

# Community Programs Department Status Update February 2020



# Community Programs Department Career & Life Skills Training



## Crash Courses

Continuing course offerings in 2020 and preparing for expanded offerings

### **“Disconnected” Youth In Transition (18-30) – April 2020**

**West Central Community Center; 4-weeks; Industry Focus: Hospitality & Customer Service**

Hosted similar course last year with success:

- 36 students participated at some point
- 19 successfully completed the course & received CLR certificates
- 10 successfully passed the SafeServ test and became certified
- The course ended with a Job Fair at West Central Community Center open to the public.

## Expanded Course Offerings

Waiting on grant approval from AR Workforce to offer additional courses:

- Patient Care (CNA Certification)
- Car Sales
- Landscaping
- Fleet Services
- ArcGIS Certification

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## Violence Reduction Strategy – 2020 Pilot

We propose to take 20 of our most endangered young people chosen and screened by the DCP Intervention Specialist, Wayne Burt. Students would be enrolled in LRSD's Metropolitan Vocational Technical School and trained in trades such as Basic Carpentry, Basic HVAC, Basic Plumbing, Basic Welding, etc. Students will attend school 4 hours a day for 3 days a week for 12 weeks. Classes will be taught by actual contractors who are licensed and perform this kind of work daily, and have unique skill in communicating with this population. At the end of the program, students will received a Certificate of Completion and be offered apprenticeships to continue their education.

After the in-class training, students will be placed on actual crews that perform the kind of work in their respective discipline. The on-the-job training will last another 40 weeks, completing a full year's training program.

DCP already has received the approval of Michael Poore of LRSD, has identified Artisans who are willing to teach the courses, and identified various contractors who are in agreement to take these students on as apprentices. A request has also already been made to Gov. Asa Hutchinson regarding additional financial support so students may be paid during the training periods.

# Community Programs Department ReEntry Opportunities



## Number of ReEntry Clients 2019: 290

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  
September (28) 27 Black Males; 1 Black Female  
October (28) 25 Black Males; 3 Black Females  
November (16) 8 Black Males; 4 Black Females; 1 Hispanic Female; 3 Black Females  
December (25) 21 Black Males; 1 White Male; 3 White Females

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**January 2020** (26) 21 Black Males; 2 Black Females; 3 White Females

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## 2019 Results

**Number of ReEntry Clients Hired Into City Departments: 20**

Public Works and Fleets Department: 16 (+2)

Housing & Neighborhood Programs: 4 (+2)

Planning: 1 (same as previous report)

**Number of ReEntry Clients Moved to Full-time: 2** (same as previous report)

Public Works and Animal Services

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### **2019 Results** (updated)

#### **Number of ReEntry Clients Hired by Outside Partners: 12**

- PURE Cleaning Services (14; +2)
- Construction Companies (4; +2)
- Eco Kids (2; new partnership)

#### **Number of ReEntry Clients Referred to Outside Partners: 52** (same)

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