1:10 PM	Health and Wellness
1:10 – 1:20 PM	Closing Remarks/ Exhibitor Door Prize Drawing