

# STRIVE

STUDENTS TAKING RESPONSIBILITY IN VALUING EDUCATION

For more information about **STRIVE**, or to schedule a presentation on the **STRIVE** program, please call 757-484-1266.

**STRIVE** operates under the Visions of Truth Community Development Corporation (VOTCDC), a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization in Portsmouth, VA.

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IF THEY'RE **NOT IN SCHOOL...**  
WHERE ARE THEY?



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# WHAT IS STRIVE?

STRIVE is an innovative out-of-school suspension/prevention program that offers safe, supervised and structured education alternatives to youth and their families. STRIVE provides services designed to facilitate the success of participants.

## Our Services Include:

- Academic Support
- Tutoring
- Group Counseling
- Individual Counseling
- Transportation
- Meal Program
- Follow up Services
- Parents as Models (PAM) Group

# MISSION

STRIVE's mission is to maximize the well being of children and families of Hampton Roads through the development and coordination of a continuum of family focused programs and services.



# CURRICULUM

STRIVE's curriculum has been specifically designed to promote skill enrichment, academic success, behavior modification, community and personal enrichment, and increase access to technology. STRIVE assists its students with developing self-awareness, self-discipline, and facilitating positive group dynamics.

Through innovative interventions and the use of technology-enhanced learning tools, STRIVE engages students in a positive learning process.

# STAFF

STRIVE staff members are experienced in childhood education, mentoring, counseling and education administration. STRIVE is dedicated to enhancing the growth and development of each student. The cornerstone of STRIVE's program is understanding and embracing the notion that academic and personal development are lifelong processes that best take place in positive, supportive environments that provide clear and concise expectations.

# REFERRAL PROCESS

Students who receive short-term suspensions (1 to 10 days) may be eligible to enroll in the STRIVE program. Enrollment packets must be completed by the parents or guardians.

Parents, guardians or school personnel are encouraged to call STRIVE's office at 757-484-8794 to arrange an orientation. During the intake process, parents/guardians of youth accepted into STRIVE must complete a code of conduct acknowledgement agreement and will receive a STRIVE Handbook.



# STRIVE'S PARTNERS

- Portsmouth Public School System
- Hampton University
- Norfolk State University
- Davis Educational Consultants
- Portsmouth Health Department
- Friends of Portsmouth Juvenile Court
- New Beginnings Development Services



# TESTIMONIALS

"...I would like to commend the STRIVE program on a job well done...You took an ugly situation and turned it around and gave it a beautiful outcome. (My son) is maintaining his positive attitude and still talks of how he liked the STRIVE school better than 'real' school. Thank you so much for making a positive difference in my child's life'—STRIVE parent

'I can't imagine a better program than the STRIVE Program to enhance our youth's education and teach responsibility. The staff at STRIVE are professional, pleasant, patient and understanding. The STRIVE Program has an unwavering devotion to our community and children.' -STRIVE parent