



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. We look forward to seeing you at our [open meeting](#) on March 9, 2021. Please stay safe.

With gratitude,

Paula Thompson & Keisha Robinson

DC-RAN Co-Chairs

RAN HIGHLIGHTS



Education | Employment
Family and Friends Reunification

DC-RAN Member Spotlight

We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of our DC-RAN members. In case you missed it, we established a member spotlight series on social media.

Please check it out and like, comment, and share!



Congresswoman Norton Meeting Recap

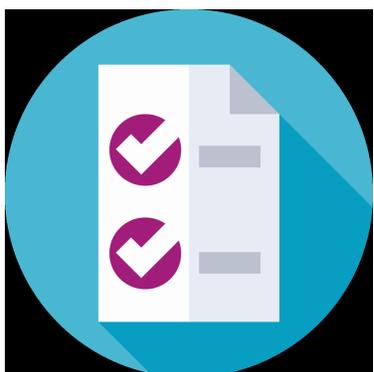
We had a productive meeting with Congresswoman Norton earlier this month. Specifically, she committed to working with DC-RAN on the following:

- Encouraging BOP to eliminate the financial burden associated with telephone calls and Corrlinks
- Renewing request for pandemic-related data for DC residents incarcerated in the BOP
- Resuming regularly scheduled meetings with the BOP regarding incarcerated dc residents
- Seeking meeting with the current (or new) director of the BOP to ensure the unique position of DC is understood
- Inquiring about the process for filling the director positions for CSOSA and parole commission
- Ongoing monitoring of compassionate release cases



Thank you to those who joined us for the meeting. We will continue to keep you posted with developments.

Reentry Survey Reminder



DC-RAN is partnering with the [Justice Policy Institute](#) to produce a comprehensive vision statement outlining the necessary reentry services in the District to meet the needs of the diverse population of returning citizens. We previously circulated a request to complete a survey designed to assess the existing reentry services for people returning to the community from prison or jail and identify gaps where the District needs to expand capacity. **It is therefore critical that we have full participation from entities**

that provide reentry related services. Questions? Please contact cochairs@dc-ran.org.

DDC State Plan

The District of Columbia Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) is in the process of developing a new Five-Year State Plan (State Plan) for fiscal years 2022–2026.

As part of the State Plan process, DDC is asking advocates with developmental disabilities, family members, professionals who support people with developmental disabilities and members of the community to complete a

brief survey. As a special thank-you, the DDC will randomly award nine \$25 gift certificates to those who complete the survey and include an email address. To access the survey, please visit ddc.dc.gov.



12 Steps to Effective Reentry

DC-RAN strives to ensure that all justice-involved people have access to high-quality reentry services to support their successful reintegration back into the community and promotes community-based alternatives to end over-reliance on the criminal justice system.



Kudos to Melanie Bates Consulting, LLC

for hosting a dynamic '[Legislative Landscape Refresher](#)' for DC-RAN member organizations. We enjoyed a robust discussion regarding policy making and criminal justice reform.



We were honored to be joined by a special guest, [Shae Harris](#). Thank you for your hard work and dedication to DC-RAN.

We encourage members who missed this session to attend our next [Legislative Landscape Session](#) scheduled for March 24, 2021. Together, we can do more to support the District's directly impacted population. Let's keep fighting for justice.

Mark Your Calendars

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 Meeting

March 2, 2021, 1:00 PM

Committee Meetings

March 2, 2021, 2:00 PM

Open Meeting

March 9, 2021, 1:00 PM



Keynote Speaker

JASON DOWNS
Chief Deputy
Attorney General
Office of the Attorney
General for the
District of Columbia

Opening Remarks

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DC-RAN Intern

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