

Community Programs Department Status Update

August 2019



Community Programs Department Career & Life Skills Training



Career Crash Course

DCP ran two offerings in Spring 2019

#1: “Disconnected” Youth In Transition (18-30) – March 4-29, 2019

West Central Community Center

4-weeks; Industry Focus: Hospitality & Customer Service

36 students participated at some point

19 successfully completed the course & received CLR certificates

10 successfully passed the SafeServ test and became certified

Several employers participated, helping students understand what was needed in the workplace:

- Census Bureau
- Walmart Stores, Inc.
- Red Lobster
- Cajun’s/Copper Grill
- Chick-Fil-A
- AR Food Jobs

The course ended with a Job Fair at West Central Community Center open to the public.

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#2: Hall High School Students – February 21, 2019

30 students participated

23 successfully completed & received certificates

Included real interviews; several students were interviewed and hired by local businesses which included:

- Sam's Club / Walmart
- Dollar General
- A local clinic

Judging by the closing comments during the last session, "Recollect & Reflect", several students left the course with a renewed sense of self-worth and confidence and expressed appreciation for the City of Little Rock and Had2Graduate for investing into their lives and preparing them for the future.

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Community Programs Department ReEntry Opportunities



City of Little Rock

Number of ReEntry Clients 2019 to Date (8/16/19): 193

January (36)	32 Black Males; 4 Black Females
February (23)	22 Black Males; 1 White Female
March (20)	15 Black Males; 2 White Males; 3 Black Females
April (29)	23 Black Males; 4 White Males; 1 Black Female; 1 White Female
May (23)	22 Black Males; 1 Black Female
June (24)	22 Black Males; 2 Black females
July (30)	23 Black Males; 2 White Males; 4 Black Females; 1 Hispanic Female
August (8)	5 Black Males; 3 Black Females

Community Programs Department ReEntry Opportunities



City of Little Rock

Number of ReEntry Clients Hired Into City Departments: 15

Public Works and Fleets Department: 13

Housing & Neighborhood Programs: 1

Planning: 1

Number of ReEntry Clients Moved to Full-time: 2

Public Works and Animal Services

No clients laid off due to the reduction in force.

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City of Little Rock

Number of ReEntry Clients Hired by Outside Partners: 12

- PURE Cleaning Services (10)
- Construction Companies (2)

Number of ReEntry Clients Referred to Outside Partners: 52

- Arkansas Education Career Center [AECC] (40)
- Watershed (12)