

# Coaching a Winning Race with Many Hurdles

Reentry & Resources

*Making the NO RETURN Investment*

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# Participating Agencies

- MO Job Center
- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- The Alpha House of Springfield
- Federal Probation
- MO DOC Probation & Parole, and Ozarks Correctional Center
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Substance Abuse Providers
- MERS/Goodwill
- Jericho Commission
- Greene County Courts
- OACAC
- Continuous Recruiting

# Reentry & Resources

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### *Mission Statement:*

*Through collaborative efforts this work group will identify resources for Individuals with felony convictions, enhance efforts to ensure successful reentry from incarceration, with a desired goal of reduced recidivism and enhance public safety. The work group will achieve these goals through collaborative partnerships with government agencies, faith-based organizations, job centers and all other stakeholders.*

## Role

- The role of the Reentry and Resources work group will be dynamic and supportive to all agencies, organizations and individuals who are interested in or already committed to working with citizens reentering the community from incarceration and those negatively impacted by a felony conviction or charge.

## Objectives:

- Identify new resources for individuals affected by a felony
- Discuss current reentry issues & explore solutions
- Discuss employment of ex-offenders
- Discuss new policy/funding affecting ex-offenders
- **Raise awareness through training and educational activities**

# The Coaching Approach

## Advocate Role

- Use an Individual approach
- Active listening- open minded and non-judgmental
- Provided information and resources to match needs – be realistic
- See the future potential in individuals, identify strengths, and share how that helps to reach goals
- Keep individuals engaged in the process and seeing the value
- Cheer successes and help with action steps to overcome pit falls

# Projects

## R&R Projects

- Reverse Job Fair
- OES- 3 day community training
- Resource Fairs
- Release Folders
- Reentry Simulation
- Reentry Summit
- Ban the Box
- Video
- Not-for-profit
- Conferences & Speaking Engagements

# Questions or Comments

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