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Goodwill®, partners to host expungement clinics for eastern Kentucky job seekers with background challenges

Lexington, KY – Following recent expungement clinics in Lexington and Louisville, where 299 people were served, Goodwill Industries of Kentucky is partnering with community organizations to host multiple expungement clinics in eastern Kentucky. During the next month, clinics will be hosted in Morehead, Hazard, and Somerset.

MOREHEAD

Goodwill is teaming up with Northeast Reentry Council to host an expungement clinic on Monday, October 22 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM at the CHER Building of St. Claire Family Medicine located at 316 W. 2nd Street, Morehead, KY.

HAZARD

In conjunction with the Eastern Kentucky Reentry Council, a second expungement clinic will be held on Thursday, October 25 from 3:00 – 6:00 PM at the Kentucky Career Center located at 412 Roy Campbell Drive, Hazard, KY.

SOMERSET

The third expungement clinic will be held at the Goodwill store located at 5830 S. Hwy. 27, Somerset, KY. This event is in partnership with Southeast KY Reentry Taskforce, Department of Corrections, and Kentucky Career Center. Goodwill plans to host additional expungement clinics in 2019.

The partnering agencies are offering a step-by-step guide to the expungement process, including a review of charges that qualify for expungement and consideration of individuals' income levels to determine the cost, if applicable, of having a record expunged. Those meeting certain criteria could have their records expunged at no cost.

“Expungement clinics offer many agencies and groups the opportunity to work together to affect change and make a real impact in the lives of those we serve,” said Pamela Bentley, Program Administrator for KY Department of Corrections – Division of Reentry Services. “Our events offer access to community resources, employers, educators, and the opportunity to apply to have voting rights restored.”

Participants of the expungement clinic will also hear more about Goodwill's Soft Skills Academy, a series of free classes teaching critical skills that employers look for as they seek to fill open positions. After completing skills classes, participants earn Work Ready Certificates and are paired with career coaches to further prepare for and secure employment, ensuring that the job seeker's skills are matched appropriately with an employer's needs and

requirements. After placement, Goodwill career coaches stay engaged with both the employee and employer to assist with any issues that could put the individual's employment at risk.

“Goodwill works hard every day to support people who want to work, but need help getting a foot in the door or simply a second chance,” said Amy Luttrell, president and CEO of [Goodwill Industries of Kentucky](#). “We’re proud to have strong partners working by our side so Kentuckians can work towards realizing their potential when given an opportunity.”

For more information about the expungement clinics, contact Ben Haydon at (859) 277-3661 or ben.haydon@goodwillky.org.

About Goodwill Industries of Kentucky

In the 2017 fiscal year, Goodwill placed Kentuckians into more than 3,400 jobs across the state – both inside and outside of Goodwill. Goodwill’s career path programs and employment services, which serve Kentuckians who have disabilities or other challenges, are funded through a combination of grants, corporate and individual giving, and its retail stores, which sell donated clothing and household items at 64 locations across Kentucky.

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