
SCHEDULED CITIES AND TOWNS

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AUGUST 2013

Newport News & Hampton 8/6
Charlottesville/Harrisonburg 8/13
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Petersburg 9/10
Richmond 9/17
Lynchburg 9/24

OCTOBER 2013

Roanoke, Southwest VA – To Be
Announced

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TOUR ORGANIZATIONS

- Resource Information Help for the Disadvantaged
- Bridging the Gap in Virginia
- Good Seed, Good Ground
- Virginia Organizing

Area Support Groups

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Resource Information Help for the
Disadvantaged "RIHD"

The image shows a logo for 'Resource Information Help for the Disadvantaged (RIHD)'. It features the text 'Resource Information Help for the Disadvantaged "RIHD"' in a serif font, with a small graphic of a person's hands holding a globe to the right.

MJT Campaign is an all-volunteer initiative dependent solely upon support (financial/in-kind) from persons like you, no matter how small. Donations of \$25 are tax-deductible to you when making payable and mail to: RIHD/MJT – PO Box 55 – Highland Springs VA 23075



2013 MOBILE JUSTICE TOUR



The **Mobile Justice Tour (MJT)** Seeks to increase awareness and provide direct service(s) concerning important justice-related policies and how they affect our communities throughout Virginia. Join us at your **local library** meeting room when we come to your city/county/town.

For schedules call RIHD at (804)426-4426 or Bridging the Gap at (804) 248-6756, Nation Inside website:
www.restorationcampaign.org

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

RESTORATION OF RIGHTS IN VIRGINIA

While many applaud Governor McDonnell's plans to simplify the rights restoration process for those with non-violent convictions, there are many others who have great concerns with the policy choices that will affect the number of Virginians, and potentially leave many people, primarily people of color and the poor, out of the process. These concerns center on the Governor's intent to broadly define "violent" felonies – which include almost all drug convictions like drug possession with intent to distribute – so that fewer outstanding citizens in our families, churches, & communities, whose convictions are many years old, from the simplified process. **The MJT aims to lift up the details behind the plan that continue to create second-class status to some returning citizens, and to provide assistance to those who wish to restore their rights.**

Bridging the Gap in Virginia
www.BridgingTheGapInVirginia.org

BAN-THE-BOX EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

Fair hiring policies were introduced and passed by the City Governments of Newport News and Richmond due to growing momentum for state-level reform to reduce employment barriers faced by Virginians with criminal records. "Ban the Box" fair-hiring policies remove the question about an applicant's criminal history from the initial employment application and defers the question until the "interview" process, which gives job applicants the opportunity to be evaluated based upon their job qualifications. We applaud the City of Newport News and the City of Richmond for their leadership, by changing their policies and making efforts to reduce barriers and reduce recidivism for people with criminal histories. **The MJT will advocate for other Virginia governments and private businesses to "Ban the Box" and reduce other barriers that prevent our community members from trying to work.**

Good Seed, Good Ground
www.GSGG.ORG

SUCCESSFUL PRISONER REENTRY

With increasing support in Virginia aimed at ending mass incarceration—*without jeopardizing public safety* - we hope to help pass "fair and common-sense" legislation during the 2014 Virginia General Assembly Session. Our plan is to (re) introduce legislation that reports positive outcomes toward decreasing recidivism, as much as 35%, resulting in significant cost savings to tax-payers. This dramatic decrease in recidivism is attributed to the many benefits of prison-based programs such as: 1) Prisoner literacy and educational, therapeutic, and vocational rehabilitation with earned sentence credit allowances. 2) Volunteer Tax Credit to professional and/or licensed persons providing literacy, educational and other services to incarcerated persons in Virginia jails and prisons, and 3) Temporary Public Assistance (housing allowance, food stamps, & medical assistance) for up to 9 months to newly released persons. **The MJT will inform and inspire those with a new justice vision to join our citizen lobbying efforts.**

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