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ADULT EDUCATION MEMO NO. 080-24

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**TO:** Adult Education Program Administrators

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**SUBJECT: Supporting Executive Order #36, Stand Tall Initiative**

The purpose of this memo is to support Governor Youngkin’s Executive Order #36, [Stand Tall – Stay Strong – Succeed Together Reentry Initiative](file:///\\WCS02021\groupdir\ADULTED\General%20Correspondence\Adult%20Ed%20Correspondence\AE%20Directors%20Memo%20Drafts\EO-36-Establishing-The-Stand-Tall---Stay-Strong---Succeed-Together-Reenetry-Initiative---FINAL.pdf) (Stand Tall) designed to strengthen cross-provider services for Virginians leaving incarceration and reentering communities.

The VDOE is prepared to play a role in this initiative. In Program Year 2023-2024, adult education providers served over 1,000 individuals in correctional facilities and assisted over 400 of those to work toward earning an industry-recognized credential in a programming model called integrated education and training (IET). An additional 374 justice-impacted individuals participated in community- and probation-based IETs to train for in-demand careers.

Education and training are proven strategies to improve safety in correctional facilities and to prepare incarcerated adults for successful reentry, thus improving community safety. The resources linked below may be used to raise awareness about how adult education works for returning citizens.

[*Connecting Probations to Adult Education in Virginia*](https://doe-virginia-gov.zoom.us/rec/share/v7sKsduLwKp8MoiHz1l3vylhVUL-io9copm2ag5qyoSTEhDFAVAA_ENjJgyiDe0Q.aB2f7GWzG5WAJM0i?startTime=1724249759000). This recorded video may be used to introduce probation and parole offices to the available adult education programming models for their clients. (Passcode W!FNyzN5)

[*Infographics and Fact Sheets*](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/specialized-instruction/adult-education). Learn more about adult education in Virginia.

* [Adult Education Infographic for Program Year 2022-23](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/2448/638469662357770000)
* [Infographic on Integrated Education and Training (IET) for Program Year 2022-23](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/56267/638581168010000000)
* [Adult Education Works for Youth for Program Year 2022-23](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/56263/638581167994930000)

[*Adult Education Regional Programs*](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/specialized-instruction/adult-education/adult-education-regional-programs). Find a program in your area on the map or through the Directory at the top of the page.

[*Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center*](https://valrc.org/) (VALRC). The VALRC, through a cooperative agreement with the VDOE, provides resources and training for adult educators serving in a variety of instructional settings.

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