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A New Start: A Re-Entry Guide for Texas ***Key Information for Successful Reintegration***

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Re-Entry Resources for Dallas And the Surrounding Area

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN RESOURCES WITH CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY benefit people upon release from confinement. Each entry has the name of the organization, address, phone number, and website (if available), in addition to a brief description of the services offered by the organization. We recommend that people contact an organization before attempting to use its services to ensure that services are still available, and to ask if the organization has any eligibility requirements to use the services.

If an organization is unable to assist a person at the present time, it is acceptable to ask to be put on a waiting list. The organization may also have other resources or referrals available. It never hurts to ask.

In addition to the resources listed on the following pages, those interested can check out the following:

☐ Reentry and Integration Division Hotline

The following toll-free number has been established to assist people who are re-entering society, as well as their families and the general public who may have questions related to programs and resources: 1-877-887-6151.

☐ 2-1-1

A great place to begin looking for help is by calling 2-1-1. It provides free and confidential information and referrals to organizations that can assist people with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling, and more. People can dial 2-1-1 from any telephone and tell the operator what information they are seeking. People can also visit www.211.org and search for needed information.

☐ Restorative Justice Community (RJC) of Texas

RJC of Texas provides an excellent, comprehensive internet-based directory of organizations that serve people who are re-entering Texas communities after a period of incarceration. Resources span a variety of services – including housing, employment, and community assistance – and they are updated regularly. Visit RJC of Texas online at www.rjctexas.org/Home.htm. Click the “Directory” link at the top of the page to begin searching for resources throughout Texas.

Community Organizations

❑ **“Be Free” Jail and Prison Ministry**

3236 Golfing Green Place
Dallas, TX 75234
Phone: (972) 247-1769

“Be Free” Jail and Prison Ministry provides non-residential aftercare services to assist individuals who are returning to the Dallas community after leaving jail or prison.

❑ **Central Dallas Ministries**

409 North Haskell Avenue
Dallas, TX 75246
Phone: (214) 823-8710
Website: www.centraldallasministries.org

Central Dallas Ministries provides food, shelter, and medical and legal aid to individuals in need. Services are provided Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and food pantry services are available Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Dallas County Community Action Committee, Inc.**

611 East Jefferson Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75203
Phone: (214) 943-6696

Dallas County Community Action Committee provides employment assistance to previously incarcerated individuals who have referrals from their parole officers.

❑ **Dallas Life Foundation**

1100 Cadiz Street
Dallas, TX 75215
Phone: (214) 421-1380
Website: www.dallaslife.org

Dallas Life Foundation offers outreach to homeless men, women, and children by providing food, clothing, transitional living facilities, and long-term, faith-based rehabilitation programs. It also provides a medical, dental, and vision clinic free of charge.

❑ **Desoto Food Pantry**

302 North Hampton Road
Desoto, TX 75115
Phone: (972) 223-4050

Desoto Food Pantry serves the community of Desoto by providing food to individuals and families in need. It is open Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

❑ **First Baptist Dallas Prison Ministries**

1707 San Jacinto Street
Dallas, TX 75201
Phone: (214) 969-2421

First Baptist Dallas Prison Ministries provides 24-month faith-based aftercare, housing, bus passes, parole fee assistance, and employment assistance.

❑ **God’s Food Pantry**

3420 14th Street
Plano, TX 75074
Phone: (972) 633-9777
Website: www.godsfoodpantry.com

God’s Food Pantry operates an open-door food pantry for individuals and families in need.

❑ **Little Elm Area Food Bank**

501 Bill Street
Little Elm, TX 75068
Phone: (972) 294-4061
Website: www.leafb.org

Little Elm Area Food Bank provides clients with short-term emergency food. Assistance is available Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and on third Saturdays of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For non-scheduled emergency assistance, individuals should call (972) 294-1742 to make an appointment.

❑ **One Man’s Treasure**

PMB 211 519 I-30
Rockwall, TX 75087
Phone: Mary Carter at 1-888-433-9826
Website: www.onemanstr.org

One Man’s Treasure provides clothing, mentoring, and some aftercare support for individuals leaving jail or prison. All services are free of charge.

❑ **Operation Oasis**

888 South Greenville Avenue, Suite 139
Richardson, TX 75081
Phone: (972) 437-3801
Website: www.operation-oasis.org

Operation Oasis provides aftercare for previously incarcerated individuals, including housing, life-skills training, Bible study, and more. Programs and services are free of charge.

