

Blessingsflow Center For Achievement, Inc. is **SOUTH FLORIDA'S PREMIER ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING HOLISTIC FAITH-BASED PROGRAM FOR RE-ENTRY & REINTEGRATION**. We provide services for State & Federal Correction Institutions and its residents serving Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Shariene Hampton is the President and Founder of this exceptional organization. Her willingness to go the extra mile for the ones that need special attention is noticed especially throughout South Florida and other cities in Florida. Ms. Hampton wears many hats as the only Re-Entry Coordination Community Liaison Advocate in all of South Florida. Our mission as an empowerment organization is to compel, implement and inspire greatness in the lives of Woman, Juveniles and with great emphasis on Men "Returning Citizens" and their families who are disabled, underemployed and dislocated individuals who are seeking change for a secured lifestyle through entrepreneurial business training and accountability mentorship. By fulfilling our mission, we demonstrate a unique leadership team that fosters teamwork by empowering our clients in group classroom settings to learn to work together, which will reduce and eliminate unfavorable conditions that existed before the incarceration.

On a quarterly basis our leaders brainstorm and implement many initiatives and innovative solutions promoting entrepreneurship which enhances economic health in the state of Florida. Developing strategic collaborations and meaningful partnerships in South Florida communities is for the betterment for our Returning Citizens and our formerly incarcerated client population. As a team we take great pleasure working with each resident during their last three years of sentence prior to their release. This approach has been our greatest accomplishment in preparing both them and their families here on the outside of the prison atmosphere in preparing for the transition. Participating weekly inside the correctional facility allows our leadership to develop hands on approach in building relationships and trust that last for a lifetime.

Our vision and goal as an organization is to effectively collaborated and partner with local churches, business and community leadership which collectively brings together a community of resources to assist and model a pure example of cohesiveness to all clients we serve. Our current volunteers and future salaried staff are currently providing a full umbrella of Remedial Education, Business Training and Social Services components demonstrated with excellence and dignity to reduce recidivism with a unique innovative reintegration approach. Having a team of love and compassionate leaders strengthens us to meet the needs of this special population due to the gaps in services regarding securing housing for their residents, which is often ignored in the State Correctional Facilities. Although protecting public safety and social order are paramount, significant investment also must be made in the successful reentry of the Returning Citizen. One of our top goals is to recognize the tax burden associated with re-incarceration and tackle recidivism nationwide and to consider the cost benefit of "Returning Citizens" paying taxes and contributing to the overall economy and improving Re-Entry efforts with enhanced educational enrichment throughout the state of Florida. The ability to teach and give instructions to learn how to become a business owners has proven to be the most valuable components to our client once they were introduced to multi-level marketing and the power of residual income as a means to gain control over their dreams and future accomplishments as it relates to taking control of their lives.

The four main areas that we address in South Florida is Dade County in the city of Miami Gardens, Florida, Miami, Florida and two cities in Broward County which is Miramar, Florida and Pompano Beach, Florida. Although the incarceration releases are high each year in the state of Florida face significant barriers our Returning Citizens, are provided with motivational support which serves as a means to keep them focus. Shariene Hampton can be reached at 954.549.7285 of Blessingsflowcfa@gmail.com.

Our professional leadership team has over 60 plus years of combined experience behind the prison walls which includes business and organizational management. Here is a brief biography of the following participants that are currently operating in this capacity with Returning Citizens/Formerly Incarcerated individuals. **Jeffery Epps** is an Executive that demonstrates a desire to serve in any capacity. His experience in the prison system began in the state of California which expands here in South Florida. He holds an M.B.A in Forensic Psychology, M.B.A. in Human Resources, B. A. in Organizational Management. Mr. Epps was released from the United States Marine Corps with an Honorable Discharge. He has also worked in the capacity of a Finance Operations Supervisor preparing budgets, risk management, Social Service Specialist, facilitated Behavior Modification, drug treatment and community reunification classes on coping skills. He is also currently a Recruitment Specialist/Job Developer where he assists many Returning Citizens on a daily basis allowing them to identify their existing and immediate needs.

