

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 14, 2015

TO Housing Committee Members: Scott Griggs, Chair, Carolyn King Arnold, Vice-Chair, Monica R. Alonzo, Tiffinni A. Young, Mark Clayton, and Casey Thomas, II

SUBJECT Unlocking Doors Texas Reentry Network

On Monday, August 17, 2015, you will be briefed on Unlocking Doors Texas Reentry Network. A copy of the briefing is attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theresa O'Donnell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Theresa O'Donnell
Chief Planning Officer

c: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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UNLOCKING DOORS TEXAS REENTRY NETWORK

Unlocking

DOORS

Texas Reentry
Network



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change for us all*

UNLOCKING DOORS TEXAS REENTRY NETWORK

Organization

Texas 501c3 Nonprofit Organization founded in 2010

Corporate Name is Unlocking DOORS, Inc. dba DOORS

Also known as:

Unlocking DOORS Texas Reentry Network
Unlocking DOORS
DOORS

Tag Lines/ Quotes Used:

When doors open for a few, lives change for us all

It is never too late to be what you might have been.
- George Eliot

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.
- Maya Angelou

You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.
- Maya Angelou

UNLOCKING DOORS TEXAS REENTRY NETWORK

Leadership

Honorable John Creuzot, Esq.

Board Chairman

Former Dallas County Criminal District Judge

Texas Diversion/Specialty Court Founder

Christina Melton Crain, Esq.

Founder/Initial Board Chairman/President and CEO

Former Chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TDCJ Board)

Dallas Attorney

Former President of the Dallas Bar Association

MISSION

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Unlocking DOORS is committed to reducing initial and repeat crimes (recidivism) and the ever-escalating fiscal impact to the State of Texas through collaboration, partnership, education, training, public awareness and reporting of evidence-based data.

VISION

Unlocking DOORS excels to be known as the "diversion, reentry and integration" hub/clearinghouse for all those working within the criminal justice arena.

By pulling together all resources, organizations, and programs statewide into one coordinated effort, **Unlocking DOORS** allows for cross-networking, collaboration, cohesion and a stronger service model for those with criminal backgrounds.

Whether it be assisting in the diversion of qualifying individuals to a community program versus incarceration; filling a gap between pre-release and post-release services for those individuals releasing from incarceration; or educating the public and community service providers as to the specific needs and issues surrounding this very unique and growing population; **Unlocking DOORS feels certain that initial crime and overall repeat crime (recidivism) rates will be cut drastically, thereby creating a safer community for us all while leaving our tax base intact.**

VISION

PARTNERS

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2000 Roses Foundation, Inc.-4C/SAFPF Court-ABC Behavioral Health, LLC-A.C. Craig Resource Center-AIDS Services of Dallas-Alive at Last-AMACHI Texas-ARM Ministries-APAA-ATLAS Felony Mental Health Court-Attitudes and Attire-Big Brother Big Sisters Lone Star-The Bridge-City of Dallas Housing/Community Services-City of Dallas/Sanitation Services Dept.-CitySquare-Community Enrichment Center-Community Partners of Dallas-Community Staffing Services-Cornerstone Assistance Network-Cornerstone Baptist Church-Dads/Fathers of Texas-Dallas City Attorney's Office/Community Courts-Dallas County CSCD (Probation)-Dallas County CJAB-Dallas County Jail Diversion-Dallas Leadership Foundation-Dallas Public Library-Dallas Social Venture Partners-Dallas Temps-Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program-Doorways Prep-Dress for Success-Equal Heart-Exodus Ministries-Faith Kingdom Church of God in Christ-Faithway Fellowship Baptist Church-Family & Leadership Empowerment Network-Family Pathfinders of Tarrant County-The Family Place-Felony Domestic Violence Court-Financial Education Network (Hon. Eric Johnson)-Genesis Women's Shelter & Support-Girls Embracing Mothers (GEM)-GO KIDS-Goodwill Baptist Church-Harmony Community Development Corporation-H.I.S. BridgeBuilders-Inspired Vision Church-JobsForFelonsHub.com-Justice Ministries International-Kingdom Outreach Ministries-Legacy Counseling-Metrocare Services, Inc.-Misdemeanor Mental Health Court-Mesquite Social Services-Moving People Forward Ministries-NAMI/Dallas-New Creations Church-New Friends New Life-One Man's Treasure-Parkland Health and Hospital System-Patriot PAWS Service Dogs-The Phoenix House-Prison Entrepreneurship Program-Prison Fellowship Ministries-RAFT Recovery, Inc.-Recovery Resource Council-Road to Recovery-Safer Dallas Better Dallas, Inc.-Salvation Army Court/Ordered Substance Abuse Program-Santa Maria Hostel-Soul's Harbor-Southern Hills Church of Christ-STAC Court-STAR Court-The Stewpot-Stop the Cycle Recovery House, Inc.-Texas Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants-Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services-Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Texas HOPE Literacy, Inc.-Texas Inmate Families Association-T.O.R.I.-Texas Reentry Services-Texas Veterans Commission-University of North Texas System/UNT Dallas College of Law-Urban League of Greater Dallas-U.S. Probation Office/Northern District of Texas-Volunteers of America Texas/Resolana-The Way Back House/Intercomm-Windham School District (TDCJ)-Winner's Circle/Spirit of Hope-Zan Holmes Community Outreach Center