❑ **Project Reconnect-Reentry**

501 North Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, TX 75207
Phone: (214) 943-4444

Project Reconnect provides bus passes and hot meals free of charge to individuals living with HIV or AIDS.

❑ **ROD Ministries**

1128 Sabine Street
Dallas, TX 75203
Phone: (469) 337-5229
Website: www.rodministries.org

ROD Ministries provides aftercare services to individuals leaving jail or prison. These services include residential placement, transportation assistance (such as bus passes), help obtaining identification documents, job referrals, and résumé writing assistance. ROD Ministries also provides clothing, shoes, toiletries, and food free of charge. Routine medical exams and procedures are available through its mobile medical unit. Finally, ROD Ministries keeps a central directory of available resources and referrals to local providers.

❑ **St. Francis Anglican Church**

P.O. Box 140182
Dallas, TX 75201
Phone: (214) 685-9532

St. Francis Anglican Church provides faith-based non-residential aftercare, as well as services to families of incarcerated individuals and ministry support to individuals inside select units.

❑ **Texas Offenders Reentry Initiative (TORI)**

1810 High Hill Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75203
Phone: (214) 941-1325 ext. 307

TORI provides life skills classes, substance abuse counseling, and financial literacy classes free of charge. Clients are assisted on a walk-in basis.

Housing

❑ The Housing Assistance Program (THAP)

H.B. 3226 (effective 2009) creates a housing assistance program available to certain people who are awaiting release from TDCJ. The program applies only to those who have been approved for parole or mandatory supervision but who are waiting for a halfway house placement. The program does not apply to people who are released under a “serve-all” sentence or who have housing provided by their family or friends.

Essentially, the bill allows TDCJ to provide payment vouchers for temporary housing in a community-based housing facility in the county of the person’s release (rather than requiring people to wait for a TDCJ-sponsored halfway house to become available. The amount of payment issued through the housing voucher may not exceed the cost that TDCJ would pay to incarcerate a person for the same period of time that the voucher is issued for. Housing providers must have a plan to offer food, clothing, and hygiene products to residents.

No application process is necessary to be considered for the program. Individuals will be identified for potential placement in THAP if they are eligible for release on or after January 1, 2010, and if they remain incarcerated pending a housing placement plan. Additionally, in regards to those released on or after this date who are placed at a residential re-entry center, they will be notified of THAP availability by their supervising officer.

Please note: The program cannot be used to reimburse family members or friends who allow re-entering individuals to live with them.

❑ A Note About Public Housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides federal funding to local Housing Authorities that provide “quality affordable homes for all” throughout the United States.¹ While policies will vary from county to county, most HUD-funded housing requires a local housing authority to deny assistance in some cases. Specifically, assistance may be denied if **any** member of the household is using illegal drugs or has been evicted from federally funded housing during the previous three years for drug use. Likewise, applicants for housing can be denied if they have engaged in any violent criminal act, committed robbery, or are required to register for life under a state sex offender registration program.²

Neither an arrest nor conviction for the above-mentioned crimes is necessary to deny an applicant. That means re-entering individuals must be careful if they plan to stay with family members who currently reside in federally funded housing. If a re-entering individual was involved in a criminal act up to 10 years before moving in or within 10 years of being released from incarceration (whichever is more restrictive), those family members could be evicted.

¹ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, “Mission,” <http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/about/mission>, accessed June 17, 2010.

² Title 24--Housing and Urban Development, 982.553 24 CFR Ch. IX (2000): www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_00/24cfr982_00.html, accessed June 15, 2010

❑ **Adult Rehabilitation Ministry (ARM)**

1128 Sabine Street
Dallas, TX 75203
Phone: (214) 943-5010

ARM provides housing for men who do not have sex offenses and who are not on electronic monitors. Individuals with major medical or mental health issues are also not accepted. Rent is \$55 per week. There is a six-month minimum stay.

❑ **Angels Recovery House**

11231 Alvin Street, Suite 2
Dallas, TX 75218
Phone: (469) 230-2124 or (214) 498-8510
Website: www.angelsrecoveryhouse.org

Angels Recovery House provides transitional housing for women and men. Individuals with sex offenses and those on electronic monitors are not accepted, but individuals with violent offenses are permitted. Rent is \$80 per week for men and \$70 per week for women. There is no minimum or maximum stay.

