



This Week at the Second Chance Foundation...

Mission: "To provide a crime prevention strategy for Metropolitan Kansas City through research, advocacy and the funding of programs that improves opportunities for ex-offenders to lead productive lives."

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In an effort to keep you more informed on what's happening at the Second Chance Foundation, we will send out this e-newsletter periodically with the latest and greatest news and information! The news items will be identified as Research, Advocacy, Public Relations, Special Project or Fundraising related.

Thanks for your support of the Second Chance Foundation!

Coming Soon

- Board Meeting – February 17th, 3pm, Kauffman (invitation only)
- Board Meeting – March 17th, 3pm, Kauffman (invitation only)

What's New?

The National Hire Network has sent out the below opportunity for our community to support the Second Chance Act by writing our elected officials in Washington, D.C. I hope you will consider taking the time to do so....Thanks.

Barry Mayer, Vice-President, Kansas City Metro Crime Commission

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ALERT: SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE SECOND CHANCE ACT

Dear Colleague:

Please call, fax or email your Members of Congress Today and ask them to support funding the Second Chance Act at the highest possible levels.

What You Need to Know (next page):

- Second Chance Coalition of Network Organizations Meeting, Pioneer Campus of MCC, 2800 E. 18th St, K.C. Mo., Auditorium

Potential Employer's Breakfast, hosted by Judge Gaitan and Mr. Dunn, Sr., March 5th, 8-10am, 2345 Grand, Lathrop & Gage, to increase the number of area employer's who could realize benefits through offender employment.

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The President signed the Second Chance Act into law on April 9, 2008.

The Second Chance Act authorizes grants to States and localities to begin to address the need for drug and mental health treatment, job training and education opportunities, and housing, as well as other critical services for individuals when they return to the community from incarceration. Although no funding has yet been allocated, the Department of Justice will soon be issuing the call for proposals for the Second Chance Act's reentry demonstration grant program. [Click here](#) for more information about implementation of this program. [Click here](#) for a more detailed summary of the Second Chance Act.

This month, Congress will begin working on the appropriations bills for the 2010 fiscal year. It is essential that your Members of Congress hear that you, their constituents, support funding for the Second Chance Act and want them to fund the programs at the highest possible levels for fiscal year 2010.

What You Need to Do:

Call, fax, or email your Member of the U.S. House of Representatives and your two U.S. Senators and ask them to support funding for the Second Chance Act, especially those members who sit on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. [Click here](#) for a sample letter and please feel free to add information about reentry needs in your local area. Find contact information for your U.S. House Member at: <http://www.house.gov/> and your U.S. Senators at: <http://www.senate.gov/>.

What You Need to Say:

"I live in Representative/Senator _____'s District/State and I would like to ask the Representative/Senator to support funding the Second Chance Act at the highest possible levels in the upcoming FY 2010 funding process in Congress. Funding the Second Chance Act will help communities address the needs of formerly incarcerated people so they can successfully reenter the community."

Please contact Nisha Thakker (nthakker@lac.org) or Gabrielle de la Gueronniere (gdelagueronniere@lac-dc.org) at 202-544-5478 with any questions.

Thank you for your help!

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Coming UP!

Mr. Dunn, Sr. and the Honorable Judge Gaitan will be hosting a breakfast on March 5th from 8am-10pm at the Lathrop & Gage Meeting Center (18th Floor), 2345 Grand, KCMo for Business Leaders who may have an interest in employing ex-offenders in the future and take advantage of Federal Tax Credits and Bonding opportunities.

If you are an employer and would like to join them please contact Lora McDonald, 816-285-8668, to make arrangements to receive an invitation.

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