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Job and Community Resource Meeting Targets Offenders

FAYETTEVILLE – Several Cumberland County departments are participating in a job and community resource meeting for individuals convicted of felonies on **Friday, May 13, starting at 8 a.m.** in the first-floor conference rooms at the Department of Social Services, 1225 Ramsey Street.

The meeting, sponsored by Project Fresh Start, will focus on helping individuals who have been convicted of felonies to find employment, housing and information on reentering the community. Pastor Anthony Faison of 2nd Chance Ministries will share his story with the group and representatives from various agencies will provide information, including Cumberland County Human Resources.

Cumberland County does not ask about convictions on its job applications. The County Commissioners “banned the box” that had required applicants to check if they had been convicted of an offense. A background check is conducted on all applicants recommended for hire.

The following agencies are also scheduled to participate in the event: Cumberland County Re-entry Council, Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center, Department of Social Services, NCWorks Career Center and Fayetteville Area System of Transit.

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