Beverly D. Sweeting is an excellence example of a woman who displays greatness and poise. She holds a Masters in Social Work, RCSWI, Clinical Social Work, Psychopathology, Human Behavior, Crisis Intervention and a Certified Life Coach. Her Bachelor of Science is in Liberal Studies, Associates in Business Administration, Practical Nursing Diploma, LPN Clinical Advisor and a Medical Case Manager. **Darren Jones** a proven Servant Leader and Innovative Leader in the community. He is man that knows how to make a decision and always displays academic rigor, focusing on students achievements on all levels. As a previous High School Principal he organized and facilitated an 8-million-dollar budget not discontinuing any staff members in preparation for a school year. In his advanced placement his enrollment increased by 40 %. Mr. Jones holds a Master's of Science in Educational Leadership, Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education/ English, Associates of Arts Degree. His Certifications includes Educational Leadership on all levels and Elementary Education Grades (K-6) in all Subjects. **Eric Bason** is the prime example of Community Outreach reaching the homeless and Returning Citizens for over twenty plus years in the Nursing Field and held the Community Health Outreach Worker position and served as Program Director and Case Management with vast experience in implementing staff evaluations. **Valorie Higgs** is one of the best Office Executives that draws our clients to greatness and determination. Her skills and presentation includes a Bachelors of Arts in Business Education which expands in Human Resources and Payroll. She has held many corporate positions as an Executive and Administrative Assistant and Finance Director. **Lea Murray** has multi-talents in her professional career. She is compassionate about serving the less fortunate and those that others will neglect in society. Her education allowed her to achieve a Master's in Public Health, B.S. in Nutrition and Food Service, a Certificate in International Teacher Training Organization which is a persuasive International Teaching/Mentoring program. She also became a Business Management Supervisor, Program Manager which formed a Mentorship Program, and Peer Counselor where she assisted the Director with overall operation and management of the program. **Jean Emmanuel Chery** is a young talented educator that displays much greatness in life. He is a Doctor of Medicine, MD, Doctor of Philosophy, Biomedical Science, PhD (Candidate), Masters of Science in Engineering Management and B.S in Bio Engineering with Research Assistant and a Classroom Para-Professional. **Luis Vivar** is a man of diversified talent as a Multimedia Artist which includes Design and Illustration, Motion Graphics and Special FX, Social Media and Web Design Creativity.

Our current Board of Directors names are **Warren Matthews** who is an Honorable Veteran and retired Correctional Officer, **Cheryl Johnson**, Retired Police Sargent and **Cheryl Cason**, Retired Chief of Police.

Blessingsflow Center For Achievement, Inc. will identify its current Returning Citizens/Formerly Incarcerated participants that have expressed their need in becoming a business owner by seeking and learning that the information that is available to them upon immediate release. As the Returning Citizen enter Main Stream Society, the exposures of the various opportunities presented while they were in prison, know gives them so many options to choose from and maintain a full schedule daily, which keeps them productive. Our new project in hosting information events will allow the leadership to gain new clients via various probation officers participating via referral throughout Dade County that warrant these entrepreneurial services.

As it relates to classroom instructions each participant has been given skills assessments due to their education level of learning. Oftentimes based on education levels many Returning Citizens are not able to comprehend certain information therefore classes are divided to ensure proper attention with those that are preparing for their upcoming GED training, while others are more advanced. In our efforts to attract entrepreneurship our team has learned to change the environment of a normal classroom presence to a community room setting with bright colors which reflects a warm atmosphere. The curriculum will be introduced to two categories groups as follows:

Group # 1- Returning Citizens who have obtained at least 50% of the High School requirements completed based on the current standards of the County that they reside in. The instructions will be explained and geared towards the courses that each individual need by creating a placement test.

Group # 2- Returning Citizens who have less than 50% of the High School graduation requirements This groups needs different set of instructions starting at the entry level for the high school credits and have to completed all the mandated courses currently.

Our organization will outsource to **Friendship Learning Solutions**, a third party organization that will provide online course recovery options and differentiated instructions. This method of learning will implement their instructions based on their mastery of learning. The timeline will spread over a three-month period in two segments. All participants will have full access to the local **Career Source, Vocational Rehabilitation and OIC of South Florida** which provides services that will aid in additional funding for start-up businesses with their sole concentration on self-employment and college readiness. All task by each participant will be modeled through college internship. Weekly participation is required for business exposures events, that will spark the interest of each Returning Citizen/Formerly incarcerated. In the final stages of this curriculum during the last four weeks all the components of their business plans will be completed with instructions and full guidance from the Founder of Blessingsflow Center For Achievement, Inc.

Each Returning Citizens will be provided long term support by connecting them to both SBA Counselors and a Senior Business Partner in the filed they choose to row and develop in. Training will be provided two times a week via conference calling and professional webinars.

Blessingsflow Center for Achievement, Inc. is a mastered the community resources that are available here in South Florida. Our team is proud to be the initial One Stop Shop service provider they come in contact with upon release that advocates, complete referrals and serves as the liaison on their behalf. Upon release all Returning Citizens will be entitled to Health Insurance for a full year, monthly transit passes each month for a year, clothing from many church organizations and Dress for Success which ensure the Returning Citizens proper professional dress attire for entrepreneurial events.

The leadership team has drawn from its own resources for many years with only donations that come in periodically therefore we anticipate and look forward to this acknowledgement and acceptance to serve in a more greater capacity.

In conclusion, we have in times past have shared the proper resources that will help those participants that desire to develop a Non-Profit 501©3 and grant them access in paying the full fee through an application process. This also includes their website development, marketing materials, technology services along with In-Kind Services with many local providers such as the following:

Department of Human Services
Criminal Justice Block Grant
The Kock Foundation
The Second Chance Grant/Florida Department of Corrections
The Law Enforcement Trust Fund Broward Sherriff Office
Miami Gardens Florida Community Block Grant
Miramar, Florida Community Block Grant

These foundations and local community organizations will assist those that are consistent. Many websites will be reviewed to pique their interest which also includes zero interest loans for new and existing business owners.