

# THE RE-ENTRY MONTHLY

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM RE-ENTRY SOLUTIONS



## THIS MONTH'S NEWS AND UPDATES:

### Story of Success

### Updates from the Workforce Coordinator

### Announcements

## Upcoming Events

- 10th Annual Faces of Freedom Ride
- Community Career Closet Drive
- After Hours Outreach

## REENTRY SOLUTIONS' SUCCESS STORY: G. NEWMAN

by: V. Dotson

The goal of Re-Entry Solutions is to reduce the barriers to a successful return to society for people leaving the prison or jail system. One such person trying to overcome those barriers was Mr. Newman. He came into our office after a period of incarceration lasting over a decade. He was looking for a second chance to get his life on track and be a contributing member of society again. He was eager to get back to his life and family.

Following discussion about his work history and careers goals, efforts to get him matched to an employment opportunity began. He was assisted with building his resume, a service provided to all interested clients and members of the community.

Shortly following his intake, a call was received from a local organization that provides income based housing in the area. They expressed interest in being a employer partner and mentioned having an opening.

After speaking with Mr. Newman to confirm his interest in the position, contact was made with the organization and get them connected so that the interview process could begin. Mr. Newman began that process and was ultimately selected as the candidate to be offered employment.

The entire process took about two weeks or so from initial intake to the start of the interview process. Efforts are made to speed up the process however each employer partner moves on their own timeline for their screening process.

If you have been justice-involved don't assume that means you are unable to build a career. Right now, there are numerous companies looking for qualified candidates to fill vacancies and get to work. If you or someone you know is looking for work, please contact our office. We believe in #secondchances.

## UPDATES

by: B. Malone

While the pandemic has certainly changed the way we live our day-to-day lives, essential functions provided by our organization have continued. We are working to adapt to this rapidly changing environment by conducting more client intakes over the phone and using other helpful software such as Zoom along with platforms like Facebook. We are also working to add new information and resources to our website and Facebook page.

We are continuing to match our clients with employment opportunities and other resources.

If you are an employer looking to fill open positions, consider Re-Entry Solutions as a resource. Call us for more information on becoming an employer partner. We'd love to work with you.

In addition to career placement services, for those members of the community who are justice-involved who lack a high school diploma we can get them involved in Hi-SET training so they can get their High School Equivalency Diploma. This makes them eligible for many more career opportunities and increased life time earnings versus an individual without a high school diploma.

Re-Entry Solutions is actively planning for the rest of 2021 and we have many exciting projects underway! For more information like us on Facebook or go to our website, [reentrysolutions.org](http://reentrysolutions.org).



**"WE HOPE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION, INSIGHT, AND AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE GREAT WORK BEING DONE HERE AT RE-ENTRY."**

Do you have an upcoming event or announcement you'd like to see included, please submit it via email to [info@reentrysolutions.org](mailto:info@reentrysolutions.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our offices are open to the public on Wednesdays between 9am-2pm or by appointment Mon.-Thurs. We are also able to assist you by phone or Zoom, just give us a call at 318-443-0189 for more information.
- If you would like to take the WorkKeys Assessment please call our office today, the assessment is offered at no charge.
- If you are interested in becoming an employer partner, please email [info@reentrysolutions.org](mailto:info@reentrysolutions.org)
- Our team is growing! We are hiring for a Fund Development Coordinator VISTA Year 1. For more information check out our website or Facebook page [@reentry4cenla](https://www.facebook.com/reentry4cenla).