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Exploring the untapped potential of second chance employees



Businesses should consider hiring second chance workers for the same reason they consider hiring any other candidate -- because they're good employees.

They're "incredibly engaged and loyal members of staff" and an ideal solution for the current employment and labor shortage. As such, employers must "adapt their approach to talent acquisition in order to create a more inclusive and supportive environment" for employees.

That was the driving message behind Fifth Third Bank's Chief Investment Strategist Jeff Korzenik at the "Untapped Potential: The Hidden Workforce," presentation on Oct. 8. NC Attorney General Josh Stein and SC Attorney General Alan Wilson joined Korzenik at the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance event.

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Kevin Walsh: From LifeWorks! intern to program director



Kevin Walsh is the epitome of a second chance success story. A decade ago, following his release from prison, he had mandated weekly visits with a federal probation officer. Today, that same probation officer is referring clients to Kevin at [LifeWorks!](#), where he was recently promoted to program director.

In just 5 years, Kevin's journey with the [Center for Community Transitions](#) has come full circle. While working on his bachelor's degree in human services at Gardner-Webb University, he set out looking for an internship. But time and time again, his previous incarceration and related charges were a huge barrier for potential employers.

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Myra Clark talks Second Chances on BofA's Neighborhood Builders panel



Nearly 2.3 million people are held in America's prisons and jails, the highest incarceration rate in the world. Over 10,000 people are released from state and federal prisons each week (more than 650,000 annually). [Executive Director Myra Clark](#) was invited to participate in a moderated panel this week focused on the "imperative of providing opportunities to returning citizens by highlighting the work of nonprofit service

providers that are working in the second chance and social justice space."

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200+ turn out for Back in Style event



It was an evening of brightly colored backpacks filled with school supplies, delicious barbecue, fresh new 'dos and glittery nails.

More than 200 families and volunteers came out for our [Families Doing Time](#) Back in Style event on Aug. 22 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. The 8th annual fundraiser helped kids with incarcerated loved ones prepare for the new school year with free book bags, school supplies and haircuts.

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