

NC Jail Administrators' Association

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Message From the President

Greetings from the Desk of the President,

On behalf of the North Carolina Jail Administrators' Association and the Board of Directors, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the 2025 Jail Symposium. Your support and commitment helped make the event a tremendous success!

A special thank you to our Sponsors - your generous contributions make these symposiums possible. We also express our sincere appreciation to our Sheriffs for their continued support in allowing us the opportunity to attend such an enriching event. The knowledge, collaboration, and sense of unity gained during the symposium are invaluable as we work through the ongoing challenges of staffing shortages and complex operational demands.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to submit nominations for our annual awards: Jail Administrator of the Year, Detention Officer of the Year, and Jail Innovations of the Year. This recognition is a meaningful way to honor the dedication and excellence of our peers. Your nominations not only celebrate hard work, but also inspire it. Please also remember the scholarship opportunity available to you and your family members pursuing a degree in criminal justice. It's an excellent resource, and I encourage all who are eligible to apply.

Lastly, I invite and encourage each of you to join us for the Annual Jail Conference, scheduled for September 29 - October 2, 2025. It promises to be another valuable gathering, and I look forward to connecting with all of you there.

Thank you once again for your commitment and service.

Sincerely,

Frederick V. Hayes Jr.

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President, North Carolina Jail Administrators Association

Mission Statement— The mission of the North Carolina Jail Administrators' Association is to encourage and facilitate professionalism through effective and timely training and the exchange of information between jail professionals. Our goal is to foster respect, friendship, and goodwill among all jail professionals and to promote a positive image to the community and citizens we serve.

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Sheriff Richard Frye Scholarship – Deadline September 1, 2025

If you know of NCJAA members who have children, or if they are attending college themselves, now is the time to start sending your resumes and short essays about them to be considered for the Sheriff Richard Frye Scholarship.

The scholarship is named after the late Sheriff Richard Frye of Alamance County. Sheriff Frye was instrumental in establishing the NCJAA, and he remained one of our bigger supporters until his death.

It is a great honor for someone to be awarded this scholarship.

If you would like more information about the scholarship, or need an application, please click [here](#). Deadline - September 1, 2025. Please be sure to review both the scholarship application and the scholarship information letter.

Election Time and Nominating Procedures - Deadline September 1, 2025

NCJAA is seeking nominations for Officers and Directors for the 2025/2026 year. Successful candidates will be elected by the NCJAA membership during the September conference. Please see below for nomination procedures.

The North Carolina Jail Administrators' Association is seeking nominations for the Board of Directors. Successful candidates will be elected by the NCJAA membership during the September conference. Basic requirements for Board membership include:

1. Dedication to the detention profession and a sincere desire to move the profession to a higher state of professionalism;
2. A willingness and ability to devote time and exert considerable effort to serve the NCJAA membership;
3. Full NCJAA membership (not associate membership) for at least the past two (2) years;
4. A willingness and ability to attend all Board meetings and functions (6-8 annually, some overnight) and to travel at their own (or county's) expense;
5. A hardcopy letter of solid support from your sheriff or jail board.

Nominees will submit the following items:

1. Letter from the candidate indicating that he/she meets the basic requirements for Board membership, stating that he/she will be available to attend Board meetings as scheduled, and requesting that his/her name be placed in nomination. All items **MUST** be received in hardcopy form.
2. A short (less than 250 words) biography of the candidate, including personal information, education, work experience, present duties and responsibilities, and other pertinent information.
3. A hardcopy letter from the Sheriff stating that they fully support the candidate's nomination and that the candidate will be allowed to travel to Board meetings as scheduled.

Nomination packets must be mailed to the following address and postmarked on or before Sept. 1, 2025.

Elaine Christian, Executive Director / North Carolina Jail Administrators' Association
PO Box 41368, Raleigh, NC 27629

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Award Nominations – Deadline August 1, 2025

It's not too early to nominate deserving members of the NCJAA for recognition of their outstanding contributions to their profession. The awards are as follows:

Detention Officer of the Year

This award recognizes a detention officer who has made outstanding contributions to his/her Sheriff's Office or who has demonstrated superior courage and bravery in the performance of his/her assigned duties.

Jail Administrator of the Year

This award recognizes a jail administrator who has made outstanding contributions to the operation of his/her Detention Facility and Sheriff's Office, has demonstrated exceptional meritorious service, and has contributed to the betterment of the NC Jail Administrators' Association.

