

## The Second Chance Summit

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley joined forces with SCDC Director Bryan Stirling, the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (SCDEW) Executive Director Cheryl Stanton, and the S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services Director Jerry Adger in hosting the Second Chance Summit on Monday, October 24, 2016 at the SCDEW Auditorium in Columbia.

The governor and agency directors discussed their partnership to help ex-offenders return to society with gainful employment once they are released and to provide another good source of capable workers for the state's employers.

The Second Chance Summit was held to help shed light on the work done by the agencies to help educate, train and employ ex-offenders while showing the some 25 employers in attendance today, and others throughout South Carolina, the benefits of hiring returning citizens as they re-enter the workforce. A video highlighting the education and training of SCDC inmates while they are incarcerated was shown and examples of the work of vocational student inmates and Division of Industry inmate workers were on display. Some employer testimonials were also presented.

Directors Stirling, Stanton, and Adger joined Governor Haley in talking specifically about the training inmate men and women receive and the virtues of hiring those about to be released.

Here are some photos from the event:





