



REENTRY CONNECTOR

Co-Chair Corner

The DC Reentry Action Network (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 and promote community-based alternatives to end District of Columbia's over-reliance on the criminal justice system. We are honored to serve as your Co-Chairs and look forward to embarking on this exciting year of change.

In service,

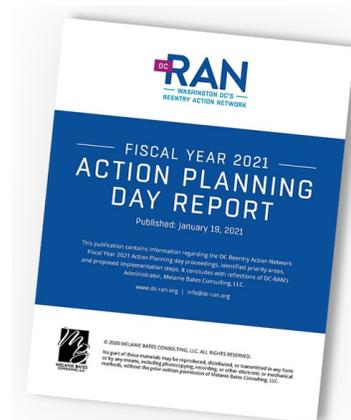
Paula Thompson & Keisha Robinson

DC-RAN Co-Chairs

RAN HIGHLIGHTS

Fiscal Year 2021 Action Planning Day Recap

Thank you to the DC-RAN members who participated in the Fiscal Year 2021 Action Planning Day. We enjoyed the robust conversation about our strategic priorities and execution strategy. If you haven't already, please review the Fiscal Year 2021 Action Planning Day Report in the DC-RAN Membership Packet. We look forward to further refining the action plans during the upcoming Committee Meetings. Questions? Please contact DC-RAN's Administrator, Melanie Bates Consulting, LLC at consulting@melaniebates.net.



DC-RAN Advocates for DC Residents Incarcerated During COVID-19



DC-RAN submitted a letter to Congresswoman Norton regarding the conditions of District residents incarcerated in the BOP during the COVID-19 pandemic. We met with the Office of Congresswoman Norton in December. We discussed all nine recommendations contained in the letter, requested outreach to BOP, and are scheduled to meet with the Congresswoman next week to discuss a status update. We look forward to implementation of meaningful solutions for our residents.

Thank you to those who contributed to these efforts. We are grateful for your support.

DC-RAN Membership Badge

We recently launched a DC-RAN Membership Badge for DC-RAN members to utilize via their email signature, website, social media, etc. We hope this asset will increase DC-RAN's visibility and strengthen overall branding. Please take a moment to review the usage guidelines on page 18 of the DC-RAN Membership Packet.



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!



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Family and Friends Reunification
Housing | Transitional Supports



REENTRY NEWS

Executive Order on Private Prisons

On January 26, 2021, President Biden issued an [Executive Order](#) on Reforming Our Incarceration System to Eliminate the Use of Privately Operated Criminal Detention Facilities.

Specifically, the Policy states:

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"More than two million people are currently incarcerated in the United States, including a disproportionate number of people of color. There is broad consensus that our current system of mass incarceration imposes significant costs and hardships on our society and communities and does not make us safer. To decrease incarceration levels, we must reduce profit-based incentives to incarcerate by phasing out the Federal Government's reliance on privately operated criminal detention facilities."

You can read the full Executive Order on [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov).

DC Cares Assistance Program

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WILL PROVIDE

\$8M+

IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR WORKERS IN DC WHO HAVE
BEEN EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL STIMULUS EFFORTS AND
ARE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUE TO THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC.



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The DC Cares Assistance Program provides financial support for District residents experiencing economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic but have been excluded from Unemployment Insurance and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. You may qualify if you have been released from incarceration or detention during the COVID-19 pandemic (on or after March 11, 2020). Applicants who are approved will receive a one-time payment of \$1,000. To learn more, please visit www.dccares2021.org.

District of Columbia Statehood

On January 3, 2021, Congresswoman Norton [introduced the District of Columbia statehood bill](#). The legislation was [introduced in the Senate](#) on January 27, 2021. On January 29, 2021, Congresswoman Norton introduced the [District of Columbia Parole and](#)

[Supervised Release Act](#). This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to make parole and supervised release determinations for persons convicted under beginning on November 1, 2022. These developments are a critical component in our fight to restore local control of our justice system. DC-RAN comments Congresswoman Norton on her courageous leadership.

Congresswoman Norton discussed why it is imperative that the District be afforded local autonomy:



"D.C. pays more federal taxes per capita than any state and pays more federal taxes than 22 states. D.C.'s population of 712,000 is larger than those of two states, and the new state would be one of seven states with a population under one million. D.C.'s budget is larger than those of 12 states, and D.C.'s bond rating is

higher than those of 35 states. D.C. has a higher per capita personal income and gross domestic product than any state. Eighty-six percent of D.C. residents voted for statehood in 2016."

Welcome Home Reentry Supportive Housing

The Welcome Home Reentry Supportive Housing Program is now accepting referrals through [LinkU](#). This program provides mentoring to men and women returning to their communities after incarceration. The goal is to help prevent returning citizens from falling back to previous mistakes by helping them find and follow a path to a new career. This is done by creating a support network centered on volunteer mentors who work closely with returning citizens.



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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



February 2, 2021, 1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94216881821>

Committee Meetings

February 2, 2021, 2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99762415047>

Open Meeting

March 9, 2021, 1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94616658637>

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To learn more about RAN, please visit our website at www.dc-ran.org.