

The Reentry First- Stop Center for Tarrant County

***A Presentation to the
Tarrant County CSCD
2016 Annual Meeting***

Thursday, July 21, 2016

About Me

- ***President of***

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Strategic Reentry Group

- ***www.StrategicReentryGroup.com***

- ***Vision = Mission = Passion =***

“REENTRY. SOLVED.”

- ***Project Manager at the First-Stop Center***

My Inspiration

***“The road from poverty
is education and
entrepreneurialism.”***

***Booker T.
Washington***





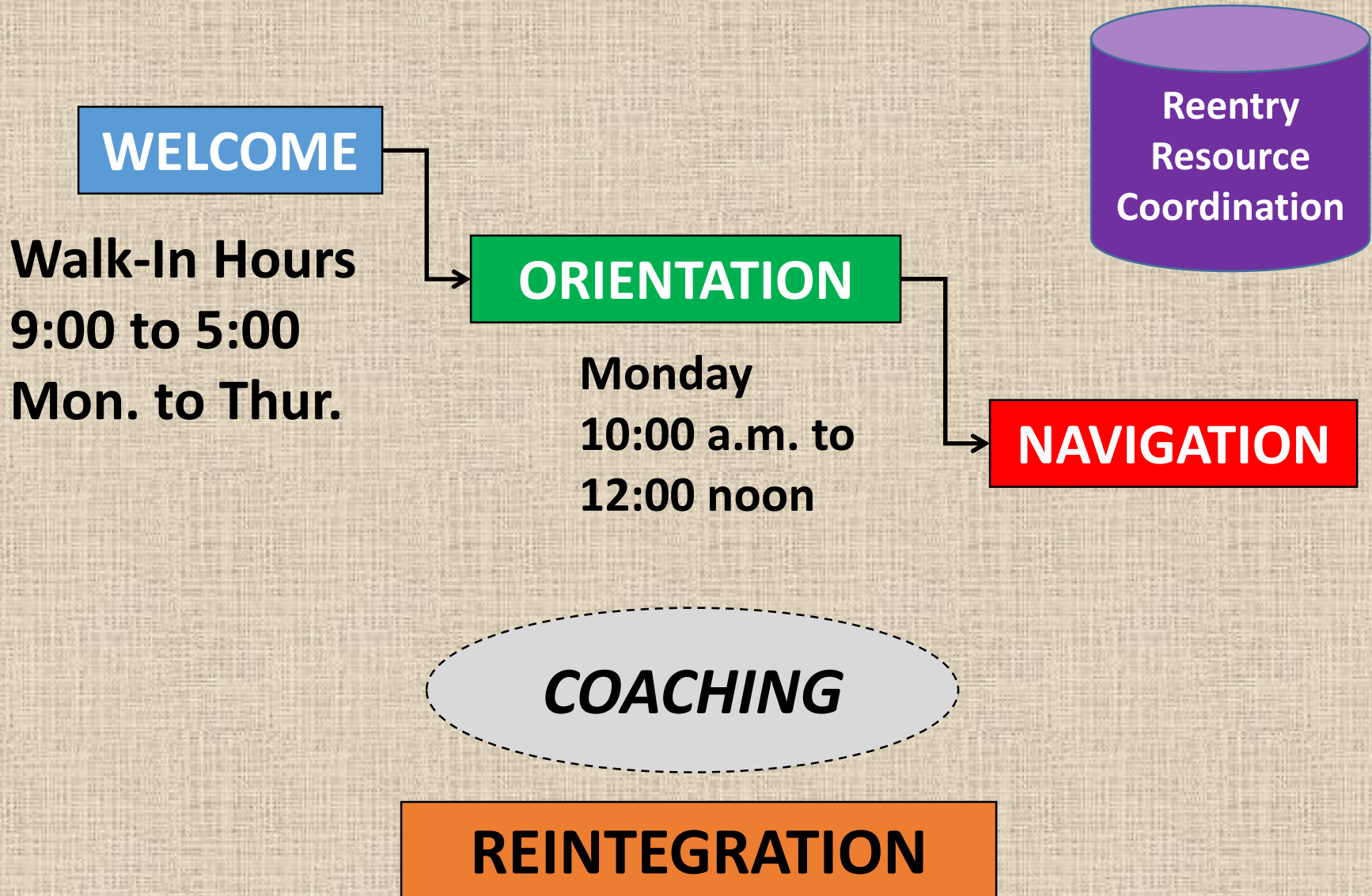
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We're New!

- ***1-Year Anniversary was July 6***
- ***600 served with post-release services!***
- ***History of TCRRD: "Resources"***
- ***History of TCRC: "Coalition"***
- ***History of First-Stop Center***

What We Do



How We Are Different

- **Local Community-Sponsored**
- **Resource-Centered**
- **Client-Driven, Self-Paced**
- **Strengths-Based**
- **Not “Job” Centered, but “Whole Life”**
- **Personalized, Individualized**
- **Problem-Solving Approach to Reentry**

2016 Services Menu

POST-RELEASE SERVICES

- Welcome Center
- Resource Center
- Referral Center
- Orientation Class
- Navigation (Counseling & Planning) Sessions

