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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 2015, the Human Subject Research Review Committee (HSRRC) reviewed **8** human subject research requests received by the Virginia Department of Corrections. The received research requests were processed as follows:

Research Requests Fiscal Year 2014	
Status	Number
Approved Research Requests	3
Denied Research Requests	1
Research Requests Under Revisions	1
Researchers Opting Out of the Review Process	1
Research Extensions Granted	2
Total	8
Approval Withdrawn	0

Of the **8** human subject research requests, the Committee and the Regional Operations Chiefs approved **3** proposals. Below is a list of the **3** new proposals approved by the HSRRC and the Virginia Department of Corrections and the **2** proposals that were granted one year extensions.

Title (Approved Research Requests)	Affiliation
Mothers Inside Loving Kids: A Process Evaluation of a Parenting Support Group for Inmate Mothers	University of Virginia, Curry Human Services-Programs in Clinical and School Psychology
Norfolk Mental Health Court Evaluation-Phase II	Old Dominion University, The Social Science Research Center (SSRC),
Construction and Utility of the Prison Therapist Orientation Measure	The University of Texas El Paso
Title (Research Extensions Granted)	Affiliation
CEG Study in Corrections (aka Pen Pals Evaluation)	Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Psychology
Jail-Based Treatment to Reduce Substance Abuse, Recidivism, and Risky Behavior	George Mason University

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Date