Local residents attend 4th annual Re-Entry Conference



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GAINESVILLE, **Fla.** (**WCJB**)-- A conference in Gainesville showed residents how to get back into the workforce. The theme for this year's 4th annual Re-entry Conference was "Building Bridges to Success." The conference was created for people with criminal records or other people who face barriers to reenter the workforce. Guest speakers included entrepreneurs, college advisors, and employers.

"I came from the streets and I made my life harder for myself because of the choices I was currently making," said Jada Maner, the conference keynote speaker and entrepreneur for Flick of the Wrist. "One thing that I shared inside of the seminar is that once you change who you are, God begins to open up doors for you. That's the most important thing to be successful is to change who you are first."

The conference will continue on Thursday, April 18 at the Library Partnership on 912 NE 16th Ave. starting at 10 a.m.