



**Ex-Offender Reentry
Community-Wide Task Force
Presentation
Montgomery Board of County Commissioners**

**Recommended Co-Chairs:
Commissioner Debbie Lieberman
Judge Walter H. Rice**



Ex-Offender Reentry Employment Recommendations

- **Community-Wide Reentry Task Force**
 - Create a Community-Wide Reentry Task Force modeled after the Out of School Youth Task Force and the Homeless Solutions Leadership Team. Charge the Task Force with developing a comprehensive plan and Continuum of Care that sets goals for successfully rehabilitating and reintegrating ex-offenders within Montgomery County. Within the plan, address housing, collateral sanctions, behavioral health care, informal support networks, community advocacy, as well as employment issues and needs.

Benefits to the Community—Why We Are Here...

- Despite the many barriers to employment, most former inmates leave prison hoping to become productive citizens. Successful reintegration of the formerly incarcerated through employment benefits the individuals, their families, as well as the community. These benefits include:
 - More Stabilized Individualized Lives, Stable, Productive Tax Paying Citizens, providing role models for children and at-risk youth
 - Reduction in Crime—Safer Communities, Better Schools
 - Reduction in Criminal Justice Costs
 - Reduced Rates of Recidivism
 - Employers Receive Assistance Filling “Hard to Fill Jobs”
 - Employers Have Strong Pool of Productive Employees
 - Greater Acceptance of Ex-Offenders by the Community

Questions

