



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)
- Kansas City Metropolitan Reentry Coalition, February 24th 3-4PM (open networking 2-3PM) Pioneer Campus of

What's New?

Advocacy The first Anti-Discrimination Task Force meeting was held on February 10th. In attendance were:

Lora McDonald, Program Coordinator, Second Chance Foundation; **Peter Kindle**, Volunteer, Second Chance Foundation, **Sister Rose McLarney**, Volunteer, Catholic Charities, **Tara Lindamood**, Probation/ Parole Officer, MO Dept. of Corrections; **Nelson Hopkins**, Lead Paralegal, P&P Negotiation Services, LLC; **Paul Pierce**, Civil Rights Investigator, Human Relations Dept, KC, MO; **Naurice Brown**; Civil Rights Intake Specialist, HR Dept, KC, MO; and **Rhonda Harris**, Aim4Peace, Human Relations Dept, KC, MO. Those unable to attend included Chi King, U.S. Probation Officer, Western District of Missouri Ashley Jones, Assistant Program Officer - Policy, LISC; and BrandiJahnke from Connections to Success.

The purpose of the meeting was to respond to the city representatives' plan to draft an ordinance to make people with a criminal history a protected class of citizens against employment discrimination. For the KCMO Civil Rights staff, this is a response to ongoing citizen complaints regarding hiring and firing practices that have resulted in prolonged unemployment. Many other cities and a handful of states have addressed this issue and Paul Pierce has studied their work and related it to what he thinks will best meet the needs of all citizens of KCMO. This proposed ordinance could reach

MCC, 2700 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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committee in as little as 90 days. The purpose of this task force is to bring organized support, on behalf of the Kansas City Metropolitan Reentry Coalition, to this cause. You will learn more about how your organization can respond to this and other issues in future newsletters. **If you would like to become a member of the task force, contact Peter Kindle at (816)285-8668.**

“We all know that advocacy issues are paramount to our work, however, it is easy to push this aside when direct service beckons our attention. These items, when given our collective support, will lift barriers for the people we serve and make all of our work with ex-offenders easier. Thanks to everyone who is getting involved on the macro level.” ~Lora

If you would like to present an advocacy issue to the Kansas City Metropolitan Reentry Coalition please contact Lora McDonald.

Coming UP!

Special Project/ Advocacy: 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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