

With over 15 years of dedicated volunteer service, Dez Jones is a passionate advocate for individuals transitioning from prison to society. Dez's commitment is deeply personal, stemming from his own experiences with the criminal justice system as a teenager.

Dez plays a pivotal role within the organization, assisting in coordinating employment services and facilitating life skills workshops. Through these efforts, Dez helps individuals secure meaningful employment and develop essential life skills to ensure successful reintegration into the community.

Dez's expertise is backed by a solid educational foundation and extensive training. He holds an A.A. in Psychology and has completed the Beck Initiative Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy program. In 2023, Dez graduated from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) University Leadership Program. He currently serves as Quality Improvement Manager for DBHDD where he has been employed for over 13 years.

His dedication and contributions have been recognized through several notable accolades. He is a proud recipient of a full pardon granted by the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles and has been honored with the Certificate of Special County Government Recognition by the Russell County Commission in both 2009 and 2015. He is an active member of the Russell County Emergency Management Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Dez is also an esteemed member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama and the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine, reflecting his commitment to community service and personal development.

Dez's journey and achievements are a testament to his resilience and unwavering commitment to helping others overcome obstacles and build better futures.

*"Be the Light that helps others see".*