



Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, Precinct 4
San Antonio, Texas

REQUEST FOR COVERAGE
December 15, 2011

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Bexar County Reentry Council hosts Statewide Reentry Council Coalition

WHAT: For the second year in a row, the Bexar County Reentry Council will host the Statewide Reentry Council Coalition for an all-day conference to discuss the impact of the most recent legislative session on programs and policies related to the criminal justice system. This conference also will allow more than 100 stakeholders from the various Reentry Councils to share ideas and strategies that can be implemented at the local level. At the end of the day, the various Reentry Councils will have their "marching orders" for the upcoming year.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, December 15

WHERE: Southwest Room in the Durango Building (DB 1.124)
University of Texas at San Antonio Downtown Campus
501 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., SAT 78207

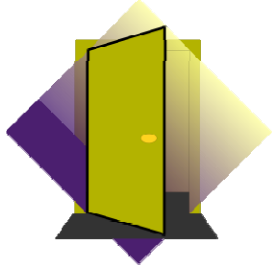
WHO: Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, Precinct 4, Bexar County
State Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Plano, Chair of House Committee on Corrections
Ana Yañez-Correa, Executive Director, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition
Dee Wilson, Director, Reentry and Integration Division, Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice
Frank Ringer, Austin/Travis County Reentry Council
Allen Castro, Bexar County Reentry Council

MORE: Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson inaugurated the Bexar County Reentry Council in June 2008. One of only four reentry councils in the state, the Bexar County Reentry Council is a think tank and working group devoted to the successful reentry of offenders back into the community.

"The intent of the Reentry Council is to improve public safety by reducing recidivism, or repeated incarceration, and to improve the County's bottom line by reducing jail costs," Commissioner Adkisson said.

A complete schedule of the conference follows on the next page.

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**The Bexar County
Reentry Council
hosts:**

**The Statewide Reentry Council Coalition
2nd Annual Post Legislative Conference
University of Texas at San Antonio –
Downtown Campus
Southwest Room, Durango Bldg. (DB 1.124)
501 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.,
San Antonio, TX, 78207
December 15, 2011
9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

9:00 – 9:10 am	Welcome – UTSA, College of Public Policy	Dr. Roger Enriquez, Chair Dr. Rogelio Saenz, Dean
9:10 – 9:30	Welcome and Introductions to the: 2 nd Annual Statewide Reentry Council Coalition	The Honorable Tommy Adkisson, Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct #4
9:30 – 9:50	Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships, Evidence-Based Practices, and Federal Funding: Bringing the National Model Reentry Program Home to Texas	Dr. J. Mitchell Miller
9:50 – 10:00	Break	All
10:00 – 10:20 am	Update on TDCJ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State TDCJ Reentry Council 	Dee Wilson, TDCJ
10:20 – 10:45 am	Update on Texas Criminal Justice Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Agenda 	Ana Yañez-Correa, TCJC
10:45 – 11:45 am	Local Reentry Council Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Austin/Travis County Reentry Council • Tarrant County Reentry Council • Bexar County Reentry Council • Dallas County Reentry Council • Harris County Reentry Council 	Frank Ringer, Austin/Travis County Reentry Council Tarrant County Reentry Council Allen Castro, Bexar County Reentry Council
11:45 am – 1:15 pm	State Representative Jerry Madden (R-Plano), Chairman of the House Committee on Corrections	All
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance Abuse and Mental Health • Employment and Education • Housing and Social Services • Faith-Based Services 	All
2:15 – 2:45 pm	Report Out	Breakout Chairs
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Next Steps and Open Discussion	All

