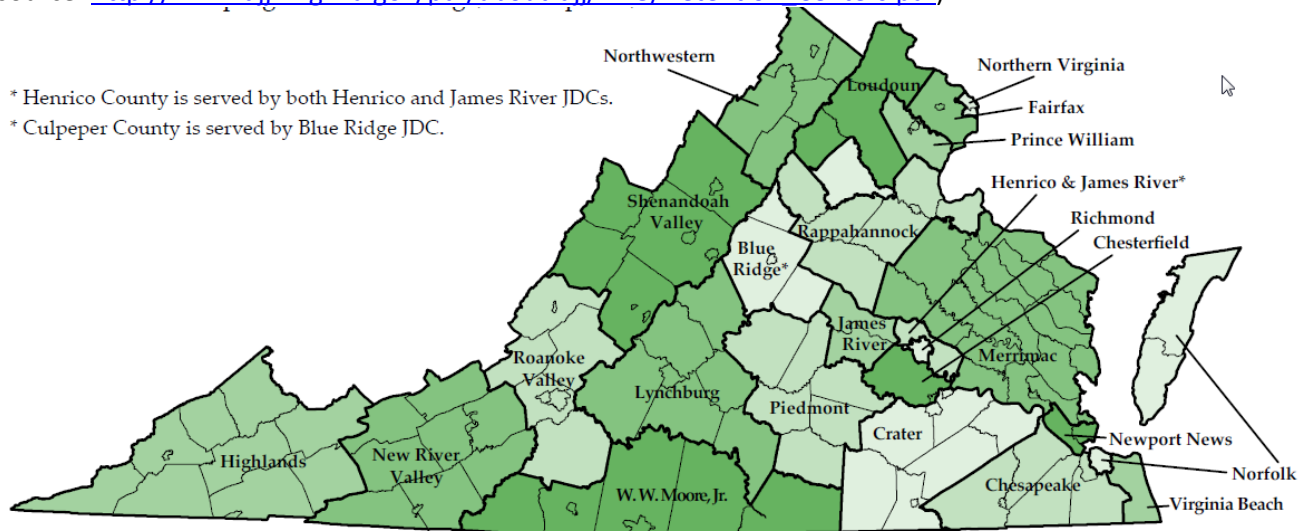


# Breaking Barriers Behind Bars: Learning Plans for Teens in Juvenile Detention

## Map of 24 juvenile detention centers in Virginia

(source: [http://www.djj.virginia.gov/pdf/about-djj/DRG/Detention\\_Centers.pdf](http://www.djj.virginia.gov/pdf/about-djj/DRG/Detention_Centers.pdf))



### Learning Plan topics covered at CJDH:

- Maker activities: TinkerCad, Garage Band and Loop Labs, drawing, calligraphy and lettering, origami
- Resumes, online job applications, mock job interviews, email, Google Docs and Drive, applying for U.S. citizenship, driver's test prep, ASVAB test prep, GED test prep, poetry and writing, foreign language learning, hair styling

### Recipes for success:

- Laptops, wifi hotspot, iPads, free online platforms for maker activities
- Art supplies, journals
- Limited budget? Use what you have!
- Inner qualities: open mind, flexibility, and compassion

### Take Action!

#### 1. Find a JDH near you:

VDJJ's Regulated Programs and Court Service Units:

<http://www.djj.virginia.gov/pdf/residential/Regulated-Residential-Programs-and-CSUs.pdf>

#### 2. Start a conversation:

Contact a librarian or teacher working in a JDH!

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**Resources:**

- Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice: [www.djj.virginia.gov](http://www.djj.virginia.gov)
- ALA Great Stories Club: <https://apply.ala.org/greatstories>
- Free resources: tinkercad.com; looplabs.com; Transparent Languages and Library Learning Express databases, or other databases accessible at your library

**Glossary:**

"About a minute" = a long time

"Crush" = devour

"Feeling some kind of way" = in a bad mood

"Lit" = excellent; fun; exciting

Post-D = JD Post-dispositional program for residents serving a sentence

Pre-D = generally speaking, a JD program for residents who are awaiting trial

"Room time" = required room restriction due to behavioral issue

"Swerve" = To tell someone to go away when an unwanted proposition is made; or to dismiss or to say no to a request (Source: Urban Dictionary)

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