

Requesting to be on the Task Force for HB 0061

Dr. Bell founded the Non-Profit Organization, “Rehabilitation, Reform and Reentry Resources”, Inc. (R4), in 2018. The mission of R4 is to assist returning citizens with the necessary resources needed to become productive, law-abiding citizens. As well as to provide the necessary tools, knowledge, and skills to assist returning citizens with becoming and staying both physically and mentally healthy. R4 also assist children who are impacted by incarceration. R4 has assisted hundreds of Returning Citizens from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia for the past decade. R4 holds an Annual Charity Golf Tournament and ALL proceeds are used to help this population become and stay productive law-abiding citizens. The organization provides backpacks with supplies for children impacted by incarceration, Thanksgiving meals, and Christmas gifts for families impacted by incarceration. Donations from the Annual Charity Golf Tournaments are used to provide scholarships to college bound Seniors who are impacted by incarceration. R4 has partnered with a Federal Prison in Ohio to work with the inmates before release to get them prepared for the outside work. Dr. Bell and her staff begin working with the inmates who were to be released within 12 months to ensure they had the things they needed upon release in order to have a smooth transition back into society.

Dr. Bell partnered with the D.C. Department of Correction for the Lead Out Program with her consulting Company, Bell Consulting Group, (BCG). This Program begin in 2021 and BCG was the Workforce Developer since the inception. The LEAD Out Program supports participants returning to the community from incarceration. The Program begin working with Juvenile Lifers. These were juvenile males who had been sentenced to 60 years to life as juveniles from Washington DC. Once the Second Look Act was passed in 2018 those young men who had been model inmates, were sent back to The District of Columbia to appear before a Judge. The majority were released with time served. It was determined through research that males’ brains do not fully develop until they are at least 26. They participated in a six-month workforce development training led by BCG. All LEAD Out! participants received full-time job placement, workforce development training, and care coordination for the six-month duration of the program. Planning and preparation for full-time employment and post-program graduation was prioritized. The BCG Team provided Professional Development classes, which consisted of digital literacy, financial literacy, dressing for success, interviewing skills, how to ride the metro, and “Thinking For A Change Classes. BCG fully prepared this population for returning to society. During this Program BCG partnered with 11 different employers, which consisted of five different Hiltons in Virginia as well as The District of Columbia, Humane Rescue Alliance, Burgers@Apollo, The Learning Curve, Free Minds Book Club and The Pelenti Group.

Dr. Bell has volunteered with the Alexandria, Virginia Detentions Center, and Alexandria Juvenile Detention Center where she facilitated classes on Life Skills. She speaks at various Universities, Jails, Churches, and Schools on the importance of Rehabilitation and Reform. Robin strives to make it known to the world that Rehabilitation begins on the inside. Not only on the inside of prison walls, but also inside the minds of those who are incarcerated.

Dr. Bell is an Adjunct Professor at American University, where she teaches “Introduction to Criminology”. She is a Council Member of the Alexandria, Virginia Parole & Probation Office, as well as a Public Member of the Board on Professional Responsibility at the Washington DC Court of Appeals. Robin Guest Lectured at Howard University as well as completed Inside Out Training at Narco Prison in California.

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