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***Message From Reverend Howard Beckham -
Founder and CEO of Integrity Transformations
Community Development Corporation***

Integrity Transformations Community Development Corporation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization based in Atlanta's English Avenue neighborhood. Our mission is to transform the residents and neighborhoods of English Avenue, Vine City, and other contiguous 30314 and 30318 communities through mechanisms of economic empowerment, affordable housing options, and motivational case management, which will promote self-sufficiency. By pursuing and executing this mission, Integrity will uplift and enhance the Westside community as a positive place to live, work, and worship.

ITCDC envisions a new Vine City and English Avenue community, transformed through social, economic, and physical revitalization. We imagine a community that is united, safe, attractive, and affordable, and that is experiencing social, economic, and physical revitalization through empowered individuals, economic options, and affordable housing opportunities.

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About Integrity Transformations Community Development Corp.

Integrity Transformations Community Development Corporation (ITCDC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is committed to transforming English Avenue, Vine City, and other contiguous communities within the 30314 and 30318 zip codes.

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ITCDC & The BRIDGE Initiatives

Integrity prides itself on meeting justice-impacted individuals where they are, with a site and array of programs located in the heart of the Westside community. Historically, 60% of former state offenders and 40% of former federal offenders return to crime and are rearrested within three years of their release. Successfully re-entering society after incarceration is extremely difficult. Often the underlying issues that led to a person's incarceration were not addressed during his/her incarceration. Upon release, many formerly incarcerated persons need a wide range of services such as housing, health care, mental health, substance abuse services, employment, and education.

In all likelihood, these needs existed prior to the person's incarceration and, without intervention, they continue to exist after the individual has been released. Faced with the added disadvantages of having a criminal record and being cut off from their social networks, many formerly incarcerated people in Atlanta will return to state prison or county jail within the first 6 months to 1 year.

Breaking this cycle and the negative impact it has on our communities and families requires developing a system of reentry that begins with assisting individuals from the first point of contact with the criminal justice system through community-based supervision and community reintegration.

At Integrity, we understand that our participants may be facing a number of personal and structural barriers to successful reentry. During intake, all clients are matched with a case manager who will interview the client to create an individualized reentry plan, IRP. This plan identifies participants' risks and helps to connect them with the right wrap-around for their needs. Referrals are made to various community partners in the ITCDC network to help the client meet goals and keep on track as they navigate the employment process. In addition to case management, the IRP, and wrap-around service referrals, Integrity also provides on-site reentry services and programs.

For more information on Integrity Transformations CDC and the programs and services provided by this organization, visit www.integritycdc.org





BRIDGE Initiatives

Integrity serves individuals impacted by this country's criminal justice system through a specialized outreach and supportive services program called, BRIDGE. This program consists of four core initiatives described below. By focusing primarily on these areas of service, Integrity's client-centered initiatives reduce barriers to reentry, teach critical life skills, and reduce participants' risk of recidivism, among other benefits.



1. The first initiative is the outreach and development workshop offered in the Metro-Reentry Transitional Facility. At this facility, Integrity case managers establish relationships and conduct risk assessments to give comprehensive guidance and referrals, easing the process of community reintegration. Program participants at this location are also enrolled in a 3 day development workshop hosted on-site, that offers specific instructions and advice on gaining personal stability and professional success post-release.



2. The second initiative is hosted at the Department of Community Supervision Day Reporting Center, where one day a week Integrity staff makes contact with individuals immediately reentering the community. Individuals interested in what the Bridge programs and resources can do to assist them on their journey are assigned a case manager and guided through orientation. Integrity's presence in this center allows participants to be supported at an early stage post-release through successful community integration.

From outreach to referral/placement, Integrity acts as a conduit, preparing clients with necessary skills and support at each step of the way.



3. The third initiative is still in the preliminary phase of development, this program will consist of a dedicated supportive housing site and program. Finding safe, affordable housing can be one of the greatest barriers to success for justice-impacted individuals, thus evidence-based reentry programs have found that offering a supportive housing program is an effective means to reduce the risk of participants' recidivism. This program will offer safe and secure housing for a small number of participants who would otherwise struggle to find desirable accommodations due to background related barriers.



4. The final initiative of the Bridge program can assist participants no matter what their goals and desires are moving forward. Integrity offers self-help expungement workshops, led by a trusted local attorney, that assist participants in clearing eligible charges from their official record. Many justice-impacted individuals experience setbacks and barriers due to previous offenses that still exist on their official records, these records can be from dozens of years ago, or may have never even led to a charge, yet they still hinder the advancement of these individuals. ITCDC meets our participants' needs by organizing workshops that guide participants through identifying eligible records, the process of record restriction, and answering case specific questions.



