Life Path Re-Entry Program

Goodwill’s Life Path program assists individuals who have been formerly incarcerated and wish to re-enter the workforce. Qualifying individuals will receive job placement, career navigation, and case management services, along with supports and job readiness programming to achieve their career goals.

Individuals enrolled in the Life Path program will be placed in employment at Goodwill earning an income while receiving services to gain necessary skills, training and credentialing to achieve their career goals. The Career Navigator will work with those participating in the program to determine what support services may be needed for long term employment success.

Once a career plan is determined, Goodwill’s Career Navigator will coordinate site visits to prospective employers and provide job retention services through coaching and ongoing communication with employers.

Individuals eligible for services in the program must:
- Be 18 years old or older
- Have a criminal history
- Be SNAP recipient or SNAP eligible
- Have employment as a primary goal
- And live in one of the following areas: Albemarle County, Augusta County, Bath County, Highland County, Rockbridge County, Rockingham County, Buena Vista, Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, Waynesboro.

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Arthur was incarcerated for the first time before he graduated from high school. Then at the age of 20, Arthur robbed a bank and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. He realized one day that he didn’t have anyone that was visiting him. He was alone. Arthur knew this wasn’t how he wanted to live his life, and he was ready to change.

In 2009, Arthur was transferred to Dillwynn Correctional Center where he was introduced to Goodwill in September 2010. He began receiving services to prepare him for release and reintegration into society. Services included job search and interview skills, ethics, self-respect.

Arthur was released from prison on July 31, 2012. Within two hours of getting out of prison his Goodwill Case Manager helped him with a place to stay, clothing, identification, and a job interview. He entered a training position at the Goodwill store in Salem. Arthur was hired part-time as a Donated Goods Processor following his 90 day training period. Arthur began working as a cashier and shortly after was promoted to a full-time Sales Supervisor in the Salem Goodwill store.

Arthur has once again earned a promotion. He is now a Case Manager working to help people to gain the necessary skills to get and maintain employment. He is married and is building a life that he and his family can be proud of.