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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 Northeast and East Texas**

**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](http://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](http://www.rjctexas.org/Home.htm). Click the “Directory” link at the top of the page to begin searching for resources throughout Texas.

## Community Organizations

### ❑ **Calvary Commission**

P.O. Box 100  
Lindale, TX 75771  
Phone: (903) 882-5501  
Web: [www.calvarycommission.org](http://www.calvarycommission.org)

Calvary Commission provides aftercare for a select number of individuals released from prison, as well as Bible study and church services. Interested individuals should write for more information about the aftercare program.

### ❑ **Christians in Action – Quarter Until Noon**

248 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Southwest  
Paris, TX 75460  
Phone: (903) 784-6857  
Web: [www.christians-in-action.com](http://www.christians-in-action.com)

Quarter Until Noon operates a temporary shelter for men. Housing services are free of charge, but individuals must be homeless. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at 12:00 p.m.

### ❑ **Community Organization Missionary Endeavor (COME)**

350 B Highway 75 North  
Huntsville, TX 77320  
Phone: (936) 295-0671

COME provides utility, rental, medical, and dental assistance to residents of Walker County. To qualify for clothing, individuals must be indigent or be issued food stamps.

### ❑ **Lake Area Shared Ministries**

1207 East Quinlan Parkway  
Quinlan, TX 75474  
Phone: (903) 356-6744

Lake Area Shared Ministries operates an emergency food pantry open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### ❑ **Neighbors to Neighbors**

413 South Main Street  
Springtown, TX 76082  
Phone: (817) 523-6095  
Web: [www.n2nfoodpantry.org](http://www.n2nfoodpantry.org)

Neighbors to Neighbors operates an emergency food pantry open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### ❑ **New Awakenings**

203 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite B  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
Phone: (903) 654-0003

New Awakenings is an aftercare program for women that provides domestic violence and substance abuse counseling. 12-step meetings are held twice per week.

### ❑ **Preaching the Cross Ministries**

2318 Douglass Road  
Nacogdoches, TX 75964  
Phone: (936) 559-0070

Preaching the Cross Ministries provides recovery programs for individuals, as well as counseling to families that are dealing with the impact of incarceration.

### ❑ **University Heights Baptist Church**

2400 Sycamore Avenue  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
Phone: (936) 295-2996  
Web: [www.uhbc.net](http://www.uhbc.net)

University Heights Baptist Church provides spiritual growth programs for men, women, college students, and youth. Guidance and counseling are available for those with substance- and alcohol-abuse issues.

### ❑ **Your Neighbor's House**

201 South Union Street  
Whitesboro, TX 76273  
Phone: (903) 564-4400

Your Neighbor's House operates a food bank and an overnight shelter to serve needy families in the Whitesboro area.

## 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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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.

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

<sup>2</sup> Title 24--Housing and Urban Development, 982.553 24 CFR Ch. IX (2000): [www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_00/24cfr982\\_00.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_00/24cfr982_00.html), accessed June 15, 2010.

❑ **Genesis Center**

203 West 2nd Avenue, Suite B  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
Phone: (903) 654-0003

Genesis Center is a faith-based non-profit organization that provides transitional housing for women and children. The nine-month program includes five phases. No deposit or monthly charges are required. Individuals with sex offenses, violent offenses, and electronic monitors are not accepted. Potential residents must pass a drug test, and they must be willing to participate in church groups and work at the Center's thrift store.

❑ **Good Shepard's Mission**

1005 Martin Luther King Avenue F  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
Phone: (936) 291-8156  
Web: [www.walkercountyonline.com/org/mission](http://www.walkercountyonline.com/org/mission)

Good Shepard's Mission provides transitional housing for men and women. Individuals with sex offenses, violent offenses, and electronic monitors are not accepted. Rent is negotiable. Residents are encouraged to volunteer at the mission and must take part in the faith-based program.

❑ **Grayson County Homeless Shelter**

331 West Morton Street  
Denison, TX 75020  
Phone: (903) 465-6762 or (906) 465-6067

Grayson County Homeless Shelter provides temporary housing for single men over 55 years of age, as well as women and children. Individuals with sex offenses and those on electronic monitors are not accepted. There is a maximum stay of 21 days; however, if individuals are being productive and looking for alternative housing and employment, a longer stay can be arranged. No deposit or other costs are required.

❑ **HWY 80 Rescue Mission Ministries**

3117 West Marshall Avenue  
Longview, TX 75606  
Phone: (903) 759-9875  
Web: [www.hiway80mission.org](http://www.hiway80mission.org)

HWY 80 Rescue Mission Ministries operates a transitional housing facility for men and women. Acceptance is based on a screening and evaluation process. Services are provided free of charge.

❑ **Outreach Redemption House for Women**

518 West Marshall Avenue  
Longview, TX 75601  
Phone: (903) 553-7343  
Web: [www.orpm.org](http://www.orpm.org)

Outreach Redemption House for Women provides transitional housing services for women who do not have sex offenses or violent offenses. Individuals on electronic monitors are accepted on a case-by-case basis. Residents must be alcohol- and drug-free and attend church services. There is no minimum or maximum stay. Rent is \$440 per month, and a \$70 deposit is required.

❑ **Outreach Restoration House for Men**

1309 West Marshall Avenue  
Longview, TX 75601  
Phone: (903) 553-7343  
Web: [www.orpm.org](http://www.orpm.org)

Outreach Redemption House for Men provides transitional housing and drug/alcohol abuse recovery services. Individuals with sex offenses, violent offenses, and electronic monitors are accepted. Residents must attend a 12-step recovery program and church services. There is no minimum or maximum stay. Rent is \$480 per month, and a \$100 deposit is required.

