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**Secretary Maynard, His Chief of Staff, and DOC's
Director of Programs and Services To Speak
At Goodwill Industries Panel Discussion
On Re-Entry in Frederick Tonight**

TOWSON, MD (May 18, 2009)---Secretary Gary Maynard, his chief of staff, who's a re-entry expert, and the head of programs and services for the Division of Correction will all be a part of Goodwill's panel discussion on the Second Chance Act and re-entry tonight (Monday) in Frederick. The panel discussion takes place at 7 at the Goodwill center on Church Street.

The federal Second Chance Act provides services to improve reentry planning and implementation, designed to reduce the recidivism rate---the rate at which incarcerated men and women return to prison after their release. Currently, approximately half of Maryland's inmates are back in prison within three years of their release.

DPSCS has many programs in place, and works with many partners, in an effort to help inmates become employable, addiction-free, and able to stay out of prison. Accompanying Secretary Maynard tonight will be Assistant Secretary and Chief of Staff Thomasina Hiers, a re-entry expert and former head of the Maryland Re-Entry Partnership of the Enterprise Foundation; and Paul O'Flaherty, Assistant Commissioner in the Division of Correction in charge of programs and services.

Goodwill, celebrating its 40th anniversary, is committed to "promoting hope, jobs, and future" in the community, and has long been one of DPSCS' best partners in helping released inmates find work and learn skills to keep them from returning to prison.

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