

TCRC
Tarrant County Reentry Coalition

**Where We've Been &
Where We're Going**

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**Cornerstone Assistance Network
Ft. Worth, Texas**

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“One-third will always go back.

One-third will never go back.

One-third are ‘teetering’.

**Let’s help those that are
teetering to never go back.”**

--Mike Doyle

History

**Tarrant County Reentry
“Council”**

-- then --

**North Texas Reentry
Coalition**

**(primarily FBO's that came out of original
group)**

How TCRC Got Started

Contract from Tarrant County to Cornerstone (2012)

- **“Make Reentry Better in Tarrant County”**
- **Build a Reentry Resource Directory & Website**

How TCRC Got Started

- ***www.tcreentry.org launched in August 2012 (first version)***
- ***Very good reception by Tarrant County Commissioners Court***
- ***Tarrant County Reentry "Coalition" (not "Council")***

How TCRC Got Started

- **CAN hired Phyllis Norwood as “Resource Administrator”**
- **Spent late 2012 & early 2013 getting reentry service providers to document their organizations & services in the Directory**

How TCRC Formed

- **Cornerstone received a second contract for 2013 in late 2012**
- **Formed TCRC Steering Committee**
- **Began TCRC monthly meetings in February 2013, with official launch of the website, directory & group**

Steering Committee Today

- **Mike Doyle, CAN**
- **Roger Hollar, Mercy Heart**
- **Debby Krattke, Workforce**
- **Steve Gordon, SRG**
- **Looking to expand this group, if anyone is interested**

What We Have Done

- **Created a large website, with many dimensions & resources**
- **Created a Web-based resource directory, with 15 categories of reentry & felon-friendly services**
- **Facilitated 6 monthly county-wide coalition meetings to date**

What We Have Done

- **Created monthly TCRC email newsletter**
- **Hosted special speakers each month**
- **Surveyed TCRC participants: 5 strategic questions to gather perspectives & ideas on direction of TCRC; compiled results & reviewed them with Steering Committee**

What We Have Done

- **CAN hired Steve Gordon of Strategic Reentry Group to consult with CAN & TCRC on strategic direction**
- **Conducted “Tarrant County Reentry Continuum Workshop” to identify key services, service providers & gaps in service**
- **Developed draft of *Tarrant County Prisoner Reentry Strategic Plan*, being reviewed by the Steering Committee**

What We're Working on Now

- **Refining contents of website**
- **Working with *Meet The Need* to implement new, enhanced version of Directory System**
- **As a result, requested changes & upgrades to the Directory & its contents are on hold until new version is in place**

What We're Working on Now

- **Adding information about “Juvenile Reentry”**
- **Adding information about “Anti-Human-Trafficking Resources”**

What We Need to Do

- **Strengthen & utilize Steering Committee (2-3 more members?)**
- **Prepare report to Tarrant County Commissioners Court/Les Smith:
*How Reentry is Getting Better in Tarrant County***
- **Finalize the *Tarrant County Prisoner Reentry Strategic Plan***

What We Need to Do

- **Ultimately, facilitate the implementation of a collaborative “system” of prisoner reentry, county-wide, that addresses a broad spectrum of needs in effective ways and is maintained year after year**

What We Would Like to Do

- **Host the annual Texas Reentry Coalition meeting in Ft. Worth**
- **Conduct an annual Tarrant County Reentry Conference**
- **Show some educational reentry films**
- **Sponsor the “Tarrant County Reentry Champion of the Year” Award**
- **Become the Best Reentry County in America!**

Proposed Strategic Goals

- **Define recidivism in Tarrant County**
- **Define the strategy for reducing it**
- **Define the method(s) for measurement**
- **Measure to assess success, on a regular (annual?) basis**
- **Create the happy outcome of “a seamless transition” for as many returning citizens in Tarrant County as possible!**

***What are the action steps
needed to accomplish the
above goals? Committees?
Teams? Volunteers?
Another planning session?***

**At your table, there is a “strategic
question” on a piece of paper**

**Take the next 10 minutes &
try to answer it as a group**