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# CELEBRATING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH



## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO YOU

As we step into September, I am grateful for the momentum we are building together at ReNforce. Second chances are about more than opportunity. They are about dignity, resilience, and the belief that everyone deserves the tools and support to succeed.

I am proud to share that ReNforce was recently awarded a grant from the Lowe's Foundation. This support is not only an investment in our work but also in the women we serve. The grant will help us expand safe housing and develop a garden at Redemption House, creating a space for healing, learning, and community as women rebuild their lives.

We are also preparing for our upcoming Job Fair, a chance to connect employers who believe in second chances with individuals ready to work and build their futures. This effort is especially meaningful during Workforce Development Month, as we highlight the power of inclusive opportunities.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported our Careers Over Coffee fundraiser. Your generosity is making a real impact, and there is still time to give. Donations will be accepted through September 30, each one fueling hope, opportunity, and long-term success.

Together, we are turning resilience into opportunity and opportunity into lasting change.

## Team Spotlight: Shanequa King, Workforce Development Coordinator

Shanequa brings lived experience as a justice-impacted professional—giving her a unique ability to connect with participants on a deeply personal level.

Her work spans from one-on-one coaching to talent development and retention services, all with a passion for helping individuals build sustainable careers. She is one of the driving forces behind the success of our Workforce Lab and leading resource for reentry support in our community.

Her journey and leadership embody the ReNforce mission!



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## LOWE'S HOMETOWNS SUPPORT RENFORCE REDEMPTION HOUSE



**A Place of Healing & New Beginnings:** Thanks to the support of Lowe's Hometowns, the Redemption House backyard is on its way to becoming a vibrant, healing space for our residents. We will soon be welcoming volunteers from the community to help bring this transformation to life—join our newsletter and follow us on social media to stay involved.

At ReNforce Redemption House, we believe a welcome home is more than just a place to stay—it is a pathway to breaking free from cycles of hardship in a safe, supportive, and empowering environment. Our home offers comprehensive trauma-informed programs, reintegration support, talent development, and community support.

With our two-year anniversary approaching, and with guidance from A New Way of Life (ANWOL) and SAFE House Network, our mission continues to grow stronger in nation.

If you are, or know, a justice-impacted woman seeking housing, please reach out today to submit a referral.

**Contact Us Today:** <https://renforce.org/s-a-f-e-houses/>



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## WHY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH MATTERS

**September Highlights: Workforce Development Month:** National Workforce Development Month, observed each September, was established in 2005 by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) to spotlight the crucial role workforce development plays in strengthening our communities and economy. More than a recognition, it's a reminder of the importance of equipping individuals with the skills, resources, and opportunities they need to succeed.

At ReNforce, we live out this mission every day—and especially during Workforce Development Month. Through our Workforce Lab, reentry coaching, employer partnerships, and holistic support, we help individuals prepare for careers, not just jobs, while breaking barriers and building brighter futures.

**About Workforce Development Month:** <https://nawdp.org/workforcedevmonth>



### PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS BEGIN HERE JOB FAIR, WORKFORCE LAB, & CAREERS OVER COFFEE

**September 17, 2025 | 10 AM - 2 PM**  
**823 Telfair Street, Augusta, GA 30901**

**630 Ellis St, STE 21**  
**Augusta, GA 30901**



## FROM LOS ANGELES TO AUGUSTA—BRINGING BACK KNOWLEDGE TO TRANSFORM LIVES

**SAFE House Training:** The SAFE (Sisterhood Alliance for Freedom and Equality) Housing Network launched in 2018 by A New Way of Life (ANWOL). In August 2025, ReNforce staff attended the SAFE House Training in Los Angeles, CA—an intensive three-day experience built around ANWOL's uniquely successful women's reentry model.

This training equipped our team with best practices, hands-on strategies, and a comprehensive blueprint to bring back to Augusta, GA—



further strengthening our ability to transform lives through safe housing and reentry support.

As we celebrate Workforce Development Month, we also celebrate alongside thirty-four other organizations across nineteen states and three countries in Africa who make up the SAFE Housing Network. Proudly, ReNforce is part of this powerful movement.

*"Mistakes belong to the past; we belong to the future."*  
**Susan Burton, ANWOL Founder**

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