



REENTRY MONTH

Whereas, in the Western Piedmont region we work closely with Reentry partners to help ensure when incarcerated individuals leave prison or jail they return to our communities to be productive citizens; and

Whereas, former justice involved individuals have numerous barriers that will impact their ability to find and keep long term employment, stable housing, healthcare and most likely reliable transportation; and

Whereas, forming Regional Reentry Partnerships to create opportunities for former justice involved will benefit their support system and safety within the community, along with preventing and reducing crime; and

Whereas, the Western Piedmont Regional Reentry Partnership has established a regional Reentry Resource Guide to create a central repository for all supporting partners to utilize in helping former justice involved people transition back in to their communities; and

Whereas, more organizations and agencies that offer support to former justice involved play a critical part in developing resources and strategies to decrease the stigma around what it means to hire a formerly incarcerated individual, and create a safer, healthier community; and

Be it Resolved, that the Western Piedmont Workforce Development Board supports legislation, our local Law Enforcement, Departments of Public Safety, our Probation and Parole officers and other workforce partner planning that fosters Reentry programs to help formerly incarcerated individuals make a positive transition back into their communities and the workforce.

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