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### RID hosts job fair for released offenders



Reginald Reedy speaks with Sharon Albert, department manager for the Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Logistics Division's Offender Work and Training Program. The program aims to help parolees like Reedy find a job once released. Ms. Albert was on-hand at a recent job fair in Tarrant County and was able to provide Mr. Reedy with documentation listing the work experience and licenses he obtained while incarcerated. By having this information and providing it to potential employers, ex-offenders are more likely to be offered employment.

Held in Fort Worth on February 21, the job fair was a collaborative effort by TDCJ's Reentry and Integration Division, the Cornerstone Assistance Network, the Tarrant County Reentry Coalition, and the Reentry First-Stop Center for Tarrant County. More than 80 ex-offenders attended the job fair and 30 received job offers on the spot.