Jail Innovations of the Year

This award recognizes a detention professional in any position who has created a new innovative process, a new program or a new procedure that has contributed to the improvement of the facility's operation, security, safety or custody of inmates.

Deadline for submission of any of these nominations - **August 1, 2025.**

For an awards application please click [here](#) or call the NCJAA office at 919-876-0687.

NCJAA Directory - Please review the information for your county and let us know of changes. Send updated information to ncjaassociation@gmail.com.

[NCJAA Detention Facility Resource Directory](#)

Robeson Co. Sheriff Launches Body Cameras for Detention Center

For the complete article please click [here](#).

NCJAA 2025 Annual Conference

September 29 – October 2, 2025 / Embassy Suites, Greensboro NC

336-668-4535

Reservation Deadline: September 15, 2025 | Hotel Rate: Begin at \$124/Night

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Thank you to our 2025 Jail Symposium Speakers!



Left-Kemberly Jones, Granville Co.
Right-Speaker, Valerie Fields



Speaker, Marsha Williams



Speaker, Tonya King



Left-Durwin Briscoe, Cleveland Co.
Right-Speaker, Rick Morrison

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NCDHHS Begins Capacity Restoration Services at Wake County Detention Center

PRESS RELEASE — The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the Wake County Sheriff's Office are partnering to offer additional services for defendants with mental illness whom the court has determined Incapable to Proceed (ITP) to trial. Building on the success of NC RISE in Mecklenburg and Pitt Counties, the program in Wake County is part of the department's continued work to ensure the right behavioral health care is available at the right time for all North Carolinians.

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People who are deemed ITP require services to restore their ability to understand and continue trial proceedings. The additional NC RISE program at the Wake County Detention Center will allow ITP criminal defendants who are not eligible to access [community-based services](#) to receive treatment within the detention center.

"By making capacity restoration services available in detention centers and communities, we are able to get people the care they need faster and moving through the judicial process more quickly," said NC Health and Human Services Secretary Dev Sangvai. "This effort builds on our existing work to improve capacity restoration in North Carolina and invest in health care strategies that break costly cycles where folks get stuck in the justice system."

Before NCDHHS launched NC RISE and began [piloting community-based programs for capacity restoration](#), these services were only available in North Carolina through state hospitals – even though many individuals who are ITP do not necessarily need the level of care offered in a hospital setting. By increasing options for capacity restoration in other settings, the department is working to provide people who are ITP with quicker access to services, while also keeping state psychiatric hospital beds available for those who require more intensive behavioral health treatment.

"This program provides our agency and community with a valuable tool to support individuals while also helping move cases through the court system more efficiently," said Wake County Sheriff Willie Rowe. "We're committed to partnering with NCDHHS on a program that strengthens mental health care for defendants and supports the services of our criminal justice system and hospitals."

Early data indicate that since NC RISE launched at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center in December 2022, referrals to Broughton Hospital for individuals with ITP status have reduced by 60%. To date, 82% of defendants who participated in NC RISE have had their capacity restored to be able to move forward in the justice system. Additionally, the average time to restore capacity in the detention-based program is approximately 50 days, compared to more than 140 days when an individual receives these same services at a state psychiatric hospital.

The Mecklenburg County pilot was implemented by Recovery Solutions (formerly Wellpath Recovery Solutions), which will also operate and provide services for the new NC RISE program in the Wake

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County Detention Center. The program will offer an array of services, including psychiatric care, individual and group counseling, psychoeducation and targeted case management.

"Detention center-based capacity restoration programs are an innovative and cost-effective model for improving services for people who are ITP," said Dr. Robert Cochrane, NCDHHS Director of Forensic Services for the Division of State Operated Healthcare Facilities. "Results from NC RISE have been overwhelmingly positive and show we are meeting our goals to expand access to treatment options and decrease the strain on state psychiatric hospitals. We are excited to partner with Wake County to move this work forward."

NC RISE is funded in part by an [unprecedented \\$835 million investment](#) to support NCDHHS' priority to transform behavioral health and resilience for North Carolina children and families. Of this investment, \$99 million is committed to improving mental health services and outcomes for individuals involved in the justice system.

By continuing to expand service options for justice-involved individuals, NCDHHS aims to strengthen and improve capacity in both the legal and behavioral health systems to better meet the needs of all North Carolinians across the state.

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