Greetings!

As we are now in full swing of 2013 and everything that it has to offer, we'd like to share the latest reentry news at the local, state, and national levels as well as the primary initiatives our committees are undertaking. Additionally, below you'll find important updates on the current legislative session.

**UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

During this 83rd Legislative Session, the ATC&R Policy Reform Agenda has partnered with the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, the Texas Public Policy Foundation, ACLU, and many other organizations promoting progressive reentry legislation. Texas is a little over halfway through the current legislative session and the deadline for all bills was March 10th. More than 160 “smart-on-crime” bills were filed and will be considered by our legislators in the coming weeks. The Confineement and Reentry bills filed can be reviewed [here](#). The legislative session officially ends on Monday, May 27th. Check our [website](#) for more updates as the session continues.

**Texas Criminal Justice Coalition: Texas County Resources**

To show the impact that criminal and juvenile justice-related bills have on each county, TCJC is developing county-specific data sheets on system-involved youth and adult populations. Juvenile data sheets offer an overview of each county’s youth population, local community-based programming options that serve as alternatives to secure detention, and information about each county’s pre-adjudication or post-adjudication facility. Adult data sheets offer information on pretrial, defense, probation, incarceration, parole, and re-release phases of system involvement, with associated costs. To see Travis County’s Adult Criminal Justice Data Sheet, click [here](#).

**Child Support Review Process**

The Child Support Review Process (CSRIP) is a service provided by the Attorney General’s office to review legal issues on your child support case without going to court. The program also helps offenders a new stress-free environment to address back child support payment obligations, violation privileges, and other parent-child issues. For further information and details on CSRIP, click [here](#).

**Camp Good News: Together We Can Make a Difference**

The ATC&R, Seedling Foundation, and many reentry partners have joined hands to identify, recruit, and prepare children to attend Camp Good News—a free, one-week summer camp for children ages 10-19 who have an incarcerated parent. The Camp, sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, provides a rich and fun-filled camping experience in a supportive environment. Caring and well-trained counselors model godly behavior while fostering healthy relationships and equip children with tools that they need to explore the blessings and worries of sex. Two pre-camp events are scheduled to give the kids an opportunity to meet each other and prepare them for the fun ahead. We still have "MV" spots open so contact the ATC&R right away if you have a child in mind that would like to attend. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Sheriff Hamilton Hosts National Conference**

Travis County Sheriff’s Office (TCSD) is proud to announce they will be hosting the 2013 Vision Summit, Looking Toward the Future of Reentry on September 10-11, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Doubletree in Austin. Texas. There will be two and a half days filled with workshops and training that target topics of reentry, e.g., supervision, education, facilities, mental health issues, substance abuse, employment, veterans, youth, and family reunification. Nationally recognized leaders in the field of reentry will give insight into what communities can do to participate in the solution to successful reentry and reintegration. See the [date](#).

**April 2013 Report: Highlights Learned by Law Enforcement Agencies in Establishing a Successful Prisoner Reentry Program**

The Council of State Government Justice Center (CSG Justice Center) has released a new report, Law Enforcement Agencies in Establishing a Successful Prisoner Reentry Program. Created with support from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), the report highlights how four law enforcement agencies engaged in local-level reentry partnerships in order to reduce crime and increase public safety in their jurisdictions. These “four learning sites” featured in the report applied strategies outlined in the Planning and Assessing a Law Enforcement Reentry Strategy Toolkit released by the CSG Justice Center and the COPS office in 2009, which focuses on ten key elements of creating a local reentry initiative. For more information, click [here](#).

**ATC&R UPDATES**

One of Our Own: If you want confirmation on why you care about reentry and are an appreciated partner of the ATC&R, then [read this article](#) written by Jorge Ronaud from the Ward 8H issue of the Statesman. Jorge is a member of the ATC&R Planning Council and one of the original members of our KOF/Edwards Reentry Coalition (KOCR). In addition to participating in multiple local reentry activities, he is currently taking the lead in getting members from the KOCR to team up, prepare, and testify on bills that promote successful reentry.

**Housing Focus Area:** Under the leadership of Deva Gay and ATC&R’s partnership with ED-O, great accomplishments are being made to tear down housing barriers. This is the latest housing update for February 10-March 10, 2013. All other monthly housing updates can be found [here](#).

As you can see, 2013 promises to be a busy and interesting year. The Travis County Reentry Roundtable wants, needs, and is welcoming new members. Find out more about how you can [get involved](#).