



Congregations, formerly incarcerated individuals and families working together.

## **Leadership Training Application**

### **Program Description**

*Reinvested Communities* is a free leadership training program bringing together formerly incarcerated individuals, people of faith, and families with an incarcerated loved one to reduce barriers to successful reentry. This eight-week program in Houston will offer practical skills training and information via group discussion, interactive exercises, and inspiring speakers to prepare participants to be leaders for change.

### **Why Reinvested Communities?**

Communities face a major challenge in meeting the needs of those coming home from prison or jail. Finding solutions takes leadership from those who are most intimately impacted.

Please mail this completed application to Caitlin at 200 East 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, TX 78705 or email [Caitlin@texasinterfaith.org](mailto:Caitlin@texasinterfaith.org). You may also complete this application online at <http://texasinterfaithcenter.org/Reinvested-Communities/Apply>.

## Who should apply?

People of all faiths, formerly incarcerated individuals and families of currently or formerly incarcerated individuals are encouraged to apply.

**Please fill out the applicable box below.**

*Do you have direct, personal experience with incarceration? **If yes, fill out this section.***

Do you have a criminal record?                      Y | N

Have you ever been incarcerated?                      Y | N

If yes, how long have you been back home? Are you still on probation or parole?

*Have you experienced the incarceration of a loved one? **If yes, fill out this section.***

Do you have a loved one who is or has been incarcerated?                      Y | N

What is your relationship to him/her?

*Are you a person of faith who is interested in strengthening your community through social justice engagement? **If yes, fill out this section.***

Does your congregation engage in poverty outreach or prison ministry?                      Y | N

If yes, please tell us about it.

**Training dates:**

The training will be held from **6:30-9pm** on the following **Thursdays** at **St. John's United Methodist Church Downtown in Houston.**

Doors will open at 5:45pm for pizza and conversation.

September 4	October 2
September 11	October 9
September 18	October 16
September 25	October 23

- + Graduation Celebration, Date and Location TBD
- + First Reinvested Communities Action Network Meeting (November)

<p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p>Will you be able to attend every class?      Y   N</p> <p>Is there anything that will make it difficult for you to participate in this training and attend every session?      Y   N</p> <p>If yes, what?</p>
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<p><b>Personal Information</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Preferred Name: _____</p> <p>Telephone numbers:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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## Personal Information

Email Address:

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What is the best way to reach you?      Text      |      Email      |      Call

What is the best time to reach you? \_\_\_\_\_

Faith community or affiliation, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

## Program Information

Have you ever wanted to change anything in your community that would make it easier for people coming home from prison to be successful? If so, what is an example of something you wanted to change?

Did you take steps to change it? How?

Tell us a little about why you want to participate in this training.

Do you have any concerns about participating in the training?

How did you find out about this training?