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MND's Pre-Election Party



The Candidates:
Up Close and Personal

November 1, 6:00-8:30pm
University of Baltimore

MND EVENTS

Employment Training Program

Orientation: July 19
Program: July 23-August 3
9:00am-3:30pm

Volunteer Events

Mock Interviews
July 27, 9:00 am-12:00 noon

COMPUTER CLASSES

MND's computer lab hosts classes open to the public.
4 classes for \$40.

Beginning Computer Classes

July 2 & 6
Mondays and Fridays
1:30pm-3:30pm

Intermediate Computer Classes

July 9, 13, 16 & 20
Mondays and Fridays
1:30pm-3:30pm
Call 410-230-0630 to sign up!

WAYS TO GIVE

Volunteer

Become a literacy tutor, mentor, computer lab assistant, or mock interviewer.
[Email us](#) to get involved.

Donate

MND welcomes gently-used and dry-cleaned professional clothing, or

Give today:



- Baltimore City
Combined Charity: 7715

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MND NEWS

MARYLAND NEW DIRECTIONS



www.mdnewdirections.org

Maryland New Directions (MND) has provided free career counseling, employment readiness and job placement to disenfranchised job seekers in Baltimore since 1973.

MND Website Gets a Facelift

On June 26, MND launched its re-designed website. The new website makes it easier for visitors to donate, learn about our programs, and view opportunities to get involved. Baltimore-area employers can now find information on why to hire from MND.

[Click here](#) to view the site. Together, we can help fight poverty in Baltimore.

MND Helps Others Overcome Barriers to Employment

With the current unemployment rate in Baltimore City around 10% and the poverty rate around 23%, it is important for the community to help residents find stable jobs. MND strives to help all individuals overcome barriers to employment to help create safer, healthier neighborhoods.

Three years ago, MND facilitator Stephen Thomas began a Re-Entry Infoshop to educate those with arrest records on the best ways to approach their job search and become economically stable.

In this two-hour workshop, participants learn how to properly discuss their criminal background in job applications and interviews. Participants also gain information on free legal resources, how to expunge items on their record, and how to become a part of the Federal Fidelity Bonding program, which helps reduce the perceived liability employers may have about hiring ex-offenders.



MND's Stephen Thomas leading the Re-Entry Infoshop

After this workshop, clients are better equipped to search for employment. "It is gratifying to see clients take the knowledge I taught them and run with it," said Stephen.

The Re-Entry Infoshop is open to the public and is held on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00pm.

Stories We Live By: Donta Richardson

Life before coming to MND was not an easy one for Donta Richardson. Though he was interested in administrative positions, he was constantly being turned down by potential employers because of his lack of experience. After months of no success, he became discouraged and no longer felt motivated to continue his job search.

In April 2012, Donta came across MND and signed up for the free Employment Training Program. The program helped Donta gain new job search skills, resume help, and confidence.

Impressed by Donta's progress, MND offered Donta an internship as a front desk assistant. He eagerly accepted the position and raved about the great news to his friends and family. Donta currently continues to gain skills at MND, answering phones, making copies, sending faxes, and interacting with visitors. The position not only allows him to become more familiar with the day-to-day operations of a business, but also provides valuable transferable skills.

Taking advantage of the opportunities at MND has opened numerous doors for Donta, who has been interviewing for permanent positions when he is not interning. "To be honest, coming to this program was the best thing that has ever happened to me," said Donta. "Without this program, I would be sitting at home doing nothing with my life."

