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Virginia Department of Corrections Human Subject Research Review Committee Report

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According to the Code of Virginia, § 53.1-5.1, The Board of Corrections shall promulgate regulations pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ [2.2-4000](#) et seq.) to effectuate the provisions of Chapter 5.1 (§ [32.1-162.16](#) et seq.) of Title 32.1 for human research, as defined in § [32.1-162.16](#), to be conducted or authorized by the Department. The regulations shall require the Human Subject Research Review committee to submit to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Director or his designee at least annually a report on the human research projects reviewed and approved by the committee and shall require the committee to report any significant deviations from the proposals as approved.

During FY 2006, the Human Subject Research Review Committee reviewed 23 human subject research requests received by the Virginia Department of Corrections. The received research requests were processed as follows:

Research Requests Fiscal Year 2006	
Status	Number
Approved Research Requests	13
Denied Research Requests	6
Research Requests Under Revision	2
Researchers Opting Out of the Review Process	2
Total	23

Of the 23 human subject research requests, the Committee and the Deputy Director of Operations or the Deputy Director of Community Corrections approved 13 proposals. To date there have been no deviations from the 13 proposals as approved. Below is a list of the 13 proposals approved by the HSRRC and the Virginia Department of Corrections.

1. Development of Empathy and Aggression in Community Offenders, Counseling and Consultation Services – community offender survey

2. An Outcome Evaluation of the Brunswick Correctional Center Sex Offender Residential Treatment Program (SORT), University of Maryland – program evaluation
3. An Evaluation of the Offender Services Received while Incarcerated at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, George Mason University – multiple offender survey’s throughout the fiscal year.
4. Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. – offender survey
5. The 1997 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, University of Chicago – multiple offender survey’s throughout the fiscal year.
6. A Program Evaluation of the Transition Program for Female Offenders at the Virginia Correctional Center for Women, Central Michigan University – program evaluation
7. Sexual Violence within Virginia Department of Corrections Institutions: An Investigation into the Prevalence of Assaults, Environmental Factors and Characteristics of the Victims and Perpetrators, VADOC – Federal grant application
8. Using the Tehachapi Malingering Scale to Differentiate Malingerers from Non-Malingerers in a Correctional Setting, Virginia State University – offender survey
9. The Effects of Post-Secondary Correctional Education on Offenders and Institutions, The Urban Institute – focus group evaluation
10. Executive Neuropsychological Functioning, Psychopathy, and Moral Reasoning Among Male Violent Offenders, Pacifica Graduate School of Psychology – offender testing
11. Prevalence of Programs and Services for Prisoners and their Underage Children, College of Charleston, Warden survey
12. Domestic Terrorism Threat in Virginia: A Research Proposal to Examine Gang-Related Crime and To Survey Criminal Justice Partners on Effective Solutions, VADOC – Federal grant application
13. Mothers’ Reentry into Family Life Following Incarceration: Case Study Analysis, Virginia Tech – offender survey