

Texas Inmate Families Association and Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy present



Congregations, formerly incarcerated individuals and families working together.

Texans envision a community that is safe, strong and welcoming. For communities to thrive, every member needs a chance – including those impacted by the criminal justice system.

The consequences of incarceration affect individuals, families, and neighborhoods. Right now one of the biggest challenges for communities is meeting the needs of those coming home from prison or jail.

70,000 people are released from Texas prisons each year. They face major barriers to successful reentry.

## **Coming home from prison isn't easy.**

- Legal and social barriers make it difficult to find work and housing.
- Families face challenges trying to support their loved ones before and after release.
- Individuals returning home often feel alone and hopeless.
- Faith communities are often the first point of contact for individuals reentering from prison.

## **Together, we can break down barriers to reentry.**

Have you or your family been affected by incarceration? Does your faith tradition call you to build a community where everyone can thrive? Want to learn more and take action?

- **Reinvested Communities** is a new initiative bringing together formerly incarcerated individuals, people of faith and family members with an incarcerated loved one to work together to promote strategies to reduce barriers to successful reentry.
- **Reinvested Communities** offers practical skills training and information via group discussion, interactive exercises, and expert speakers to prepare participants to be leaders for change.
- **Reinvested Communities** participants will gain the skills to advocate for policies that strengthen communities, families, and allow people affected by the criminal justice system be able to move forward successfully—and TOGETHER.
- **Reinvested Communities** enrollment is limited. People of all faiths, formerly incarcerated individuals and families of currently or formerly incarcerated individuals are encouraged to apply.

## **Apply now to join us in Houston this fall!**

Thursday from 6:30-9pm: Sept. 4 | Sept. 11 | Sept. 18 | Sept. 25 | Oct. 2 | Oct. 9 | Oct. 16 | Oct. 23  
Trainings held at St. John's Downtown Methodist Church in downtown Houston.

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