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GARY RE-ENTRY COALITION ANNOUNCES ANNUAL RESOURCE FEST

Gary, Indiana-The Gary Re-Entry Coalition announces its annual Resource Fest, “The Bridge to Jobs and Social Services” to be held on Friday, September 23, 2016 from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

The Gary Re-Entry Coalition comprised of over 30 agencies and individuals will host the Resource Fest at the City Life Center, 225 W. 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana.

The Fest will feature a Job Fair, Social Services support and information valuable to re-entry citizens. Other highlights at the fest include workshops such as: Expungement, Letter of Explanation, I Got Skills/Resume review; haircuts, manicures, nutrition demos, entertainment, free food and more.

The Re-Entry Coalition works as a community to connect re-entry citizens with career and job opportunities. Moreover, the goal of the coalition is to sustain strategic actions to ensure one core activity which is workforce development. Participating agencies and individuals include representatives from law enforcement, local and county government, community based corrections, education and training providers, housing and faith based providers and workforce.

The Coalition presents this Annual Resource Fest as a part of its continued effort to serve more of those in need of services provided by the Gary Re-Entry Coalition and to increase awareness of the employment barriers the re-entry population faces in the city of Gary. Sponsors include Gary’s Economic Development Corporation, City Life Center, Gary Police and Fire Departments, Gary 4 Life, First Midwest Bank, First Financial Bank, Commissioner Kyle Allen, Anthem, Inc.

For more information about the Resource Fest or the Gary Re-Entry Coalition and its programs, contact Diana Sandlin, Coordinator of Gary’s Re-Entry efforts via email: dsandlin@ci.gary.in.us or at 219-881-1312. The office is located at 401 Broadway, Suite 300.