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(Springfield, IL) -- The Illinois Department of Corrections is hosting the Summit of Hope in Aurora on Tuesday, September 15th. It's a one-stop environment where parolees and probationers can get assistance to move past barriers that may prevent them from leading a successful life. They'll be able to meet with local employers, get a driver's license, and have a health screening.

Those who attend this Summit will have an opportunity to sign up for an apprenticeship program with Painters District Council 30, where they'll be trained as painters, drywall finishers, decorators, and glaziers.

The Summit of Hope is a program designed to meet the critical needs of those who have recently been released back into the community. These men and women are working to become productive members of society and the services available to them at the Summit are often the difference between success and failure. The objective of the Summit is to reduce the recidivism rate by giving parolees and probationers the "Hope" they need to live a life free of crime. A crime-free life for ex-offenders translates into safer communities for everyone.

More than 900 parolees have been invited to attend this event, which is being held at 1905 Sequoia Drive.

MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: The Summit of Hope, an expo organized and run by the Illinois Department of Corrections

WHEN: Tuesday, September 15th, 2015

TIME: 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. Media should arrive at 9:30am.

WHERE: Painter's District Council 30, 1905 Sequoia Drive, Aurora, IL 60506

WHO WILL PARTICPATE: State Representative Linda Chapa LaVia, Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Employment Security, Painters District Council 30, Business and Career Services, Chicago Region of Narcotics Anonymous, New Life Transitions, Prairie State Legal Services, Mary Kay Cosmetics, and Cisco.

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