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Goodwill LifeLaunch IGNITE 2.0 FAQs

What is the Goodwill LifeLaunch Ignite 2.0 Program?

The Goodwill® LifeLaunch: Ignite 2.0 Program is made possible with a \$4.5 million young adult reentry partnership grant award from the DOL's Employment and Training Administration, covering 84 percent of operating costs. Our Goodwill is contributing leveraged funding valued at \$720,420 to cover the remaining 16 percent of operational costs.

How can I qualify for the Goodwill LifeLaunch Ignite 2.0 Program?

To be considered for the program, basic qualifying requirements are:

- **18 -24 years old (Verified with State ID or Birth Certificate)**
- **Justice Involvement (can be as a minor or adult)**
- **Resident of Leon, Gadsden, and Leon County**
- **Eligible to work in the U.S. (Social Security Card or application req.)**

What can Ignite do for me? Ignite will work with those who qualify for our program by learning more about them and understanding the barriers and needs. Once enrollment paperwork is completed and assessments are done, active participants will be working to develop and upgrade skills, and enrolled in Workforce Development classes and credentials.

What are Workforce Development classes and credentials? Classes such as Welding, HVAC, Masonry, Plumbing, Commercial Driver's License (CDL- Truck Driving), Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Fork Lift Operator, Logistics and Supply Chain, and many others.

What other services does the Ignite Program offer? Participants in the Ignite Program can also receive help with job services such as interview practice, resume building, and job application assistance.

What if my record is sealed or I have crimes as a juvenile? Official documentation will be required but is easily obtained from the courts – by the defendant who is seeking to enroll in the program. A record being sealed or juvenile crimes does not prevent enrollment in the program.

My crime is expunged, do I qualify? Yes, a copy of the expungement paperwork is required, but does not prevent enrollment in the program.

I have multiple charges and my case(s) is still open. Is that okay? Multiple charges and case status do not affect enrollment eligibility.

I am on probation or in a diversion program with the courts. Can I still be in the Ignite Program? Many of our referrals come from court sanctioned sentencing or diversion programs.



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If you want to enroll in the Ignite Program, we can communicate with probation and diversion about progress and growth in skills development in our program. This will require a Release of Information (ROI) be signed stating the participant consents to information sharing between the courts and Ignite.

I know someone getting out of jail or prison soon. Can they enroll? Many of our participants are recent releases from prison and come to us for help re-entering the community. Ignite 2.0 has many partnerships and works with other organizations to offer the best services and resources to anyone that comes to us.

What if I do not qualify for the program? In addition to the LifeLaunch Ignite 2.0 Program, Goodwill Mission Services has many other programs, partnerships, and resources to assist everyone in the community. Individuals who do not meet our program requirements can be referred to other programs and resources. We will work collaboratively to help transition our referrals not eligible to enroll to the other wonderful programs at Goodwill.

Additionally, the Ignite Program can help with:

- Transitional Work Experience (get trained on the job at Goodwill!)
- rent deposits and rent payments
- utilities assistance
- transportation (bus passes, gas cards to get to job interviews)
- mental health resources and health insurance

Can individuals from the same family be enrolled? Yes! We have brothers, sisters, cousins, and even couples enrolled – as long as they meeting the program requirements individually.

Tell me more about what the Ignite Program is doing! Our Ignite Program at Goodwill Big Bend has 53 participants enrolled and we can have space for more! Many of them are in programs to develop skills and

If you want to know more about the program, text or call 850-491-4460, or come by Goodwill Mission Services @ 300 Mabry St. Monday thru Friday, 8:30 – 4:30.

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