PARTNERS

PARTNERS' ROLE

Participate in quarterly partner meetings across the state for networking, collaboration and providing useful feedback from the field so as to allow a coordinated effort of participation and problem solving

Serve as official "referring agencies/organizations" for Unlocking DOORS Clients and all those we assist and support

Will assist/partner with Unlocking DOORS as it embarks on facilitating and producing a Statewide Diversion/Reentry/Integration Strategic Plan which everyone will own

FUNDERS

FUNDERS TO

DATE

The City of Dallas

The Dallas Foundation

The Dallas Women's Foundation

The Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation

The Dallas Bar Foundation

Federal Grants (Second Chance Act/Etc.) with various partners

The Harold Simmons Foundation

Individual and Private Donors

The Meadows Foundation

Sturgis Foundation

Texas Bar Foundation

Texas Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD)

Westcott Foundation

CORPORATE SUPPORTERS



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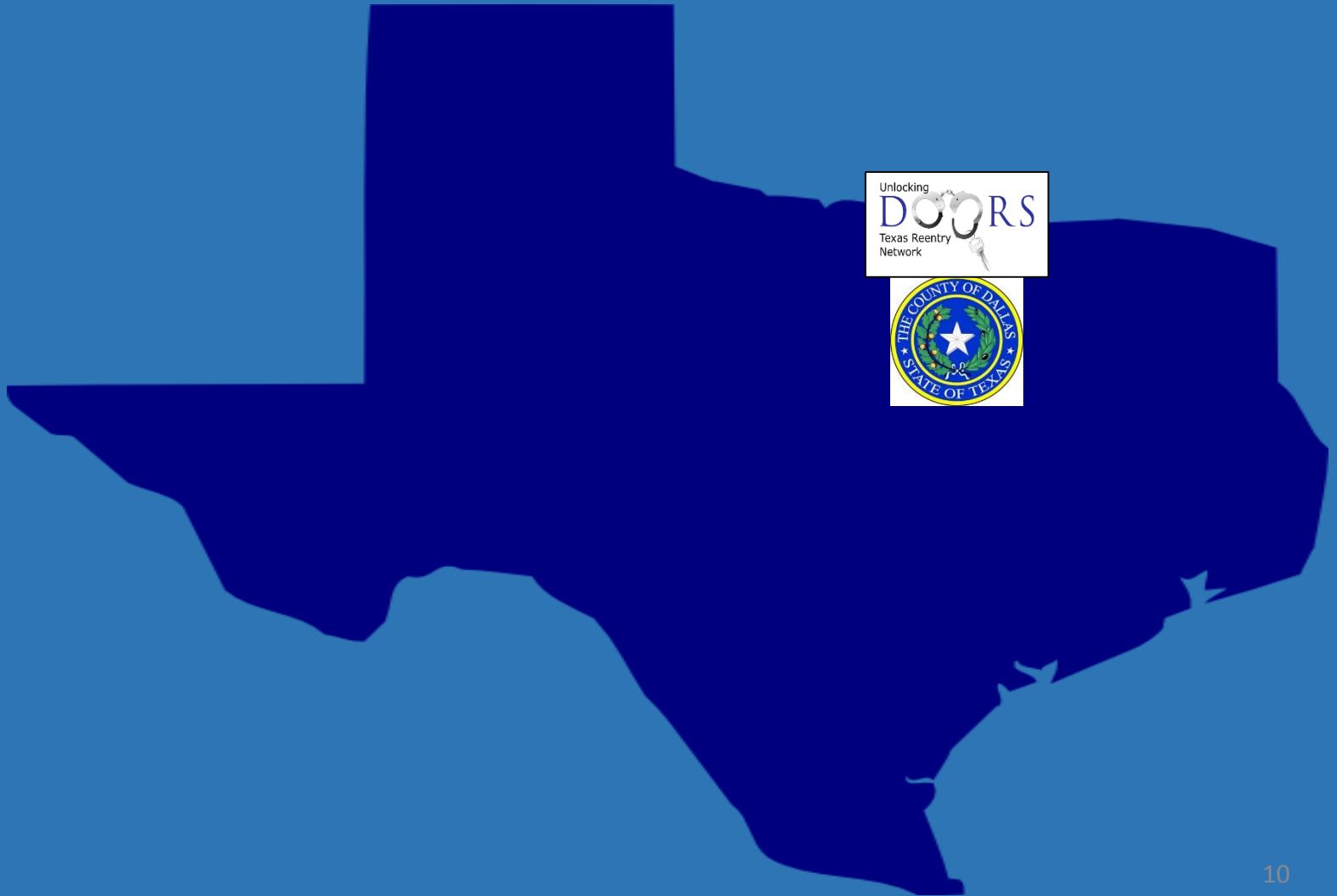
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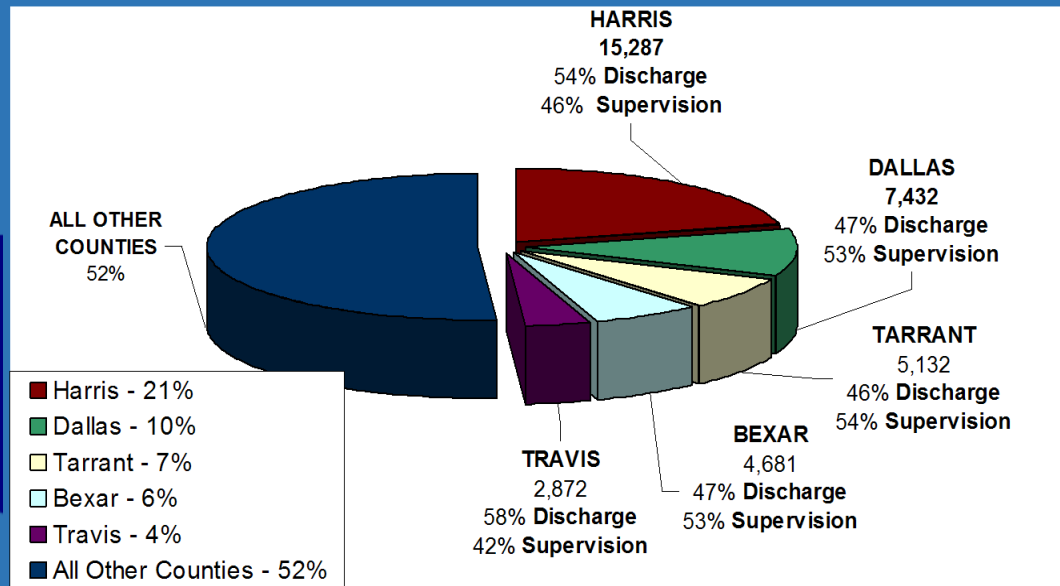
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STATE HEADQUARTERS
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS



UNLOCKING DOORS TEXAS REENTRY NETWORK CURRENT NETWORK COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATIONS *DALLAS AND TARRANT COUNTIES*