□ **Remedy House**

101 Lila Lane

Athens, TX 75751

Phone: (903) 677-2677

Web: [www.remedyhouse.org](http://www.remedyhouse.org)

Remedy House provides a supportive housing environment for men seeking recovery from substance abuse and other issues. The Remedy House is entirely faith-based, so residents must be willing to accept spiritual guidance. Programming is focused on individuals who are genuinely seeking to improve their lives.

## Community Health Support

### ❑ ACCESS

5656 North Jackson Street  
Jacksonville, TX 75766  
Phone: (903) 586-5507

ACCESS provides mental health services, counseling, and a job assistance program to residents of Anderson and Cherokee county. Payments are accepted on a sliding scale based on family size and household income.

### ❑ Andrews Center

2323 West Front Street  
Tyler, TX 75702  
Phone: (903) 597-1351

Andrews Center provides mental health services on a sliding scale based on income. Potential clients must live in Smith County and be able to prove residency.

### ❑ Burke Center

4101 South Medford Drive  
Lufkin, TX 75901  
Crisis Phone: 1-800-392-8343; Main Phone: (936) 639-1141  
Web: [www.burke-center.org](http://www.burke-center.org)

Burke Center provides mental health services to residents of the following counties: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler. Clients must have a previous diagnosis of mental illness or be prescribed medication. An initial evaluation will be conducted in order to determine eligibility.

### ❑ Community Healthcore

107 Woodbine Place  
Longview, TX 75601  
Phone: Mental Health (903) 759-2922; Alcohol Treatment (903) 758-0596  
Web: [www.communityhealthcore.com](http://www.communityhealthcore.com)

Community Healthcore provides mental health counseling and alcohol treatment services at two locations. It serves residents of the following counties: Bowie, Cass, Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Red River, Rusk, and Upshur. Referrals are also available.

### ❑ East Texas Council

708 Glencrest Lane  
Longview, TX 75601  
Phone: (903) 753-7633

East Texas Council provides substance abuse screening and referral services, a 24/7 crisis hotline, education, and prevention programs.

### ❑ Kirkpatrick Family Center

Sabine Valley Center  
1411 North 10th Street, Suite 1  
Longview, TX 75601  
Phone: (903) 234-0045

Kirkpatrick Family Center provides inpatient substance abuse treatment services to women. Pregnant and postpartum women, as well as women with children, are welcome.

### ❑ Life Path Systems

1416 North Church Street  
McKinney, TX 75069  
Crisis Phone: 1-800-443-1831; Main Phone: (972) 562-0190  
Web: [www.lifepathsystems.org](http://www.lifepathsystems.org)

Life Path Systems provides mental health services to individuals in Collin County on a walk-in basis. Private insurance and Medicaid are accepted, and payments are accepted on a sliding scale basis.

### ❑ MHMR Services of Texoma

315 West McLain Drive  
Sherman, TX 75092  
Crisis Phone: 1-877-277-2226  
Main Phone: (903) 957-4700  
Web: [www.mhmrst.org](http://www.mhmrst.org)

❑ **New Awakenings**

203 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite B  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
Phone: (903) 654-0003

New Awakenings provides an aftercare program for women. Services include domestic violence and substance abuse counseling. 12-step meetings are held twice per week.

❑ **Oak Haven Recovery Center**

7470 State Highway 154  
Marshall, TX 75670  
Phone: (903) 938-5149

Oak Haven Recovery Center provides an inpatient substance abuse treatment program for pregnant or postpartum women, men, and individuals with a co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorder.

❑ **Woodbine Treatment Center**

Sabine Valley Center  
103 Woodbine Place  
Longview, TX 75601  
Phone: (903) 758-0596

Woodbine Treatment Center provides outpatient substance abuse treatment services to women and criminal justice clients. Pregnant or postpartum women are welcome.

## **Education**

- ❑ **Adult Education Center**  
6101 Grayson Drive  
Denison, TX 75020  
Phone: (903) 463-8745
- ❑ **Anderson County Literacy Council**  
1101 North Fowler Street  
Palestine, TX 75801  
Phone: (903) 729-7703
- ❑ **Angelina College Adult Education**  
3500 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Lufkin, TX 75902  
Phone: (936) 639-3059
- ❑ **Commerce Library Literacy Program**  
P.O. Box 308  
Commerce, TX 75429  
Phone: (903) 886-6858
- ❑ **Grayson Literacy Team**  
421 North Travis Street  
Sherman, TX 75090  
Phone: (903) 892-7272
- ❑ **Jacksonville Literacy Council**  
215 East Commerce Street, Suite 215-A  
Jacksonville, TX 75766  
Phone: (903) 586-6125
- ❑ **Literacy Council of Tyler**  
P.O. Box 6662  
Tyler, TX 75711  
Phone: (903) 533-0330
- ❑ **Literacy Program**  
1216 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
Phone: (936) 291-5472
- ❑ **Navarro College**  
3200 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
Phone: (903) 875-7460
- ❑ **Region 5 Adult Education**  
302 South Wheeler Street  
Jasper, TX 75951  
Phone: (409) 384-6657
- ❑ **Upshur County Literacy Program**  
201 North Montgomery Street  
Gilmer, TX 75644  
Phone: (903) 843-3360