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# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## APRIL - JUNE 2025

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### WE HAVE ROLLED UP OUR SLEEVES AND GOT HANDS ON FOR SECOND CHANCE AWARENESS MONTH!

In this quarter's issue of **Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges**, the Mobile Area Interfaith Conference (MAIC) highlights the past events from April to June. Our staff was busy working to restore our returning neighbors voting rights at the Annual Expungement Clinic, Voter Restoration Training, and working at Project Homeless Connect 2025.



## ANNUAL ROAD TO REDEMPTION EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

The Mobile Area Interfaith Conference (MAIC), in partnership with Legal Services Alabama and organizations like StandUp Mobile, conducted its annual Road to Redemption Expungement Clinic on April 18th to assist individuals in clearing eligible convictions from their records. Held at the Ben May Public Library in downtown Mobile, this free, community-focused event offered returned citizens one-on-one legal consultations, guidance on expungements and support with restoring voting rights. By helping participants navigate the legal system and remove barriers to employment, housing, and civic engagement, the clinic reflects MAIC's ongoing commitment to justice, dignity, and second chances for those seeking to rebuild their lives.





## MAIC ANNUAL LUNCH AND LEARN 2025



The Mobile Area Interfaith Conference (MAIC) hosted a successful Lunch N' Learn 2025 on April 11th, featuring Attorney Carlos Williams, Executive Director of the Federal Defender, who shared valuable insights with an engaged audience that included many new faces. MAIC extends heartfelt thanks to Attorney Williams for his time and wisdom, to Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar and Government Street Presbyterian Church for providing the venue, and to the dedicated MAIC staff whose hard work made the event possible.

## VOTER REGISTRATION TRAINING

On Thursday, May 1st, the Mobile Area Interfaith Conference (MAIC) staff and its partners participated in a valuable training session focused on Voter Restoration for Returning Neighbors. The training, led by Greater Birmingham Ministries, provided essential instruction on the process of restoring voting rights and reaffirming the dignity of individuals reentering society. MAIC is grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow in its mission to support justice and reintegration—one individual at a time.



## APRIL IS SECOND CHANCE AWARENESS MONTH!

April is Second Chance Awareness Month, a time dedicated to recognizing the importance of providing opportunities for individuals returning to society after incarceration. Launched by Prison Fellowship in 2017, this national observance highlights the more than 70 million Americans with a criminal record and advocates for fair access to employment, housing, education, and civic engagement. The Mobile Area Interfaith Conference (MAIC) is proud to do its part by offering and participating in programs and events—such as expungement clinics, voter restoration training, and educational sessions—that help remove barriers and support successful reentry. Second Chance Month is a powerful reminder that people are more than their past mistakes and deserve the opportunity to rebuild their lives with dignity.

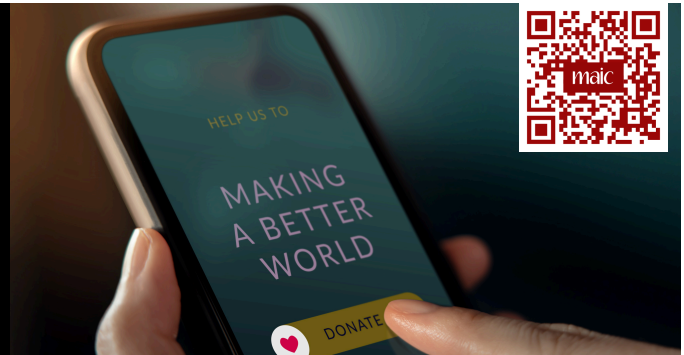
## MAIC PARTICIPATES IN THE PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT 2025



The Mobile Area Interfaith Conference (MAIC) has been actively engaging with the community to expand its outreach and provide essential services to those in need. As part of this ongoing effort, **Case Manager Ms. Calandra Autery** and **Peer Mentor Celine Aubert** recently participated in Project Homeless Connect, a vital event that brings together service providers to assist individuals experiencing homelessness with access to resources and support.

Additionally, MAIC's community presence continued to grow as new team member **Mr. Reginald Tate** joined Ms. Autery at the **DHR Community and Job Resource Fair**. Their participation helped connect returning citizens and other community members with employment opportunities and social services. MAIC remains committed to meeting people where they are and offering hope, support, and pathways to stability.

The Mobile Area Interfaith Conference is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening our community through advocacy, education, and restorative programs. Your donation helps us continue this important work—providing second chances, restoring dignity, and building a more hopeful future for all. **Please make a tax-deductible donation today and be a part of changing lives in our community.**



Know a Returning Neighbor who needs help with housing or employment? Call for an appointment today.



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