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Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable Newsletter

August 2018

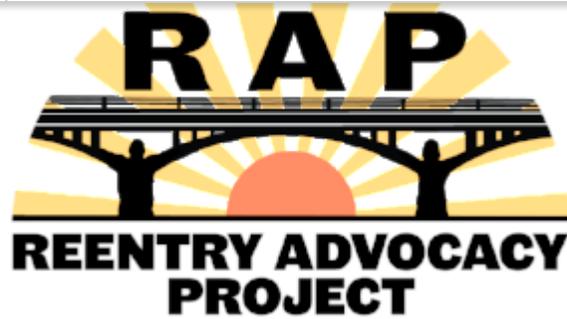
Roundtable News

August Planning Council Meeting

When: Monday, August 13, from 12:30-1 p.m.

Where: [4920 I-35, Austin, TX78751](#) Conference Room - Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid

Please join us for an update and discussion on the Roundtable's Strategic Plan Goal #1 focusing on *engaging the community to better understand the impacts of incarceration and successful reentry on Travis County.*

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Are you or is someone you are close to directly impacted by the criminal justice system? If so, please join the [Reentry Advocacy Project \(RAP\)](#) for a monthly conversation with other folks with lived experience with incarceration and reentry. RAP meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Mt Zion Baptist Church Zion Action Recovery Center at [2951 E 14th St.](#) from 6–7:30 p.m. with pizza and informal networking starting at 5:30 p.m.

RAP engages formerly incarcerated men and women to advocate for the development and implementation of policies and practices that directly and positively impact the reentry population and their families, as well as provide guidance to the Roundtable. RAP is a place where you can get support and advice to address reentry challenges and barriers.

You can stay up-to-date with RAP meeting times and other events by following them on [Facebook](#).

Roundtable Seeks Community Engagement



Are you engaged with reentry efforts in Pflugerville, Del Valle, Manor, or Northwest Travis County?

If so, we'd love to chat with you about the work you do for our community. Please contact [Advocacy Fellow Tray Frazier](#) at (512)361-8858 or feel free to email me at austinreentryroundtablefellow@gmail.com to schedule a time to connect.

Roundtable Co-Hosts the 2018 Texas Disability Issues Forum

The Texas Disability Issues Forum (TDIF) brings together members of the Texas disability community, major candidates for statewide office, and disability advocates to discuss current issues affecting the Texas disability community.

The Forum will give voters a chance to hear candidates' positions on disability issues before the November midterm elections. The Forum moderator (provided by media partner, The Texas Tribune) will lead a series of one-on-one candidate interviews. Each candidate will have roughly 30

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When: [August 27, 2018, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm](#). Lunch provided!

Where: UT McCombs School of Business, Robert B. Rowling Hall, 300 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Austin, TX 78701 [[view map](#)]. Robert B. Rowling Hall is the newest building at UT Austin McCombs School of Business. It is adjacent to the AT&T Center. Park in the lots designated for Rowling Hall and enter the building. The Forum will take place in the Zlotnik Family Ballroom on the basement level.

For more details, click [here](#).

Local Events

Central Health Job Fair

Austin Public Health's Health Equity Unit and Central Health Southeast Wellness Center will host a job fair on Thursday, August 2nd at [2901 Montopolis Drive Austin, TX 78741](#).

Meet with recruiters from over forty businesses like Spectrum, Goodwill, CommUnityCare Health Centers, Central Texas Food Bank, and more. Don't miss this opportunity to bring employment opportunities to people facing barriers such as criminal records, limited English fluency and/or disabilities. Interpreters will be available for Spanish speakers.

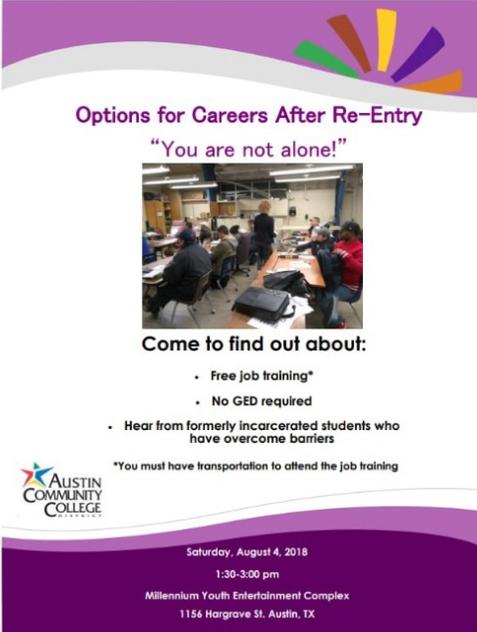
For more information, call (512) 972-5173 or visit the [Facebook event page](#).

