

# ACAR

## Allegheny County Anchored Re-Entry Consortium

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Dear Kimberly,

A survey\* conducted by the National Institute of Justice revealed that between 60 and 75 percent of ex-offenders are jobless up to a year after release yet many employers can't find qualified employees to fill their jobs. In light of this information, a cluster of community organizations formed the **Allegheny County Anchored Re-Entry (ACAR) Consortium** to assist individuals with criminal records who are returning to their communities ("reentrants") to obtain employment and workforce training. In support of these efforts, ACAR is committed to providing employers with a thorough understanding of the benefits of hiring reentrants.

***The members of ACAR would like to invite you to a Business Leaders' Summit entitled: "Reentrants Work!"***

**DATE:** Friday, April 22, 2016, 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

**LOCATION:** Student Services Center Auditorium, Allegheny Campus,  
Community College of Allegheny County  
808 Ridge Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

The "Reentrants Work!" Summit is designed to:

- Detail the cost-benefit analysis for hiring reentrants
- Explain the benefits of Tax Credits
- Provide resource information for employers such as a "How To Guide"

Confirmed presenters for the Summit include:

- David J. Hickton, U. S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania;
- The Honorable John Wetzel, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections;
- The Honorable Richard Fitzgerald, Allegheny County Executive;
- The Honorable William Peduto, Mayor for the City of Pittsburgh;

#### ACAR Members and Supporters

Allegheny County Jail Collaborative | Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Adult Education and Workforce Development | Christian Management Enterprises, LLC | Community College of Allegheny County | Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania | Living on Purpose | Office of County Executive Rich Fitzgerald | Office of Mayor William Peduto | Office of the Federal Public Defender, Western District of Pennsylvania | Renewal, Inc. | Southwestern Pennsylvania Reentry Coalition | Strategic Development Solutions, LLC | The Program for Offenders, Inc. | Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board | United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Pennsylvania | United States Probation & Pretrial Services, Western District of Pennsylvania | Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh

- Ron Painter, President of the National Association of Workforce Investment Boards (WIB); and
- David Malone, CEO, Gateway Financial

To register for the Summit, please go to [www.goodwillswpa.org/ACAR](http://www.goodwillswpa.org/ACAR)

If you have any questions, please contact Ella Holsinger, Vice President for Human Services/Acting Corporate Compliance Officer Goodwill at [ella.hoslinger@goodwillswpa.org](mailto:ella.hoslinger@goodwillswpa.org) or 412.632.1925 or Mary Frances Archey, Ed.D., Executive Director for Strategic College Initiatives at CCAC at [marchey@ccac.edu](mailto:marchey@ccac.edu) or 412.237.4559.

Sincerely,

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President  
Community College of Allegheny County

Michael J. Smith  
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The Summit is supported by the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board.

\*<http://www.nij.gov/topics/corrections/reentry/pages/employment.aspx>