## Dear [NAME],

Thank you for reaching out to us at Georgia Center for Opportunity (GCO). We appreciate your concern and desire to create a better life for yourself.

I wanted to let you know that we *do not* offer a specific prisoner reentry program at GCO for people to participate in, but rather we do research and advocacy that aims at assisting those returning home from prison through changes in law and policy, as well as through promoting solutions in the community.

That said, we have learned of valuable resources in the metro-Atlanta area which offer services and programs for those returning home from prison. I would like to provide you with a list of some of these organizations:

- Persons Impacted by Incarceration Collaborative (PIIC) very good resource for reentry knowledge and referrals Po Box 1478, Mableton, Ga, 30126, (404-992-7174)
- Redemption & Advancement Alliance Life coaching and training PO Box 161243, Atlanta, GA 30321 http://mail.redeem-advance.org/ (404-669-6239)
- Urban League of Atlanta Employment program, transitional job, life coaching, housing http://ulgatl.org/ PO Box 161243, Atlanta, GA 30321 (404-659-1150)
- Goodwill of North Georgia Training and employment programs, job placement assistance http://goodwillng.org/get-training.aspx, careerservices@ging.org 2201 Lawrenceville Highway
- Suite 300, Decatur, GA 30033 (404-420-9900)
- NSPIRE Provides employment, housing, education, spiritual community, coaching, etc.
   <u>www.nspireoutreach.org</u> 1305 Lakes Pkwy Suite 121, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 (800-775-9020);
   Atlanta, clothing- (678-831-6450)
- Georgia Calls On-the-job training, life skills training, entrepreneurship program
   http://www.gacalls.org/
   1705 Enterprise Drive, Suite B Buford, GA 30518 (678-251-4225)
- Georgia Justice Project Direct legal representation, advocacy, and social services for those who
  are indigent <a href="http://www.gjp.org/">http://www.gjp.org/</a> 438 Edgewood Avenue, SE, Atlanta, GA 30312 (404-827-0027)
- Department of Labor Employment services <u>www.dol.state.ga.us</u>, 2211 Beaver Ruin Rd #160, Norcross, GA 30071 <a href="https://dol.georgia.gov/locations/career-center">https://dol.georgia.gov/locations/career-center</a> http://employgeorgia.com/ (404-679-5200) Career Center Regional Operations: (404-232-3990)
- Division of Child Support Services Fatherhood Program
   http://dcss.dhs.georgia.gov/fatherhood-program (1-844-694-2347)
- THOR Directory Transitional Housing for Offender Reentry <a href="https://pap.georgia.gov/thor-directory">https://pap.georgia.gov/thor-directory</a> State Board of Pardons and Paroles 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, Suite 458, Balcony Level, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-4909 (404-656-4661)
- Sherman & Brown Transportation LLC Trucking company, CDL preferred but other candidates who can obtain a CDL will be considered - <a href="https://sabtllc.com/">https://sabtllc.com/</a> <a href="mailto:info@sabtllc.com">info@sabtllc.com</a> (888-541-6650)
- Hireliving call center for women (678-942-1097 x 1209) <a href="https://hireliving.org/">https://hireliving.org/</a>
- Theochem Laboratories Powder Detergent Plant 3780 Browns Mill Rd. SE, Atlanta, GA 30354-2927 (404-767-7526) ask for Christina Ramirez
- Mister Car Wash 575 Ponce De Leon Ave, Atlanta, GA, United States -<a href="https://mistercarwash.com/">https://mistercarwash.com/</a> contact Krystal Perelion – <a href="mailto-kperelions@mistercarwash.com/">kperelions@mistercarwash.com/</a>

United Way would be a great resource for you to contact as well for more referrals to helpful organizations:

http://www.unitedwayatlanta.org/get-help2-1-1/

https://www.unitedwayatlanta.org/agency-partners-table/

https://www.unitedwayatlanta.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Resources-for-Ex-offenders 2015.pdf

The Bankrate website has a useful article about expunging a criminal record. For more information, see <a href="https://www.bankrate.com/loans/personal-loans/criminal-record-wipe-slate-clean/">https://www.bankrate.com/loans/personal-loans/criminal-record-wipe-slate-clean/</a>

In addition, the Governor's Office of Transition, Support & Reentry is a good resource to know, as they are a state office devoted specifically to coordinating reentry efforts among service providers in the community. Here is their website: <a href="http://dcs.georgia.gov/locations/reentry-resource">http://dcs.georgia.gov/locations/reentry-resource</a>.

I hope you reach out to these organizations to learn more. You can also learn about the work we are doing to change laws and policies and promote community solutions to assist returning citizens here: http://georgiaopportunity.org/initiatives/prisoner-reentry/

Please let us know if we can assist you further.

Sincerely,

Katelyn King Operations Manager