❑ **Choice of Life Outreach**

6713 Leana Street
Dallas, TX 75241
Phone: (214) 374-0104

Choice of Life Outreach provides housing for men. Individuals with sex offenses are not accepted, but those on electronic monitors are permitted. Rent is \$100 per week, but this amount is negotiable. Residents must be employable.

❑ **Continuum of Care Ministries**

2315 Quinto Drive
Dallas, TX 75227
Phone: (210) 382-0010

Continuum of Care Ministries provides transitional housing for men and women. Individuals with sex offenses are not accepted, but those with violent offenses and individuals on electronic monitors are permitted. The program lasts six months to one year, but residents must commit to at least 90 days. All services are free of charge. Interested individuals should write first to inquire about availability.

❑ **God's Outreach Home Ministries**

7807 Greenspan Avenue
Dallas, TX 75232
Phone: Tim Walker at (972) 228-6097

God's Outreach Home Ministries provides transitional housing for men and women. Individuals with sex offenses are not accepted, but those on electronic monitors are permitted. Rent is \$375 per month. Residents must be employable and must commit to a 90-day stay.

❑ **Free-Man House**

13340 Southview Lane
Dallas, TX 75240
Phone: (214) 676-2693

Free-Man House provides transitional housing for women. Individuals with sex offenses and violent offenses are not accepted, but those on electronic monitors are permitted. Rent is \$125 per week. For individuals who are referred through a partner ministry, a \$125 deposit is required. Otherwise, a \$375 deposit is required, which includes the first two weeks of rent.

❑ **Freedom Outreach Ministries**

P.O. Box 180941
Dallas, TX 75218
Phone: (214) 325-9583 or (214) 824-9852

Freedom Outreach Ministries provides a residential facility free of charge to individuals who are not on parole. Residents must have proper identification. Interested individuals should call to make an appointment.

❑ **Lasting Solutions Boarding Home**

531 Embry Drive
Dallas, TX 75218
Phone: (214) 376-6463

Lasting Solutions Boarding Home provides transitional housing for men. Individuals with sex offenses and those on electronic monitors are not accepted. A \$200 deposit is required before arrival.

❑ **Praise Chapel Christian Fellowship**

1018 South Rosemont Avenue
Dallas, TX 75208
Phone: (214) 339-3748

Praise Chapel Christian Fellowship provides housing for men. Individuals with sex offenses and those on electronic monitors are permitted. Rent is \$50 per week.

❑ **Reconciliation Outreach**

4311 Bryan Street
Dallas, TX 75204
Phone: (214) 545-6500
Website: www.rodallas.org

Reconciliation Outreach provides housing for men and women free of charge. Residents must not have any serious mental health issues; also, individuals with sex offenses, violent offenses, and electronic monitors are not accepted. Residents must make a commitment to a one-year program and must have 30 days of sobriety prior to acceptance.

❑ **Reconciliation Outreach**

Prison Aftercare Program
Phone: (214) 545-6505
Website:
www.rodallas.org/our_work/prison_aftercare.html

The Prison Aftercare Program operated by Reconciliation Outreach provides assistance to previously incarcerated individuals by providing transitional housing, job readiness training, faith-based counseling and mentoring, and more.

❑ **Remedy Addictions Counselors**

2528 North Fitzhugh Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204
Phone: (214) 232-5461

Remedy Addictions Counselors provides housing for men and women. Individuals with sex offenses are not accepted, but those on electronic monitors are permitted. Rent is \$275 per week.

❑ **Remedy Addictions Counselors - Irving**

1400 West Irving Boulevard, Suite 100
Irving, TX 75061
Phone: (972) 253-0000

Remedy Addictions Counselors provides housing for men and women. Some individuals with sex offenses are accepted (those with offenses not involving children), but individuals on electronic monitors are not permitted. Rent is \$55 per week.

❑ **Solutions of North Texas**

1600 North Ruddell Street
Denton, TX 76209
Phone: (940) 898-6202
Website: www.sontx.org

Solutions of North Texas provides housing for men and women. Individuals with sex offenses, violent offenses, and electronic monitors are not accepted. Rent is \$700 per month, which includes many services. There is a 90-day minimum stay and one-year maximum stay. Residents must be mentally stable.

