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Virginia Department of Corrections Human Subject Research Review Committee Report

FY 2008

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 2008, the Human Subject Research Review Committee reviewed 26 human subject research requests received by the Virginia Department of Corrections. The received research requests were processed as follows:

| Research Requests Fiscal Year 2008 | |
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| Status | Number |
| Approved Research Requests | 6 |
| Denied Research Requests | 5 |
| Research Requests Under Revisions | 9 |
| Researchers Opting Out of the Review Process | 3 |
| Research Extensions Granted | 3 |
| Total | 26 |

Of the 26 human subject research requests, the Committee and the Deputy Director of Operations or the Deputy Director of Community Corrections approved 6 proposals. To date there have been no deviations from the 6 proposals as approved. Below is a list of the 6 proposals approved by the HSRRC and the Virginia Department of Corrections.

| Title | Affiliation |
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| Gang Membership in Northern Virginia | Northern Virginia Regional Commission |

National Former Prisoner Survey

NORC University of
Chicago/Bureau of
Justice Statistics

Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study
Evaluation of the Offender Reentry and Transition Services (ORTS)
program

Princeton & Columbia
VA Department of
Criminal Justice Service
Research
Triangle/Bureau of
Justice Statistics

National Inmate Survey (PREA)

Jail-Based Treatment to Reduce Substance Abuse, Recidivism, and Risk
Behavior Study (Revised)

George Mason University