

# Community Programs Department Status Update February 2018



# Community Programs Department Re-Entry Program



## **New ReEntry Coordinator Dwight Pridgeon**

Started in this position in September 2018

Previously served DCP as:

- Interim ReEntry Coordinator
- Tobacco Coordinator
- Community Engagement Coordinator

Redeveloping a system of creating job opportunities  
and documenting results for reporting purposes.

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## Current Information Available

232 Little Rock citizens met with City Hall staff between January 1 and August 31 in 2018. Most were referred to ReEntry contractors. Some were hired by the City of Little Rock:

- Sidewalk Program: 6 hired; 2 available
- ROW (Right of Way) Crew: 11 hired; 1 available
- Housing & Neighborhoods Kennel Assistant: 1 hired; 1 needed
- Planning: 1 hired; 0 needed
- Fleet: 0 hired; 4 needed
- Police: 0 hired; 1 needed
- Zoo: 0 hired; 2 needed

• **NOTE:** This does not include citizens hired in regular full-time and part-time positions throughout City Hall.

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## Mentor Program Update

Approximately 20-25 City of Little Rock ReEntry workers participated in a 5-part Leadership Development Training Workshop during the month of October hosted by the Community Programs' Re-Entry Program at City Hall. Some of the topics discussed were: Education; Self-Discipline; Personal Growth; Responsibility; and Accountability.

The training was conducted by Michael Johninson of Compassion in Action ReEntry Program. At the completion of this professional development, participants received a certificate of achievement they can use when being considered for future job opportunities and promotions.

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### **Contract: Career & Life Skills Training**

#### **Our House, Inc.**

- Contract is for the planning, operation, and evaluation of a career and life skills development system that produces educational, employability and life skills valuable to career success.
- These services are provided to Little Rock residents ages eighteen (18) to thirty (30) years-old (“Disconnected Youth”).

#### **Update**

- Two highly skilled Employment & Training Coordinators have been working with clients to provide educational, employability and life skills valuable to career success.

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- As of October, 2018, this contract has served a total of 222 clients.
- 65 participants were confirmed for employment with local employers.
- 41 participants maintained employment for 90 days.
- Participating families were offered family engagement opportunities since the start of the program.

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**Our House/City of Little Rock Career Life Skills Program**

**January-October 2018**

Enrolled 2017, Served 2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	YTD
65	28	27	19	14	15	12	9	16	12	5	222
<b>Total Finding Employment</b>	65										
<b>Total Maintaining Employment 90 Days</b>	41										