❑ **Straight Street**

P.O. Box 1674
Cedar Hill, TX 75104
Phone: (972) 291-2988

Straight Street provides transitional faith-based housing for men. Individuals with sex offenses and those on electronic monitors are not accepted. Residents must be employable, willing to change and participate in programming, and attend classes and church regularly. Rent is based on income.

❑ **Victory Outreach**

6211 East Grand Avenue
Dallas, TX 75223
Phone: (214) 826-4404

Victory Outreach provides a faith-based transitional housing program for men and women free of charge. Individuals with sex offenses and those with violent offenses against children are not accepted; individuals on electronic monitors are accepted after an evaluation. There is a one-year minimum stay, and during the first two weeks residents are required to participate in Church-only activities.

❑ **Welcome House**

921 North Peak Street
Dallas, TX 75204
Phone: (214) 887-0696

Welcome House provides transitional housing and a drug and alcohol recovery program for men. Individuals with sex offenses are not accepted, but those with violent offenses and individuals on electronic monitors are permitted. An average stay is six months to one year. Rent is \$135 per week (which includes meals), and a \$150 deposit is required. Residential short-term treatment (30 days or less) is also offered.

❑ **Welcome House**

4201 South Lancaster Road
Dallas, TX 75216
Phone: (214) 421-3948

Welcome House provides transitional housing services for men and women who are HIV positive. Individuals with sex offenses and violent offenses are accepted, but those on electronic monitors are not currently permitted. A maximum stay is six months but extensions can be requested. Services are provided free of charge.

Community Health Support

- ❑ **AIDS Arms**
219 Sunset Avenue, Suite #116-A
Dallas, TX 75208
Phone: (214) 521-5191
Website: www.aidsarms.org

Aids Arms provides HIV testing and counseling, outpatient medical care, medication assistance, prevention education, and more.
- ❑ **Andrews Center**
2323 West Front Street
Irving, TX 75061
Phone: (972) 871-2234

Andrews Center provides classes for individuals who have DWI and drug offenses. Counseling is available in English and Spanish. Costs are low (\$5-\$10 if individuals are on parole), and payments are accepted on a sliding scale based on income.
- ❑ **Dallas MetroCare Services**
1380 River Bend Drive
Dallas, TX 75247
Phone: (214) 743-1200
Website: www.metrocareservices.org

Dallas MetroCare Services provides four clinics throughout Dallas that offer mental health and substance abuse services to low-income individuals and families.
- ❑ **Gateway Foundation of Texas**
Help Is Possible Project
723 South Peak Street
Dallas, TX 75223
Phone: (214) 827-2870
Website: www.gatewayfoundation.org

Gateway Foundation of Texas provides drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs for adults and adolescents.
- ❑ **Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse**
4525 Lemmon Avenue
Dallas, TX 75219
Phone: (214) 522-8600
Website: www.gdcada.org

Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse is not a treatment facility but can provide over-the-phone assessments and referrals. It also provides an HIV outreach and prevention program.
- ❑ **Homeward Bound**
233 West 10th Street
Dallas, TX 75208
Phone: (214) 941-3500
Website: www.homewardboundinc.org

Homeward Bound provides health services, including inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, substance abuse help, and counseling services based on individual needs. Homeward Bound accepts private insurance and Medicaid; individuals are rarely turned down due to inability to pay.
- ❑ **Nexus Recovery Center**
8733 La Prada Drive
Dallas, TX 75228
Phone: (214) 321-0156
Website: www.nexusrecovery.org

Nexus Recovery Center provides a drug and alcohol recovery program for disadvantaged women, including those with children. The Nexus Recovery Center does not accept insurance or self-payment; most clients are eligible to receive funding through the state, county, or city.

❑ **Solutions Outpatient Services**

5327 North Central Expressway, Suite 333
Dallas, TX 75205
Phone: (214) 369-1155
Website: www.sosdallas.com

Solutions Outpatient Services provides an intensive outpatient care program for chemical dependency. Private insurances are accepted, but Medicaid is not. Scholarships are available to military veterans, law enforcement officers, and firefighters.

❑ **Turtle Creek Manor**

2707 Routh Street
Dallas, TX 75201
Phone: (214) 871-2484
Website: www.tcmanor.org

Turtle Creek Manor provides an inpatient residential program for men and women who have co-occurring disorders of severe mental illness and alcohol or drug addiction.

