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Probation & Parole to sponsor October 11 Community Resource Event in Wilmington

DOC teams up with employers, service providers, and community partners to sponsor dozens of events statewide this October that support reentry success



Wilmington, DE – On Wednesday, October 11, the Delaware Department of Correction/Probation & Parole is partnering with **host Kingswood Community Center** and local service providers to sponsor a Community Resource Event that features food, employment, job training, and housing assistance, addiction resources, referrals to social services, fire safety information, games and activities for kids and families, and more. This free event will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. at Kingswood Community Center, located at 2300 Bowers Street, Wilmington. All members of the community are invited. On-site resources will include:

- **Food Bank of Delaware meal boxes** will be handed out starting at 1 p.m. until supplies run out.
- The **Delaware Center for Justice** will provide information about the expungement process and social services including housing assistance, job search assistance, mental health and substance abuse referrals, educational and vocational placement, life skills, and social support.
- Employment referrals, on-site job interviews, and career and life skills training will be provided by the **Delaware Skills Center, New Level Staffing, Revolve Training and Staffing, PathStone, Born4Brothers, Shopright, and the Home Depot.**
- **Impact Life** will hand out lifesaving Narcan and provide information about treatment and recovery programs, including recovery housing, peer support, workforce development, and therapeutic services.
- The **Probation & Parole Clothing Closet** will provide a wide variety of donated casual and work clothing.
- Fire safety information and resources from the **Wilmington Fire Department**
- The **Department of Services for Children, Youth & Their Families** will provide information about support services that connect children and families to treatment, counseling, education, and youth and women's services.

The third annual Probation & Parole Community Resource Event on October 11 is organized by Probation Officers from Delaware's largest Probation and Parole Office, located on Cherry Lane in New Castle. These Officers recognized the significant need for services among Delaware's justice-involved population and their families and among area residents. Officers have engaged with participating community organizations and employers to bring together a variety of essential services in one location to serve community members.

The October 11 community event anchors dozens of reentry events this month for justice-involved individuals and community members that are sponsored by Probation and Parole in collaboration with non-profit service providers, state agencies, and local employers. See the attached flyers for additional information. Already this month, an employment "Jobtoberfest" sponsored by the Delaware Center for Justice and the Dover Probation and Parole Office provided on-site job interviews, job training, and career networking resources for nearly 100 participating probationers and community members.

"The Delaware Department of Correction is fully invested in our reentry mission, and we have built strong partnerships with community organizations, government agencies, and employers to help connect individuals under our supervision with new opportunities and more support than ever before to achieve success," **Acting Commissioner Terra Taylor said.** "We invite all members of the community to attend our October 11 Community Resource event in Wilmington and we encourage you to share information about our many reentry events with justice-involved men and women so that together we can help keep them on the right track."

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