

King County Community Partnership for Transition Solutions

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Benefits of being a part of King County CPTS:

- Being a part of a supportive, caring and solutions based volunteer network of individuals committed to aiding justice involved adults in their transition process, i.e. The Community Companion Care Team.
- Educational opportunities like the Summer Institute, an annual training conference designed to provide tangible information aimed at building an understanding of the transition experience and foster sustainable partnerships.
- Trusted and compassionate partners to whom you can make referrals to and seek information from.
- Opportunities for professional development including project workgroups, event planning and organization, and ability to learn more by taking classes offered to former consumers.
- Monthly general assembly meetings where partners gather to share knowledge, network, and listen to presentations on pertinent topics.
- Working with a highly effective team to have crucial conversations and brainstorm public policy ideas to resolve challenges faced by the adults we serve who are transitioning to their families and communities.
- Ability to be connected to and learn from events and practices from a regional perspective.
- Access to the Re-Entry Corps, a group of individuals who are committed to reducing recidivism and assist adults transitioning from prisons and jails.

How to get the most out of your involvement with King County CPTS:

- Regularly attend General Assembly Meetings held the 3rd Friday of the month at New Holly Learning Center – 7058 32nd Ave S, Second Floor, Seattle, 98118.
- Come early or stay late to the General Assembly Meeting and network with other partners in attendance by sharing your program brochure, program updates, special event flyers, and business cards.
- Keep your contact information up to date.
- Be engaged!
- Read and respond to e-mails or contacts from partners on a timely basis.
- Volunteer to help at an event or on a workgroup.
- Share the solutions you can provide and look for opportunities to heighten your contribution.

Re-Entry Corps Members

Ethan Jordan



Ethan Jordan is the Interim program Manager and Board of Director Treasurer of Re-Entry Corps Voices and Faces. Ethan is a former justice involved consumer who has been paying forward with Re-Entry Corps and South Seattle College since October 2011. It was a referral from a Recovery Café that led him to New Holly Learning Center. Ethan graduated from LifeSkills2Work and the Perkins Leadership program. He went on to further his schooling to graduate with an A.A.S. in Computer Network Administration in 2014. Ethan is from a military family and grew up overseas before moving to Tucson, Arizona in 1990. Ethan has lived in Seattle, Washington for 5 years. He once hiked from Seattle to Olympic National Park via legs and public transit.

Nicholas Rankin



Nick is a 33-year old single father of a 6-year old daughter who served a 55-month sentence in prison and was released in January of 2011. He went through Joe Garcia's program at South Seattle, New Holly while in work release. Two months after release he gained full custody of his daughter and has been working for Metropolitan Improvement District since April 11, 2011, as a Safety Ambassador. His story is deep and he wants to get it out there so he might be able to help someone like him and give hope at a second chance in life stressing the support of family, community, hard work and dedication. Nick is a Founding Member of the Re-Entry Corps, which is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Seattle. He was also a Head Start parent and was elected Chair of his daughter's Head Start Parent Council, as well as an Army Veteran.

Zelda Tiemann



Zelda served 45 months at Washington's Correction Center for Women. Since her release in 2014, she successfully completed the "Life Skills2Work/Steps2Freedom" re-entry class at South Seattle College/New Holly. Zelda is a full-time Computer Technology student at South Seattle College. She facilitates a women's Celebrate Recovery meeting at Life Change Church and volunteers with the Tzu Chi Foundation. Zelda also chairs Re-Entry Corps: Voices & Faces, a non-profit that provides transition solutions to pre- and post-release consumers. Zelda has been invited to share and speak about her experiences at: LifeSkills2Work/Steps2Freedom Graduation–SSC; Unstoppable Kindness; WA Correction Education Assoc. Conference; Mission Creek Correction Center for Women; CPTS Summer Institute; GAINS Intercept Mapping Symposium; Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle; and the Tzu Chi Foundation.