Employment

❑ **Apple Staffing, Inc.**

1537 West Irving Boulevard
Irving, TX 75061
Phone: (972) 259-5566
Website: www.applestaffing.com

Apple Staffing serves the greater Dallas community by linking employers with job-seekers, and it can assist people with criminal backgrounds in accessing employment. Interested individuals should sign up at Apple Staffing's website or call for more information. Jobs offered include administrative/clerical, data entry, forklift operator, bookkeeping, dock work, accounting, machine operator, and more.

❑ **North Central Texas Workforce Solutions**

Website: www.nctcog.org/wd

North Central Texas Workforce Solutions provides free job search assistance and counseling to individuals in the following counties: Collin, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, and Wise. Employment Counselors are available in the Resource Room and are ready to assist with career counseling, résumé preparation, and interviewing skills.

Interested individuals should contact the nearest location to verify program availability.

■ **Cleburne**

212 Hyde Park , Ste. 200
Cleburne, TX 76033
(817) 641-6201

■ **Corsicana**

720 North Beaton Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-8276

■ **Decatur**

1810 South FM 51, Ste. 8
Decatur, TX 76234
(940) 627-3919

■ **Denton**

1300 Teasley Lane
Denton, TX 76205
(940) 382-6712

■ **Granbury**

919 East Highway 377, Ste. 8
Granbury, TX 76048
(817) 573-4282

■ **Greenville**

2500 Stonewall Street, Ste. 201
Greenville, TX 75401
(903) 454-9350

■ **Ennis**

2705 North Kaufman St., Ste. B
Ennis, TX 75119
(972) 878-0335

■ **McKinney**

1713 W Louisiana Street
McKinney, TX 75070
(972) 542-3382

■ **Mineral Wells**

2307 East Hubbard
Mineral Wells, TX 76067
(940) 325-2595

- **Plano**
820 Jupiter Road, Ste. 100
Plano, TX 75074
(469) 229-0099
- **Rockwall**
102 South 1st Street, Ste. C
Rockwall, TX 75087
(972) 722-1573
- **Stephenville**
2165 West South Loop
Stephenville, TX 76401
(254) 965-5100
- **Terrell**
109 Tejas Drive, Ste. 300
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 563-7271
- **Waxahachie**
1712 W. Hwy 287 B
Waxahachie, TX 75165
(972) 937-8114
- **Weatherford**
126 College Park Drive
Weatherford, TX 76086
(817) 594-0049

- **Project 4 Victory**
3911 South Lancaster Road
Dallas, TX 75216
Phone: (214) 372-1063
Website: www.ulgdntx.com/project_victory.html

Project 4 Victory, a program of the Urban League of Greater Dallas, helps re-entering individuals with a nonviolent criminal history through job readiness training, life skills, coaching and mentoring, mental health and substance abuse services, GED preparation, computer training, and job placement assistance. Participants must be 18 years of age or older, have nonviolent offenses, and enroll within 180 days of release to qualify for assistance.

Education

The following organizations and groups provide some if not all of these services: adult education classes, ESL, literacy programs, GED preparation, computer literacy, workplace/vocational training, and others. Interested individuals should contact each organization directly for more information.

- **Adult Basic Education – DISD**
5000 Malcolm X Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75215
Phone: (972) 479-2690
- **Adult Basic Education - Irving**
500 North O'Connor Road, Suite B
Irving, TX 75061
Phone: (972) 871-8285
- **Adult Education**
400 High School Drive
Lewisville, TX 75057
Phone: (469) 713-5997
- **Collin County Adult Literacy Council**
P.O. Box 941802
Plano, TX 75094
Phone: (972) 612-1345
- **Literacy for Life**
Plano Public Library System
1501 18th Street
Plano, TX 75074
Phone: (972) 941-7323
- **Literacy Instruction for Texas (LIFT)**
2121 Main Street
Dallas, TX 75201
Phone: (214) 824-2000 ext. 228
- **Literacy Program**
Irving Public Library
440 South Nursery Road, Suite 103
Irving, TX 75060
Phone: (972) 721-3776
- **Literacy Refocused**
1808 West Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, TX 75232
Phone: (214) 672-9100 ext. 1505

☐ **Mesquite Adult Literacy Center**

300 West Grubb Drive
Mesquite, TX 75149
Phone: (972) 216-6745

☐ **Vickery Meadow Learning Center**

6329 Ridgcrest Road
Dallas, TX 75231
Phone: (214) 265-5057