

Addiction in East Tennessee

There *IS* a solution!

YOU are the solution

Addiction Summit

Learn what is being done
and what **YOU** can do
as we all combat this crisis.

Saturday, August 11th

9:00am – 1:00pm

at

First Presbyterian Church

600 W. Main St., Morristown

For more information call:

423-586-4281



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COUNTY MAYOR

*Invite Commissioners
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July 13, 2018

Bill Brittain
Hamblen County Mayor
511 W. 2nd North St
Morristown, TN 37814

Dear Bill,

The Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Morristown would like to invite you to a breakfast on August 10 at 7:30 a.m. at The Country Club, Inc. to learn about the success of a newly developed program designed to transition individuals who have been incarcerated from jail to the workforce.

Our area, as well as our nation, is in the midst of an opioid epidemic which has contributed to our local jail's over-crowded conditions. One of our local agencies, the Helen Ross McNabb Center, is on the forefront of this battle. Through its many programs to address and treat mental illness and substance abuse, they are seeing significant progress, but they need our help. By working together, we can help them expand one of their current programs as well aid in the growth of available workers for our businesses and industries.

Their most recent effort has been a program called "Jail to Work". Through this program, the Center selects applicants who are currently incarcerated in our county jail (initially serving women who are non-violent offenders). Through a partnership with the sheriff's department, the participants are granted early release to live on the Helen Ross McNabb Center's campus and take part in intense therapy and drug addiction treatment while receiving life skills and job skills training. Upon completion of this eight-week program, the women are gainfully employed and embarking on a new life.

We need your involvement! The Center is seeking additional housing as well as the support of employers to enable more individuals to participate. We have this opportunity to come together as a business community to grow this relatively new program (that the State of Tennessee is monitoring in anticipation of emulating). We ask you to join us for breakfast to hear a brief presentation about this program and to discuss future action. Please call the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce, 423-586-6382 and confirm your attendance.

Sincerely,

Chris Horn, Chairman of the Board
Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce

R. Jack Fishman, Chairman
Industrial Development Board of the City of Morristown

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