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OSIG VISITS SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER AS PART OF 2020 INITIATIVE

The Virginia Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) toured Southeastern Virginia Training Center (SEVTC) recently as part of this year's initiative for OSIG to gain a better understanding of how Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)-operated facilities are managed and how patients are treated. OSIG's Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (BHDS) Unit monitors and reviews the quality of services at DBHDS-run facilities.

OSIG's leadership team met with staff and toured the 5,200-square-foot facility that houses 74 residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The facility, located on a 22-acre campus in Chesapeake, will be the only training center remaining open at the end of 2020.

"We make these periodic visits so we can get a first-hand look at how DBHDS operates its 13 facilities, which include eight behavioral health facilities for adults, two training centers, a psychiatric facility for children and adolescents, a medical center and a center for behavioral rehabilitation," said State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall.



Southeastern Virginia Training Center Director of Person-Centered Support Margaret Mack-Yaroch (r) shows OSIG Deputy Inspector General Mike Taylor (l) and State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall (middle) how center staff prepare and store food for SEVTC residents.

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