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Kane County Sheriff's Office Entrepreneurship Center Launches Following Transition from a Small Business Development Center

St. Charles, IL — Effective May 21, 2025, the Kane County Sheriff's Office, Honorable William H. Hall Entrepreneurship Center will officially launch as an independent initiative following the conclusion of its designation as a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Satellite. While funding changes prompted the transition, leadership expressed deep gratitude to the Illinois SBDC, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and Waubonsee Community College for their initial support in launching the center's mission to empower justice-involved individuals.

Our time as an SBDC allowed us to lay a strong foundation for serving individuals who are often excluded from traditional entrepreneurship programs. We're proud to continue this work as the Kane County Sheriff's Office, Honorable William H. Hall Entrepreneurship Center, named for a true advocate for second chances.

New Free Cohort Announced to Support Justice-Involved Entrepreneurs

As part of its continued commitment to community reentry and economic empowerment, the Center is excited to announce a free "Start Your Business" cohort program designed specifically for justice-involved individuals living in the community. The cohort will help participants launch, grow, and fund their own businesses through expert-led training, personalized coaching, and connections to resources. Classes will be held virtually and in person. Participants will receive hands-on instruction in business planning, marketing, financial management, and accessing capital.

The program is open to any justice-involved individual residing in Kane County or surrounding areas, including veterans, formerly incarcerated individuals, and those on probation or parole. Enrollment is now open, and space is limited. Those interested in the class or an individual consultation, please contact:

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About the Honorable William H. Hall Entrepreneurship Center

Founded in honor of the late Hon. William H. Hall, a lifelong public servant and champion of marginalized communities, the Center works to ensure that individuals impacted by the criminal legal system have the tools, training, and support they need to build sustainable businesses and reclaim their futures.

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