

Community Programs Department Status Update August 2020



Community Programs Department ReEntry Opportunities January – July 2020



<u>Department</u>	<u>Hired</u>
• City Manager	0
• Community Programs	0
• Finance Department	1
• Fire Department	0
• Fleet Department	8
• HNP/Animal Shelter	2
• Human Resources	0
• Police Department	0
• Public Works	8
- Right-of-Way Maintenance	0
- Side Walk Program	0
- Signal Technician	0
• Planning & Zoning	1
• <u>Zoo</u>	0
Yearly Sum	20

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ReEntry Opportunities



Paul Philia Charity Fund

- A new ReEntry Scholarship Program created by Derrick Clark's initial gift of \$1,000 to help additional ReEntry clients earn a CDL license and an opportunity for a career.
- In addition to DCP, partners include Jericho Way, the Pine Bluff Trucking School, 7UP (New Age Distribution), and the AR Workforce Dept.
- Donations to the program will be handled by the Arkansas Community Foundation.
- A newspaper story will be released in September about Derrick's story and criteria for applying for the scholarship.

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100 Families

A project of Restore Hope Arkansas, the 100 Families initiative helps families move from crisis to career. This includes areas like housing, transportation, employment, education, addiction/recovery, and food stability.

- Uses existing community resources
- Engages community partners
- Trains agencies on a collaborative case management system
- Recruits case managers to respond when a family is in crisis

The project will launch in Pulaski County this Fall. The ReEntry Coordinator is part of the Alliance Team.

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Summer Youth Employment Opportunity: 16-21



Summer Youth Employment 2020

Due to the outbreak of COVID – 19 we were forced to cancel the 2020 Summer Youth Employment Opportunity (SYEO). In the weeks leading up to this decision, the Department of Community Programs staff watched the situation closely and listened to our leaders both nationally and locally. We explored every possible solution to salvaging SYEO 2020 but we were faced with a number of uncertainties' and looming deadlines that are vital to ensure the successful operations of SYEO.

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2020 SYEO by the Numbers

- **1136 Total Applicants**
 - 21 years old – 39 (3%)
 - 20 years old – 66 (6%)
 - 19 years old – 172 (15%)
 - 18 years old – 211 (19%)
 - 17 years old – 312 (27%)
 - 16 years old – 323 (29%)
 - Not eligible – 11 (1%)

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2020 SYEO by the Numbers

- **1136 Total Applicants**
 - **756: New Hires**
 - **380: Re-hires**
 - 279 – 10th Grade
 - 317 – 11th Grade
 - 234 – 12th Grade
 - 212 – College
 - 4 – Vocational Program
 - 87 – Not in School/Undecided

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2020 SYEO Supplemental Opportunities

- **Administered survey through NeoGov**
 - 183 respondents
 - 108 still interested in employment
- **Partnered with Fred Hokes/Watershed**
 - Referred Internes to approx. 35 Employers
- **Partnered with AR Employment Career Center**
 - Referred 40 Interns for Employment