



# Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable Newsletter

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## Greetings!

The Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable connects reentry stakeholders in our community to one another in order to promote systems-level change that increases public safety through successful reentry and reintegration of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated persons. We accomplish our mission through facilitation, education, and advocacy, but we can't do it without your help. Please take a few minutes to learn about the exciting initiatives currently happening and how you can get involved.

## Facilitate: Dialogue with the Community

The successful reintegration of former offenders requires the participation of the whole community from family members and neighbors to employers, landlords, and victims of crime. The A/TCRRT will host a community-wide forum on reentry to encourage dialogue and highlight the work we've done in the last year. More information about the event is located in the sidebar to your right.

## Educate: Seminars and FAQ on EBP

There's been a lot of talk lately about using evidence-based practices (EBP) in the field of criminal justice. [To help you learn about the benefits of EBP](#), the EBP Committee, in conjunction with Travis County Criminal Justice Planning and the University of Texas School of Social Work, will host two trainings on the subject. Mark your calendars for January 14 and March 18. At the trainings, local experts will review some of the evidence-based practices already in common use such as Motivational Interviewing and Stages of Change, while also explaining the general principles of EBP.

The EBP Committee also has collaborated with the UT School of Social Work to produce an FAQ on Evidence-Based Practices, so keep your eye out for it. The FAQ should be available on the A/TCRRT website soon.

## Advocate: Policy Reform in the 82nd Legislature

A new legislature will begin on January 11, 2011. The Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable is a resource for those of you wanting to stay on top of bills related to reentry. We will also work to educate our representatives about reentry. If you would like to receive updates on reentry legislation and opportunities to get involved, please send an e-mail to [emilyrrt@gmail.com](mailto:emilyrrt@gmail.com).

The Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable wants, needs, and IS you! Find out more about how you can [get involved](#).

Sincerely,

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Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable

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## Community Forum

Join the Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable at our annual community forum where we will gather reentry stakeholders to learn about the local effort to implement collaborative, community-wide strategies for the effective reintegration of formerly incarcerated persons. The forum will be held on Tuesday, February 22, from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Austin Energy Building, located at 721 Barton Springs Rd.

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