



Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable Newsletter

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Greetings!

In the new year, the Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable has many ways for you to get involved in promoting better reentry in our community. Our members have been hard at work facilitating improvements to reentry support systems, educating the community on reentry, and advocating for system-wide change to improve reentry. I hope you will join us, and have a Happy New Year!

Ethics in Helping Relationships

The Evidence-Based Practices Committee invites you to attend a training, "Ethics in Helping Relationships." This training will give service providers in the reentry field, both professionals and volunteers, tools to understand the role that maintaining good boundaries plays in ethical helping relationships. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

African American Family Support Conference

The Support Systems Committee is pleased to announce that it was selected to sponsor a panel at the [Central Texas African American Family Support Conference](#) on February 16, at 10:00 a.m. The panel discussion will focus on ways in which families and communities can support the full reintegration of people with criminal histories, with an emphasis on the needs of people with mental health and substance abuse disorders. Consumers and family members can attend the conference for free. To register, click [here](#).

Policy Reform Participates in Sunset Review

The Policy Reform Committee is in the process of drafting input for the [sunset reviews](#) of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Windham School District, the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee. In addition to developing its own recommendations and completing a questionnaire provided by the Sunset Advisory Commission, the Policy Reform Committee has reached out to other concerned organizations to discover ways in which collaboration can be achieved.

Update on the 100 Homes Campaign

ECHO successfully launched its 100 Homes Campaign in early November with a survey to locate Travis County's most vulnerable homeless individuals. Not surprisingly, the survey results demonstrated the existence of a large overlap between reentry and homelessness. Of the 289 surveys completed, 83% reported having been to jail previously. The next step in this project, is to locate permanent housing options for the 100 most vulnerable individuals identified through the survey. For more information about the campaign, visit the [100 Homes Campaign website](#).

Launching a New Website

The Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable has launched a new website that will provide you with updates on our initiatives, resource information, and ways to get involved with the A/TCRRT. To visit the new site, click [here](#).

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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Save the Dates!

Evidence Based Practice Committee

Date: Friday, Jan. 6
Time: 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Support Systems Committee

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 17
Time: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Policy Reform Committee

Date: Monday, Jan. 23
Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.