STATEWIDE ANALYSIS OF NEED



UNLOCKING DOORS TEXAS REENTRY NETWORK STATEWIDE EXPANSION – PHASE ONE *BEXAR, HARRIS AND TRAVIS COUNTIES*



FOCUS AREAS

COMPREHENSIVE PRE/POST-
RELEASE CLIENT SUPPORT

SUPPORTIVE ASSISTANCE TO
THE GENERAL PUBLIC

UNLOCKING DOORS
TEXAS REENTRY
NETWORK

PUBLIC AWARENESS
EDUCATION, TRAINING AND
POLICY/LAW ANALYSIS

NEW
ANALYTICAL REPORTING OF
EVIDENCE-BASED DATA

COMPREHENSIVE PRE/POST-RELEASE CLIENT SUPPORT PROCESS

CLIENT ACCESS

COMMUNITY REFERRAL (from a Partner or other organization)

COURT PROGRAMS

GRANTS

SELF-REFERRAL (walk-in; email; phone; USPS mail; saw Unlocking DOORS via TDCJ ECHO newsletter, social media, Unlocking DOORS website, media article, other)

COMPREHENSIVE PRE/POST-RELEASE CLIENT SUPPORT PROCESS



SUPPORTIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Via Email - Phone -
USPS Mail - Walk-In

Persons with criminal backgrounds needing simple assistance versus comprehensive client support (referral, job, connection and the like)

Families needing assistance, counseling and guidance so as to aid family members with a criminal background

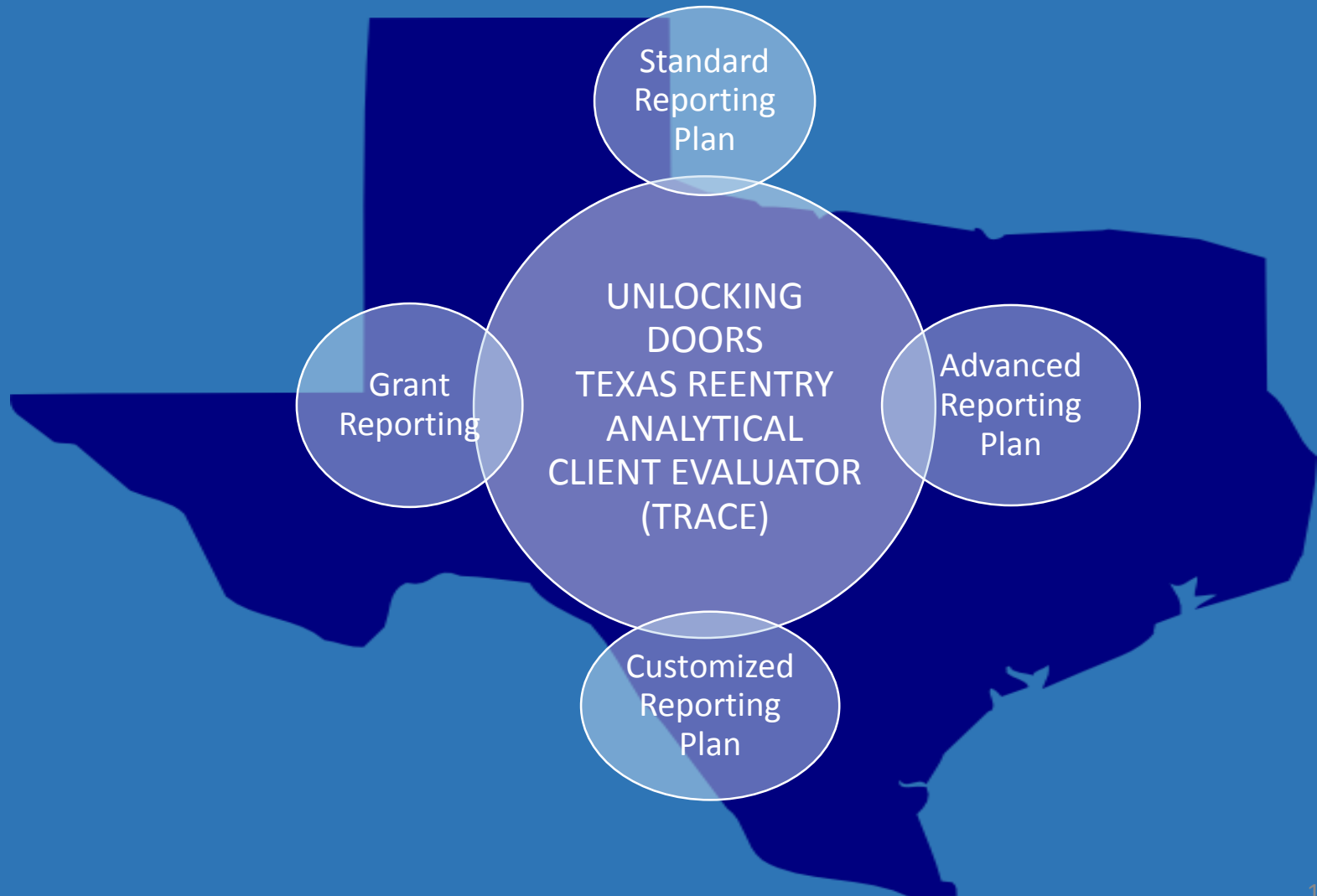
Members of the general public (including educators, media, students, public officials/policy makers) needing data, research, statistics and the like

