

Speaker 1:

A job is probably the most important thing for an inmate getting out to be on the right track.

Speaker 2:

I wasn't sure how the public was going to look at me, because I had never been a felon before. And to have that attached to your name, I was very, very worried about society how they would treat me.

Speaker 3:

I just need a chance. Just give me an opportunity to show you that I am a good person and that my past does not define who I am.

Speaker 2:

My experience with the Second Chance Center was very positive. I was pleasantly surprised they did so much for me.

Speaker 4:

They taught us how to make resumes. They showed us how to seek employment. They gave us self-esteem.

Speaker 1:

They also offer vouchers and other programs that you can go to when you get out for clothing, for job training.

Speaker 3:

We had budgeting classes, credit report classes. We did interviewing skills and stuff like that, and it was really cool. I enjoyed that.

Speaker 5:

In the end, we are getting released. It's a way to help someone become a better citizen.

Speaker 1:

Without a job, you end up losing everything to sit there and struggle and struggle hard and not have and be able to not even provide for yourself. It's the easiest way to just turn back and say, "Hey, it's too hard, I can't do it."

Speaker 4:

We have something to prove is because we want to be that better person. We want to be that better mother, sister, daughter. We feel like we have to do it.

Speaker 3:

I told my daughter I was actually coming to do this interview, and she kind of thought I was crazy. I've never want them to go down the road. I went down, but I just want them to know that you're not a bad person and your past does not define you.

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Speaker 4:

I think that the people that work where I work or the people that come from where we come from work the hardest. They want to give you your all. We feel like we have something to prove and look where I'm at now because of that employer who gave me that second chance. Just do it. I mean, I don't know what else to say.