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**SHELBY COUNTY OFFICE OF RE-ENTRY AND THE INSTITUTE OF BEAUTY TO
HOST HAIR BRAIDING CLASS FOR CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED CLIENTS**

The class is for the children of Inspiring New Concepts (INK) program participants.

WHO: Shelby County Office of Re-Entry and the Institute of Beauty
WHAT: Hair braiding class for children of incarcerated clients
WHEN: 10 a.m., Saturday, December 17, 2022
WHERE: Shelby County Office of Re-Entry, 1362 Mississippi Blvd., Memphis, TN,
38106

Shelby County, TN – On Saturday, December 17, 2022, the Shelby County Office of Re-Entry and the Institute of Beauty will host a hair braiding class for the children of the Inspiring New Concepts (INK) program participants. The class will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Re-Entry, located at 1362 Mississippi Blvd. The Institute of Beauty will facilitate the class for up to 20 children of incarcerated clients who participate in the INK program. INK is a U.S. Bureau of Justice grant-funded program that facilitates natural hair, janitorial, barbering, and forklift programs for residents at the Division of Corrections. The goal of the program is to increase the ability to obtain and sustain employment after incarceration and decrease recidivism.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: “I am inspired by the effort many of our incarcerated clients in the Shelby County Division of Corrections have put into getting certified through Inspiring New Concepts. The program ensures individuals have life skills to build a new life after incarceration. However, I know incarceration impacts the whole family. This opportunity by the Shelby County Office of Re-Entry allows impacted youth to learn new skills, share a passion with their parent, and experience a community of support and shared experiences.”



DeAndre Brown, Shelby County Office of Re-Entry Director: “The work of re-entry involves more than the person being released, but also those who surround them. In an effort to motivate the men and women in our programs at the Shelby County Division of Corrections, we are extending this opportunity for their children to learn a trade. We hope that it will encourage the parents and the children to stay on the right track and to dream again.”

Tamika Turner, Owner of the Institute of Beauty and INK Natural Hair Instructor: “I am thankful to be able to share the gift of natural hair training with our Inspiring New Koncepts participants and their children. This will allow the children to feel connected to their parents through a shared experience this holiday season.”

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