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## EMPLOY PRINCE GEORGE'S DEDICATES THE MONTH OF MARCH TO CONNECTING RETURNING CITIZENS TO ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND SUCCESS.

**LARGO, MD (March 9, 2020)-** The Prince George's County Local Workforce Development Board in partnership with Employ Prince George's (EPG) is dedicating the month of March as ReEntry Month in Prince George's County, Maryland by hosting a series of events dedicated to helping returning citizens get back into the workforce.

"Ensuring that the residents of Prince George's County can reenter society, secure employment, and earn a livable wage is the main priority for Employ Prince George's," says EPG President and CEO Walter L. Simmons. Employ Prince George's signature reentry program for ex-offenders, Pathways to Success, works diligently to remove employment barriers, develop the skills and qualifications, and provide wrap-around services for Prince George's County's returning citizens. "Though we designated March as the official month, we work consistently and continuously with our community leaders, resource providers, and government officials to combat the important issue of reentry in Prince George's County. Employment is a universal and intersectional issue, and the key to successful households. Employ Prince George's ensures no resident will be left behind," Simmons continues.

The partnership between the Prince George's County Local Workforce Development Board and Employ Prince George's is critical to improving our workforce system by working together to identify innovative opportunities to help our returning citizens. "We host a series of events to include an expungement clinic and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Job Fair to provide opportunities and second chances for returning citizens" states Simmons.

Employ Prince George's, in partnership with Tree of Life Christian Ministries, Maryland Legal Aid, and the Prince George's County Local Workforce Development Board will kick off ReEntry Month by hosting an Expungement Clinic on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Tree of Life Christian Ministries located at 9109 Piscataway Road,

Clinton, Maryland 20744. Several other events are scheduled throughout the month to include the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ReEntry Service Provider Networking Breakfast, ReEntry Career Readiness Sessions to ensure that all returning citizens are prepared and interview ready for the last event, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Job Fair.

For more information or to register to attend Employ Prince George's ReEntry Month activities, please visit <u>www.EmployPG.org/events</u> or contact Christina Foster at <u>CFoster@co.pg.md.us</u> or call (301) 618-8425.

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Employ Prince George's (EPG) provides workforce intelligence and solutions for the job seeker and business. EPG's mission is to contribute to the economic vitality of Prince George's County by providing a demand driven system that delivers qualified workers to business and provides job seekers with opportunities for careers in high demand/high growth industries. For more information, please visit www.Employpg.org.