



## **NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office**

***Lee Harris, Mayor***

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### **SHELBY COUNTY OFFICE OF REENTRY TO HOST COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY**

*The free, family-friendly event will showcase services and job opportunities for people with criminal records.*

- WHAT:** Shelby County Office of Reentry Community Block Party  
**WHEN:** Saturday, October 9, 2021, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. *A program with remarks from Mayor Lee Harris will begin at 10:30 a.m.*  
**WHERE:** Shelby County Office of Reentry, 1362 Mississippi Blvd., Memphis, TN, 38106

Shelby County, TN – On Saturday, October 9, 2021, the Shelby County Office of Reentry will host an open house event to connect formerly incarcerated individuals with staff, services, and employment opportunities. Office of Reentry case managers will be on-site to meet with ex-offenders and employer partners will be present to recruit for open positions and help complete applications to expedite the hiring process. Potential job applicants are asked to bring two forms of identification.

The event is free, family-friendly, and open to the public. There will be a bounce house for kids, free food, and entertainment.

**Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris:** “We are thrilled to open our doors and welcome the community to the Shelby County Office of Reentry. The Office of Reentry is a lifeline for ex-

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offenders, their families, and to our community at large. Formerly incarcerated individuals face many challenges upon reentering society that can lead to reoffending. By helping ex-offenders, we can reduce crime, improve public safety, and change lives.”

**Office of Reentry Acting Executive Director DeAndre Brown:** “We want ex-offenders to not only be aware of the Office of Reentry, but to know us well and feel comfortable coming to us for help. This office has an impressive list of programs and partners who are focused on assisting those reentering society do so successfully.”

### **About the Shelby County Office of Reentry:**

The Shelby County Office of Reentry is located at 1362 Mississippi Blvd. It connects ex-offenders to resources and employers willing to hire them. There is technical and vocational training for small engine repair, construction, low voltage electrical apprenticeships, and forklift operation. Through the 10-to-12-week FOCUSED program, ex-offenders can get help with employment deficiencies, mental and emotional needs, family reconnection, financial literacy and the restoration of their rights. Partners with the Office of Reentry include Workforce Mid-South, Hope Works, the Tennessee College of Applied Technology, FedEx, the University of Memphis, and more.

For more information, or to schedule a consultation with an Office of Reentry representative, ex-offenders are encouraged to visit [www.scofficeofreentry.com](http://www.scofficeofreentry.com) or call 901.222.4550.

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