ACC Building Bridges Town Hall: Options for Careers After Reentry

ACC would like to invite you to participate in an upcoming Town Hall meeting entitled "Options for Careers After Re-Entry" at the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex ([1156 Hargrave St.](#))

A panel of speakers will discuss resources available to individuals who have come in contact with the criminal justice system. In addition, ACC student leaders will be on hand to share their stories on overcoming barriers related to accessing higher education after incarceration, and how to still be successful on the path to a better future.

This free event will be held at Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex, [1156 Hargrave](#) on Saturday, August 4, 2018 from 1:30 - 3 p.m.



Options for Careers After Re-Entry
"You are not alone!"

Come to find out about:

- Free job training*
- No GED required
- Hear from formerly incarcerated students who have overcome barriers

*You must have transportation to attend the job training

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Saturday, August 4, 2018
1:30-3:00 pm
Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex
1156 Hargrave St. Austin, TX

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Edelen, Community Engagement Director, at
(512) 223-7672 or edelen@austincc.edu.

BRAVE Communities' Panel Discussion on Criminal Justice Reform

BRAVE Communities invites you to attend a panel discussion on Tuesday, August 14th on criminal justice reform and the reentry process. Come hear firsthand experiences and insights into the criminal justice system from the following panelists:

- **Lewis Conway**, Criminal Justice Organizer with Grassroots Leadership and Texas Advocates for Justice (TAJ). Conway recently made history in declaring his candidacy for a City Council seat.
- **Katie Ford**, Executive Director of Truth Be Told.
- **Darwin Hamilton**, an active community leader, speaker, and author. Serves on Grassroots Leadership's board and Reentry Advocacy Project.
- Stevie Hernandez, Co-Founder of Crack Open the Door
- **Lauren Johnson**, Criminal Justice Outreach Coordinator at ACLU. Active with Grassroots Leadership & Texas Observer

Attendance is free. RSVP and learn more about this event by clicking [here](#).

City of Austin Fair Chance Hiring Information Sessions

[The City of Austin](#) will be hosting a series of Fair Chance Hiring Information Sessions. Each session will be led by City of Austin staff, a panel of experts, and persons with lived experience in the criminal justice system. Join them on:

- August 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Asian American Resource Center
- August 28 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Conley Guerrero

These trainings are free and open to the public. The goal is to educate community members (and employers) about fair chance hiring and their rights under this city ordinance. There will be an opportunity for Q&A and information on how to file complaints if people think that their Fair Change Hiring rights have been violated.

Educational Resources & Opportunities

Webinar Opportunity: Addressing Barriers to Licensing for People Who Have Criminal Records

Learn about barriers to occupational licensing faced by people who have lived experience in the criminal justice system by registering for the upcoming webinar on Thursday, August 9th from 2-3pm ET.

Finding and maintaining employment is a critical aspect of preventing recidivism among people

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will discuss some of the barriers to occupational licensing that people who have criminal records face. Presenters will share best practices and policy options for policymakers to help address these barriers.

Panelists will include:

- Chidi Umez, Project Manager, The CSG Justice Center
- Beth Avery, Staff Attorney, National Employment Law Project
- Lee McGrath, Senior Legislative Counsel, Institute for Justice

This webinar is part of Occupational Licensing: Assessing State Policy and Practice, a project of the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices, and The Council of State Governments.

[Register for Webinar](#)

Leading with Conviction: Fellowship Application Now Open

[Leading with Conviction](#) (LwC) is an advanced leadership training specifically tailored for formerly incarcerated (anyone who has been incarcerated or under supervision in the criminal or juvenile justice systems), mid-senior level leaders with a specific and proven track record in advocacy, activism and community organizing.

LwC is a cohort based, 12-month opportunity for leaders from around the country. LwC takes place both in-person and remotely through four in-person forums (held in New York City, NY), six webinars, executive coaching, peer coaching, and regular digital communication. LwC trainings benefit leaders by introducing them to the people and practices closely linked to successful community and regional criminal justice advocacy efforts, enabling them to take on greater challenges and to generate quantifiable impact in their work. JLUSA Fellows maintain full time jobs while successfully completing the JLUSA LwC training.

For additional information, including eligibility and admission criteria, [click here](#).

Recently Released SAMHSA Report: Screening and Assessment of Co-Occurring Disorders in the Justice System

The Screening and Assessment report from SAMHSA offers evidence-based practices for the screening and diagnosis of individuals with co-occurring disorders who come in contact with the justice system. Download the FREE resource: <https://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content//SMA15-4930/SMA15-4930.pdf>

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