SOCIAL SERVICES

- Help with ID's
- Housing Resources
- DPS Indigent Form (TX-DL)
- Transportation Options
- SNAP (Food Stamps) Enrollment on-site
- Funding Assistance
- Women's Resource Guide
- Tarrant County Reentry Resource Directory

EMPLOYMENT & CAREER SERVICES

- Counseling, Planning & Self-Employment Coaching
- Standard Job Application Form, I-9 & Employability Letter Assistance
- Résumé Critique; Computers for Research, Word Processing & Printing
- "NEXT LEVEL WORKER" Program, with preferred employers
- Second Chance Employment Toolkit website
- Direct job leads for all levels and categories of workers, county-wide
- Computer Lab with Internet access, templates, and much more

FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Free Tax Return Prep Service (w/ VITA)
- Notary on-site
- Copies, flyers, business cards

LIFE-SKILLS

- Basic Life-Skills Class
- Reentry Life-Skills Academy Website
- Co-Active Coaching

SOCIAL SUPPORT

- Referrals
- Church Network
- Mentoring Program Partners
- Support Groups



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

- 18 or older
- Reside in Tarrant County
- Felony Conviction(s)

- Parole
- Probation
- Long-Timers
- Short-Timers

Our "Funnel"

THE REENTRY WELCOME CENTER

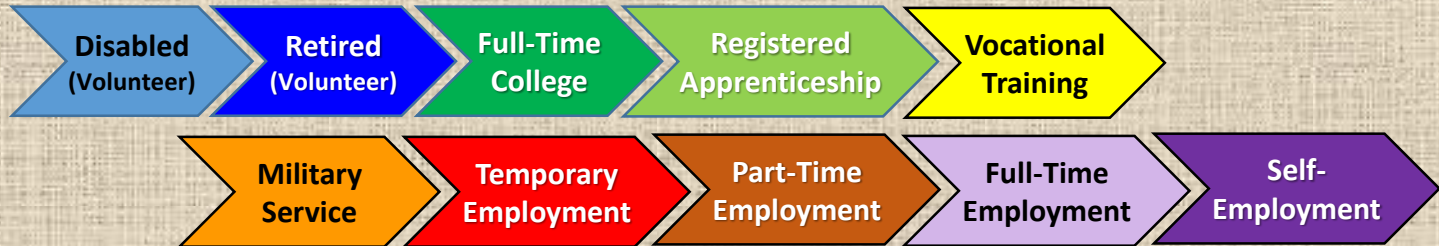
The First-Stop Center Process

ORIENTATION

NAVIGATION

COACHING

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Primary Outputs



Follow-Up Team:

Informal Follow-Up

Formal Follow-Up

Long-Term Results (Outcomes): Decreased *Recidivism* – and Increased *Public Safety*

- Reintegrated
- Housed
- Employed
- Stable
- Productive
- and GIVING BACK!

The “Big 4”

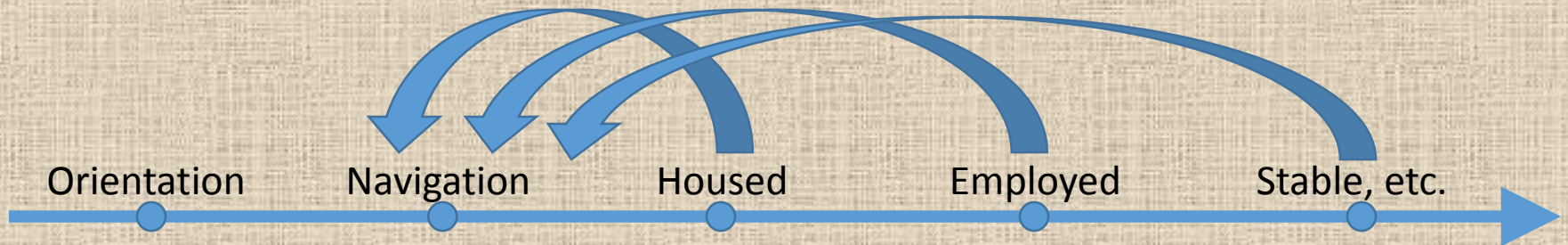
- **Employment**
- **Housing**
- **Transportation**
- **ID's**

Progress To Date

- **July 2015 to June 2016**
- **Signed-up for Orientation Class: 1,258**
- **Completed Class: 590**
- **Received a Presentation & Flyer at Project Safe Neighborhood: 3,600**
- **Agencies Who Referred to Us: 34**
- **Number of Times Presented at Parole “New Arrival Orientation”: 91**

Circle Back Around!

Better Information, New Resources, Corrections, etc.



Don't get stuck, frustrated, mad, or give up!

Circle back around with us.

***Our specialty is helping you to move
from "Stuck" to "Un-Stuck".***

How to Partner & Refer

- **It's easy**
- **Informal to formal**
- **Mutual accountability**
- **Come observe our class!**
- **Posters, flyers, website**
- **Partially funded by
Tarrant County**

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Data Gathering

- **5,247 returned from TDCJ in 2015**
- **29,000 unique releases from Jail**
- **Estimated 5,800 did 3 months or more**
- **208 returned from BOP**
- **15,000 on probation**
- **Our current capacity: 700**
- **Launching a 3-year study with academic support: So we can KNOW**

Thank You!

- **Q & A**
- **Presentation is on our website**
- **www.tcreentry.org**