



REENTRY CONNECTOR

Co-Chair Corner

The DC Reentry Action Network (DC-RAN) is the District's leading voice on reentry issues, and the only coalition exclusively for reentry service providers and their clients. DC-RAN's vision is to ensure that all justice-involved people in the District of Columbia have access to high quality reentry services to support their successful reintegration back into the community. Please take a moment to read the following updates. Please stay safe.

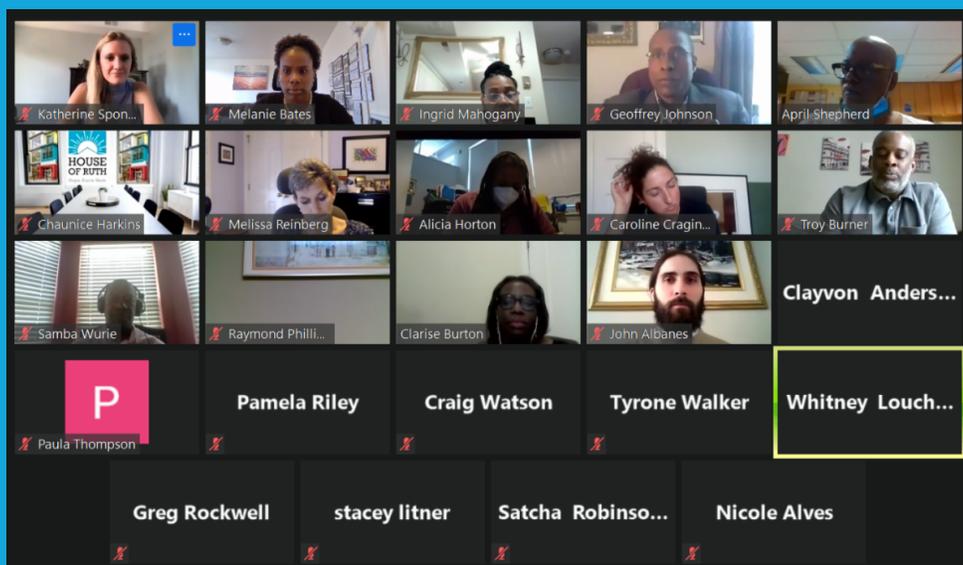
With gratitude,

Paula Thompson & Keisha Robinson

DC-RAN Co-Chairs

RAN HIGHLIGHTS

SKILL SHARE: COVID-19 April 7 Event Highlights



How you can assist with the vaccine rollout: Dr. Pamela Riley of the Department of Healthcare Finance shared information about vaccine access for returning citizens and observations around the vaccine rollout. Organizations like DC-RAN can become vaccine referral sites. Contact: DC Health at covid-19.vaccine@dc.gov to enroll in the COVID-19 Vaccination Referral Site Initiative.

Reentry organizations are needed with compassionate release: Attorney John Albanes with the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers spoke about the work being done around compassionate release and the role that reentry organizations play in having a motion granted. They need reentry specialists to help with release planning. Connect Attorney Albanes via jalbanes@nacdl.org

A special guest speaker spoke about what it was like being incarcerated at the DC Jail during COVID-19 and their own experience with compassionate release. They shared enthusiasm about the tablet program and a strong desire to be able to get an ID, birth certificate, and social security card pre-release.

DC RAN
WASHINGTON DC'S
REENTRY ACTION NETWORK

Learn from community experts about how to meet your needs, including housing, employment and medical care

Plug into the returning citizen community

Hear the experiences of other returning citizens and share your own

JOIN US
WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 21, 2021
4PM-6PM

REENTRY CONNECTOR *TOWN SQUARE*

Thanks to all who attended!

This first of its kind event was an exchange of information for returning citizens in the District of Columbia. The Howard University School of Law Reentry Clinic presented information about a new law that helps people with convictions successfully apply for occupational licenses. **Thank you for making this event a tremendous success!** Please plan to attend our next Reentry Town Square in May. More details to follow.

CSOSA Supportive Housing Services RFQ



The objective of this purchase order is for the Contractor to provide Supportive Housing services (up to 180 days) within the District of Columbia, Maryland or Virginia to prepare offenders for independent living and improved capacity for employment and housing stability. A successful participant will demonstrate progress towards employment and the ability to contribute financially to the cost of stable housing wherever they may reside. This includes placement in an independent living program. The RFQ deadline is May 7, 2021.

[DETAILS](#)

READY4WORK

"BREAKING THE CYCLE "

JOB COACH AND JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE

RESUME AND INTERVIEWING SKILLS

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

10.50/HR WAGE

MUST COMPLETE ALL 72 HOURS OF PROGRAM

AGE RANGE 18-32 DRUG TESTING PROFESSIONAL DRESS

IDENTIFICATION

MENTORING (1 YEAR)

**THE NATIONAL REENTRY NETWORK
FOR RETURNING CITIZENS**

3227 DUBOIS PL SE

CALL US (202) 584-1000

EMAIL: JHARRIS@THEREENTRYNETWORK.ORG



REENTRY NEWS



Rep. Norton Letter to BOP

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) wrote the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to request that BOP provide information on District of Columbia residents leaving BOP custody so that the District can help with reentry into the community.

“D.C. has many programs that can help people coming from BOP custody back into the community, but first we have to know they’re coming and how to contact them,” Norton said.

[READ FULL LETTER](#)



DC-RAN Response to Downtown Ward 7 Urban Park Eminent Domain Authority Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021

The Council of the District of Columbia recently considered a measure that would have authorized the Mayor to exercise eminent domain to seize the site of the forthcoming men's halfway house, using the land instead to construct a park. We are delighted to share that the measure failed. DC-RAN issued a statement in response to this proposal:

"An urban park is an amenity. Providing housing for our most vulnerable is a priority. The entire city ultimately reaps the benefits when we work to serve those most in need of support. The residents of DC, which includes returning citizens and their families, deserve a chance to restore their lives, in their communities, with the resources necessary to create meaningful change. Standing in opposition to the provision of these opportunities is a denigration of DC's stated principles and values of accessibility, diversity, equity, livability, opportunity, prosperity, resilience, and safety."

[READ FULL STATEMENT](#)



Upcoming RAN Meetings

Please join us for the [upcoming DC-RAN meetings](#) (as applicable). The purpose of these regularly scheduled meetings is to provide a platform to exchange information, address issues of mutual concern, strengthen services, and act as a collective voice to best meet the complex and varied needs of incarcerated and returning citizens. Together, we can do more to serve the justice-involved population in the District of Columbia.



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

May 4, 2021, 1:00 PM

COMMITTEE MEETING

May 4, 2021, 2:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

May 11, 2021, 1:00 PM



May 11, 2021 | 1:00pm



Keynote Speaker

CHRISTOPHER GELDART

Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

Opening Remarks

JARNESE HARRIS

SPEAKERS BUREAU MEMBER
Community Family Life Services

KASEEM BROWN

BUILDING FUTURES PROGRAM
Community Services Agency of
the Metropolitan Washington
Council, AFL-CIO

JOIN MEETING



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