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Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable Newsletter

October 2018

Roundtable News

Planning Council Elects 2018-19 Leadership Team

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the Roundtable Executive Committee for 2018-2019! At the September meeting, the Planning Council elected the following officers:



Reggie Smith

Texas Criminal Justice Coalition
Chair



Michelle Collins

Integral Care
Vice Chair

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Helen Gaebler
UT School of Law
Immediate Past Chair



Karen Keith
Community Representative
RAP Representative

We are thankful to Helen Gaebler, Kenneth Thompson, Reggie Smith, Sarah Worthington, and Karen Keith for their dedicated service over the past year on the Roundtable Executive Committee.

October Planning Council Meeting

Please join us for our October Planning Council Meeting. We'll be talking about the recent ACC Employment meeting, providing an update on community engagement efforts, and discussing the future of RAP and Reentry Peer Support.

When: Monday, October 8, 2018 from 12:30-2 p.m.

Where: ECHO, 2nd Floor [300 E Highland Mall Blvd, Austin, TX 78752](#)

2017-18 Reentry Roundtable Annual Report Released

The Roundtable proudly announces the release of the 2017-18 Annual Report. The report highlights the accomplishments of the Roundtable in the last year. Please take a moment to read about all we achieved!

[Read the Report](#)

Reentry Advocacy Project

Who: 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

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What: A project of the Roundtable, 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.

When: RAP meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 6–7:30 p.m. with pizza and informal networking starting at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Mt. Zion Baptist Church Zion Action Recovery Center at [2951 E 14th St.](#)

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

Local News & Resources

Past Roundtable Advocacy Fellow Lauren Johnson & Annette Price Quoted in *Austin Chronicle* Article

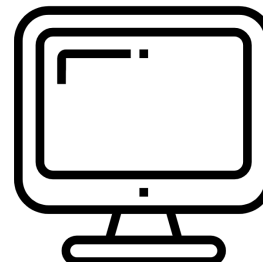


Don't miss Lindsay Stafford Mader's article "A New Jail for Travis County?" in the September 7th edition of the *Austin Chronicle*. Past Roundtable Fellows Annette Price and Lauren Johnson are both quoted in the article as it explores the rising incarceration rate of women and plans to build a new women's facility in Travis County. Read the full article by [clicking here](#).

Goodwill Digital Literacy Training

Goodwill of Central Texas offers digital literacy classes **every Monday from 10am-12pm** at the **Goodwill Community Center Computer Lab**.

Come learn computer basics from turning on a computer and using the equipment to essential navigation and programs. This training will help you with Microsoft Office Suite programs like Outlook, Word, and Powerpoint as well as G-Suite training on Google Drive, Docs, Gmail, and more.



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Department of Criminal Justice



The Texas Department of Criminal Justice Reentry and Integration Division recently released its biennial report highlighting its accomplishments since September 2016, including collaborative partnerships, reentry initiatives, pre- and post-release reentry programs, grant opportunities, and more.

Click on the button below to view or download the full report.

[Read the Report](#)

Website for Work Initiatives

The TDCJ Reentry and Integration Division's [Website for Work](#) initiative is a groundbreaking program connecting persons with lived experience in the criminal justice system with employers in need of a skilled worker based on education, vocational training, certifications, and work experience.

CAREER FIELDS

AGRICULTURE	CLERICAL	ELECTRICIAN	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	MECHANIC
AUTO REPAIR	COMMERCIAL DRIVER	FOOD SERVICE	LANDSCAPING	METALWORKING
BARBER/COSMETOLOGY	CONSTRUCTION	FORKLIFT OPERATOR	MACHINE OPERATOR	PAINTING
BRAILLE	CUSTODIAN	GEOGRAPHIC INFO SYSTEMS	MANUFACTURING	PEST CONTROL
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	CUSTOMER SERVICE	GRAPHIC ARTS	MEATPACKING	PHYSICAL THERAPY
CARPENTER	DRAFTING	HVAC	MACHINE REPAIR	PLUMBER

TDCJ has full-time staff working hard to match employers with parolees that have the skills and experience they are looking for. So far, 135 employers have hired 561 people from the website.

Upcoming Events

Re-Imagine + Re-Invest: Re-Entry of Those Impacted by the Justice System

When: Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: Givens District Park

What: Employment opportunities, Reentry assistance, educational resources.

For more information, contact the Office of Council Member Ora Houston: 512-978-2101

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The Texas Re-Entry Advisory Council is hosting the Annual Vision Summit: Looking Toward the Future of Re-Entry. Workshop presenters will share their ideas, perspectives and experiences on re-entry from the criminal justice system. In the past, The Vision Summit had over 200 participants and it was an overwhelming success!

When: November 1-2, 2018

Where: Bryan, Texas

RSVP: \$99, [Click here to register](#)

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