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Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable Newsletter

January 2019

Roundtable News

January Planning Council Meeting

Please join us for the first Planning Council Meeting of the year!

When: Monday, January 14, 2019 from 12:30-2 p.m.

Where: Goodwill Community Center

[1015 Norwood Park Boulevard](#)

[Austin, Texas 78753](#)

Developing Talent Pipelines Convenings

This year the Roundtable was pleased to engage in the Developing Talent Pipelines convenings with Austin Community College. We're grateful for everyone's engagement and proud of the progress we've made together.



Please [click here to view/download](#) a draft report summarizing the background and draft goals defined in the process so far.

Reentry Roundtable Will Participate in Amplify Austin 2019



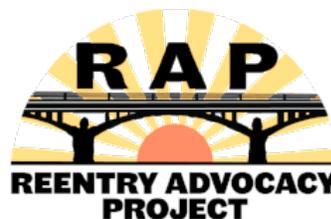
We are SO excited to announce that Reentry Roundtable will participate in [Amplify Austin](#) for the first time this year!

Amplify Austin Day is our city's annual day of giving. The 24-hour period provides an easy and fun way for our entire community to give together while helping local nonprofits. In 2018, the Austin community raised \$10.3M for 700 Central Texas nonprofits on Amplify Austin Day.

Please stay tuned for more updates on donating to Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable on Amplify Austin Day 2019, which will be **February 28 - March 1, 2019**.

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 with other folks with lived experience with incarceration and reentry.



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 generally 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. ****Please note: the first meeting of 2019 will be held on Wednesday, January 9th. ****

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](#).

News & Events

Central Texas African American Family Support Conference



The 19th Annual [Central Texas African American Family Support Conference](#) is February 26th and 27th at the **Palmer Events Center**.

It features interactive workshops and inspirational speakers exploring how mental health, drug and alcohol use and intellectual and developmental disabilities impact children and families, education, faith, race, criminal justice, trauma and more.

Be part of a conference that brings our community together to reduce stigma, confront bias and move towards a healthier future.

The Central Texas African American Family Support Conference offers financial assistance for conference fees, lodging and accommodations for participants who would not be able to attend otherwise. [Click here to learn more.](#)

[Register Now](#)

Mental Health First Aid Training

If someone stopped breathing or showed signs of having a heart attack, most people would call 911 or administer CPR. But many of us don't know how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health issue.

[Mental Health First Aid](#) (MHFA) is a nationally-recognized training that teaches people how to help someone who might be showing signs of a mental health issue. [Click here](#) to watch the video Integral Care launched to raise awareness about Mental Health First Aid.



Anyone can learn the signs of a mental health issue or mental health crisis. Anyone can get the tools to provide support. Anyone can make a difference in someone's life.

[Register today](#) for this free, 1-day class.

County Weighs Its Jail Diversion Strategies

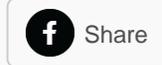
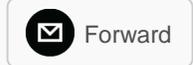
From [Austin Monitor](#)

"The county is approaching criminal justice from several new angles, including the recent decision to create a Travis County public defender office to improve indigent defense and the ongoing discussion of a merger between the County Attorney and District Attorney offices that would de-emphasize misdemeanors and streamline criminal defense.

The court also discussed the possible construction of a new women's facility in Del Valle last week that would better serve the needs of female prisoners. In addition to these efforts, the

county is invested in diverting individuals with specific needs away from jail and toward appropriate resources and facilities."

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