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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 the High Plains 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

❑ **Bridge of Lubbock**

1301 Red Bud Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79403
Phone: (806) 687-0772

Bridge of Lubbock provides food vouchers and clothing on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Potential clients must bring a photo ID (a TDCJ-ID is acceptable) and proof of residency in Lubbock County (a utility bill or a letter from a shelter or transitional house is acceptable). Bridge of Lubbock's kitchen serves hot meals at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

❑ **Catholic Family Services**

102 Avenue J
Lubbock, TX 79401
Phone: (806) 765-8475

Catholic Family Services provides food assistance through its pantry by appointment only.

❑ **Love and Care Ministries**

233 Fannin Street
Abilene, Texas 79603
Phone: (325) 670-0246

Love and Care Ministries provides a food pantry, clothing ministry, and soup kitchen to individuals in need in the Abilene area.

❑ **Simple Acts Ministry**

Ted and Jenny Zobeck
P.O. Box 53186
Lubbock, TX 79453
Phone: (806) 928-8345

Simple Acts Ministry provides furniture and household goods to assist individuals who are setting up an apartment or home after leaving prison or jail. Simple Acts Ministry can also assist with emergency medications and other financial emergencies.

❑ **Texas Association of Ex-Offenders (TAX)**

2657 Rountree Drive
Abilene, TX 79601
Phone: (325) 676-5741

TAX provides post-release, faith-based study groups that address behavior and addiction problems. Transportation to meetings is available.

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.

❑ **City of Refuge**

Christian Heritage Church
613 South Adams Street
Amarillo, TX 79101
Phone: (806) 376-8715
Web:

www.jesusmyrefuge.org/home/nfblog/ministries/outreach/city-of-refuge-outreach-ministry

City of Refuge provides transitional housing, food, community resources, and spiritual guidance to men. Individuals with sex offenses are not accepted, but violent offenses and individuals on electronic monitors are permitted.

❑ **Driskill House, Inc.**

P.O. Box 23
Tulia, TX 79088
Phone: (806) 995-4552
Web: www.driskillhouse.com

Driskill House provides transitional housing for men. Individuals with sex offenses and those on electronic monitors are not accepted. Rent is \$20 per day.

❑ **Jubilee House**

433 Reading Street
Abilene, TX 79603
Phone: (325) 673-5522

Jubilee House offers transitional housing for individuals who have not committed sex offenses or violent offenses, and those on electronic monitors are accepted. Jubilee House provides a structured program focused on individuals who have a drug or alcohol problem and who are committed to change. Rent is \$80 per week, and a non-refundable \$25 deposit is required. There is no minimum or maximum stay.

❑ **Salvation Army of Abilene**

1726 Butternut Street
Abilene, TX 79602
Phone: (325) 677-1408

Salvation Army of Abilene provides programs for individuals who do not have sex offenses or violent offenses, and who are not on electronic monitors. An overnight shelter is free of charge for three days with a maximum stay of 30 days. A six-month alcohol and drug rehabilitation program is also free of charge. Finally, an "Outbound to Work" program costs \$70 per week, which includes rent, meals, and program fees.

Community Health Support

❑ **Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse**

104 Pine Street, Suite 210
Abilene, TX 79601

Phone: (325) 673-2242 ext. 103

Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse provides chemical dependency screenings, assessments, and referrals. Interested individuals should call for more information or to make an appointment.

❑ **Amarillo Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse**

803 South Rusk Street
Amarillo, TX 79106

Phone: (806) 374-6688

Amarillo Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse provides an outpatient substance abuse treatment center.

❑ **Betty Hardwick Center**

2616 South Clack Street
Abilene, TX 79606

Crisis Phone: 1-800-758-3344; Main Phone: (325) 690-5100

Web: www.bhcmhmr.org

Betty Hardwick Center serves adults with severe mental illness, including schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, or major depression. Services include routine case management, counseling, medication, skills training, supported employment, and supported housing.

❑ **Central Plains Center**

2700 Yonkers Street
Plainview, TX 79072

Crisis Phone: 1-800-687-1300; Main Phone: (806) 293-2636

Web: www.clplains.org

Central Plains Center provides psychiatric services and marriage/family counseling on a sliding scale to residents of the following counties: Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Floyd, Lamb, Hale, Motley, Parmer, and Swisher.

❑ **Community Health Center of Lubbock**

1318 Broadway Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
Phone: (806) 765-2611

Community Health Center of Lubbock provides general medical, vision, and dental care. Payments are accepted on a sliding scale based on income.

❑ **Managed Care**

2345 50th Street, Suite 100
Lubbock, TX 79412
Phone: (806) 780-8300

Managed Care provides drug and alcohol treatment for men and women. It also offers aftercare for outpatient treatment clients that are usually referred there by other programs. This is a state-funded program with fees based on ability to pay.

❑ **Medical Assistance for Area Citizens (MAAC)**

850 North 6th Street
Abilene, TX 79601
Phone: (325) 692-5600

MAAC provides primary medical care to individuals who have resided in Abilene for at least six months.

❑ **Plainview Serenity Center, Inc.**

806 El Paso Street
Plainview, TX 79072
Phone: (806) 293-9722

Web: www.plainviewserenitycenter.org

Plainview Serenity Center provides supportive residential treatment for men, as well as intensive residential treatment for women and their children. Outpatient services are also available for individuals with addiction and mental illness.

❑ **Presbyterian Medical Care Mission**

302 Medical Drive
Abilene, TX 79601
Phone: (325) 672-5601

Presbyterian Medical Care Mission provides primary medical and dental care. Fees are based on income and family size.

❑ **Ranch at Dove Tree**

1406 County Road 5800
Lubbock, TX 79403
Phone: (806) 746-6777 or 1-800-218-6727
Web: www.ranchatdovetree.org

Ranch at Dove Tree provides substance abuse and addiction recovery services. Private insurance and Medicaid are accepted, but payments on a sliding scale are not accepted.

❑ **Serenity Foundation of Texas**

1546 North 2nd Street
Abilene, TX 79601
Phone: (325) 673-6489 ext. 272

Serenity Foundation of Texas provides over-the-phone assessments, and it locates openings at facilities throughout the state that will meet individuals' needs.

❑ **Serenity House**

150 Orange Street
Abilene, Texas 79601
Phone: (325) 673-6489
Web: www.serenitytexas.com

Serenity House provides residential and outpatient substance abuse rehabilitation services, including individual and group counseling, case management, aftercare services, family counseling opportunities, physical activities for good health, nutritious meals, and daily self-study assignments.

❑ **Taylor County Social Services**

317 Pecan Street
Abilene, TX 79602
Phone: (325) 674-1341

Taylor County Social Services provides basic medical care to eligible residents who are at or below 20% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and who have been a resident of Taylor County for at least six months.

❑ **University Medical Center**

602 Indiana Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79415
Phone: (806) 775-8200

University Medical Center provides indigent health services to uninsured and low-income residents of Lubbock County.

Education

❑ **Abilene Adult Education Program**

1919 South 11th Street
Abilene, TX 79602
Phone: (915) 671-4419 ext. 5400