INTRODUCTION: REENTRY RESOURCE MANUAL



ITCDC "Metro-Atlanta Reentry Resource Manual"

Every agency listed in the "Metro-Atlanta Reentry Resource Manual" has been researched and reviewed in order to provide you with current and relevant information. Where listings could not be verified by phone, the organization's websites were accessed for basic program and contact information. Please be advised that the moment the "Reentry Resource Manual" is printed, it is out of date. Organizations change constantly—ask questions to the agency you contact for the most up-to-date information on services.

Services are divided by category such as "Food and Clothing" and "Transitional Housing". Some organizations and service providers overlap categories and can be found in multiple chapters. Some groups, such as Gateway Center, offer so many community services that it is listed separately from the primary resource list in order to include all collateral resource materials.

The Reentry Resource Manual is a resource for navigating the legal impact of a criminal record on getting ID, voting rights, parole and probation, housing, public benefits, employment, court-ordered debt, family and children, education, record-cleaning, tribal issues, immigration status, and more. For casespecific questions, start with the Table of Contents in any one of the 19 chapters that most closely relates to your question. If you are looking for resources by population served (i.e. women, veterans, etc) then reference chapter 20 for specific guidance. Access our searchable database of resources at integritycdc.org/reentry-resources. For additional guidance reach out to the organizations referenced or reach out to a case manager at Integrity Transformations Community Development Corporation.

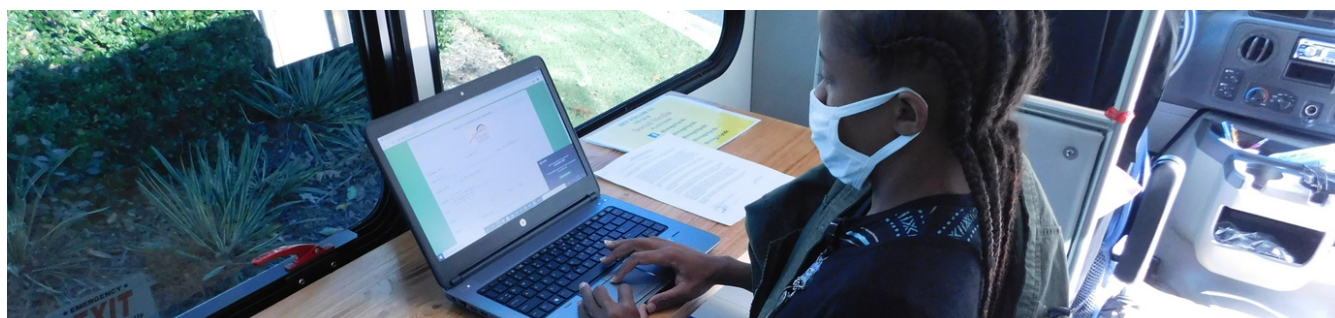
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If reviewing manual digitally as a PDF document, use the keyboard shortcut Ctrl + F to search key words, this way you don't have to scroll through the whole manual to find one area of service.

How to Access this Guide:

How to Use this Guide:

Using the Checklist



This Resource Manual was developed and produced for internal use by Integrity Transformations Community Development Corporation



REENTRY CHECKLIST

First Steps After Release

When you are released, take it one day at a time....

- Contact a reentry program (Chapter 3) and/or an employment program (Chapter 15)
- Stay in a positive living situation (Chapter 4)
- Get proper clothing and food (Chapter 7)
- Find your way around — know the bus system (Chapter 8)
- Get a birth certificate if you don't have one (Chapter 2).
- Get a photo ID/driver's license (Chapter 2)
- Get your Social Security card if you don't have it (Chapter 2)
- Sign up for government benefits (Chapter 19)
- Keep in touch with your parole officer (Chapter 1)
- Take care of health and dental needs (Chapter 9)
- Take care of mental health needs (Chapter 10)
- Get help for alcohol or other drug abuse (Chapter 11)
- Make arrangements for child support (Chapter 12)
- Take care of childcare or parenting needs (Chapter 12)
- Get more training or education (Chapter 13)
- Clean up your record and get legal help if needed (Chapter 18)
- Clean up your credit and spend money wisely (Chapter 17)
- Register with selective service (Chapter 18) and Register to vote (Chapter 18)