PUBLIC AWARENESS EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LAW/POLICY ANALYSIS

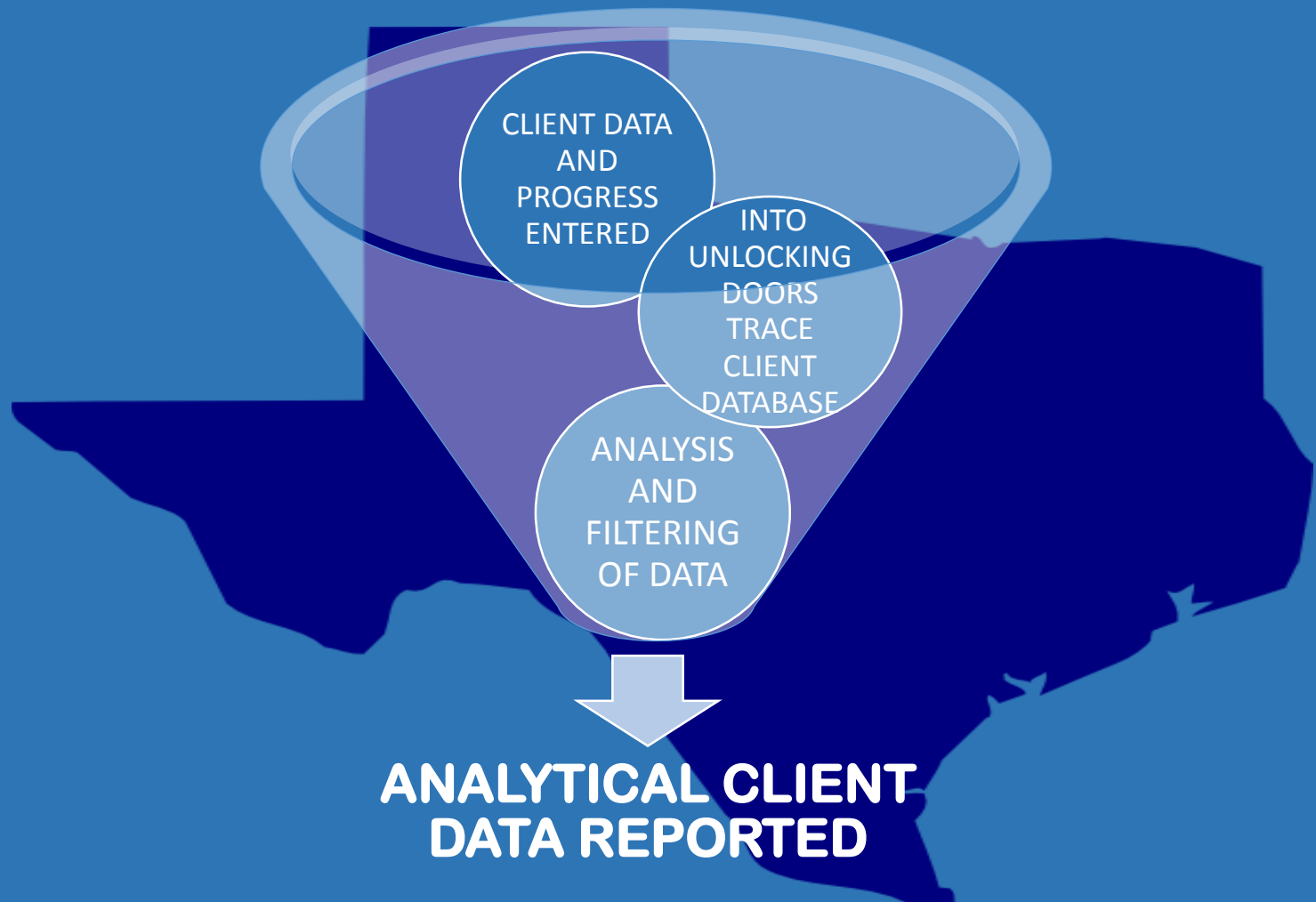


ANALYTICAL REPORTING OF EVIDENCE-BASED DATA

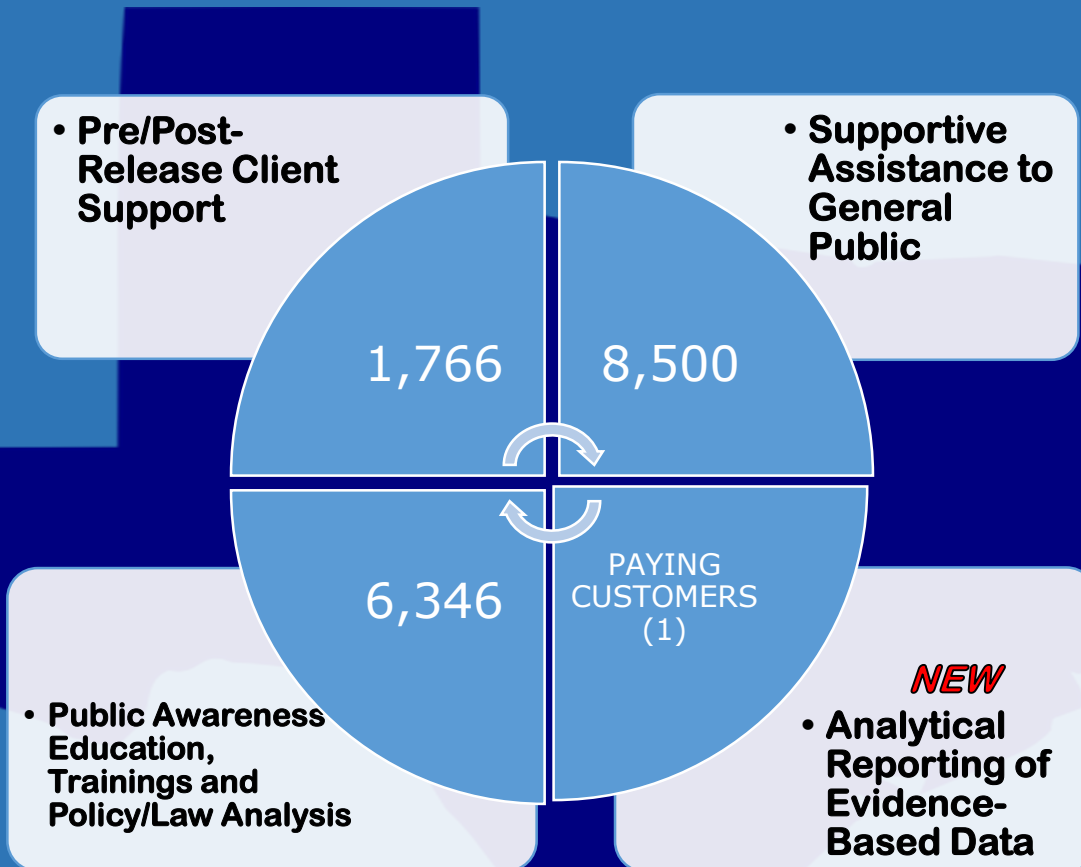
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ANALYTICAL REPORTING OF EVIDENCE-BASED DATA



INDIVIDUALS SERVED AS OF AUGUST 13, 2015



GETTING TO THE NEXT LEVEL
WE HAVE ONLY BEGUN TO SCRATCH THE SURFACE AND WE
NEED YOUR HELP

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NEXT LEVEL

Continued and Additional Funding to meet the vast need statewide

Convening the Statewide Diversion/Reentry/Integration Strategic Plan Process with Partners and relevant contingencies

Continued and Additional Federal/State/Local Leadership/Policy Maker Support and Assistance

**CONTACT US FOR ASSISTANCE,
TO PARTNER OR TO GET INVOLVED**

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