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Savannah to Host "When is the Debt Paid" Reentry Conference, October 18-19, 2024

Savannah, GA – Bryant Educational Seminars & Training (B.E.S.T.) Global Enterprises and Advocates for Restorative Communities in Savannah (ARCS), in collaboration with the Movement Matters Coalition, are proud to announce the "When is the Debt Paid" Reentry Conference, set to take place on October 18-19, 2024. This vital two-day event will focus on the challenges faced by formerly incarcerated individuals as they reenter society and will explore solutions to ensure successful reintegration and restorative justice.

The conference will bring together justice-impacted individuals, their families, community advocates, legal experts, and thought leaders from across the country. Through a series of keynote presentations, interactive workshops, and panel discussions, participants will explore the barriers to reentry, including housing, employment, mental health support, and legal obstacles. The goal is to create actionable strategies to support reentry efforts while engaging the community in restorative practices.

A Platform for Change and Collaboration

The "When is the Debt Paid" Reentry Conference is designed not only to raise awareness of the ongoing struggles faced by formerly incarcerated individuals but also to provide a platform for collaboration among organizations and stakeholders committed to social justice and reform. Key topics will include:

- Reducing recidivism through education and employment opportunities
- Mental health and wellness for reentering individuals
- Navigating legal barriers, such as expungement and voting rights
- Building community support systems for returning citizens

A Community-Wide Effort

"The need for dialogue and action around reentry is more urgent than ever," said Dr. Maxine Bryant, CEO and Founder of BEST Global Enterprises. "Our goal is to bring together all those impacted by and

involved in this issue, from returning citizens to policymakers, to develop sustainable solutions for our community."

Katina Wheeler, Chair of ARCS, emphasized the importance of community engagement: "This conference is not just about discussions; it's about creating a movement toward restorative justice. We encourage local businesses, faith organizations, and community members to join us in these efforts."

Supporting Reentry, Supporting Our Future

Sponsors and supporters of the event will play a key role in funding conference logistics, speaker engagements, workshop materials, and community outreach efforts. Their contributions will ensure the success of this impactful initiative, directly benefiting individuals seeking to rebuild their lives after incarceration.

How to Get Involved

Community members, business leaders, and advocates are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference. For more information on registration or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Dr. Maxine Bryant at ms.maxib@gmail.com or Katina Wheeler at savannaharcs@gmail.com.

About the Organizers

BEST Global Enterprises is a leading provider of educational seminars and training aimed at addressing social justice and community empowerment. ARCS is a nonprofit organization committed to advocating for restorative practices and supporting justice-impacted individuals.

Event Details

Date: October 18-19, 2024

Location: Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus Armstrong Center Ballroom, 13040 Abercorn Street,

Savannah, GA

Register for FREE: savannahga.gov/ReentryConference

We look forward to engaging our community in this important conversation and working together to break the cycle of incarceration and build a future of opportunity and equity for all.