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Formerly Incarcerated Leaders to Gather for Community-Building Event in Dallas

“From Prison to Power: Finding Your Voice After Incarceration” Event Will Take Place on April 2, 2022

(DALLAS, TX) – On April 2, a group of formerly incarcerated and justice system-impacted Texans will convene in Dallas. The event, “From Prison to Power: Finding Your Voice After Incarceration,” is organized by the Texas Center for Justice and Equity’s Statewide Leadership Council (SLC) and partners.

“It’s no accident that the criminal legal system isolates us and makes us feel alone,” said **Maggie Luna, TCJE Peer Policy Fellow and coordinator of the SLC**. “Whether it’s through arrest, incarceration, probation, parole, or a loved one’s experience, those of us who’ve been personally impacted by the system face consequences for years, and that trauma radiates out to our communities and to future generations. By creating this community, we are reclaiming leadership in the fight to dismantle the system that has touched all our lives.”

WHAT: “From Prison to Power: Finding Your Voice After Incarceration.” A free event featuring presentations from speakers, along with resources and information about local organizations in Dallas.

WHO: The Statewide Leadership Council (SLC), a group of formerly incarcerated and system-impacted Texans who are fighting to change the state’s INjustice system. The growing list of event partners and participating organizations include [Be Frank for Justice](#), [Color of Change](#), [Darius Pettway Life Skool](#), Equal Justice Law Group, [MOVE Texas](#), and [Texas Inmate Families Association \(TIFA\)](#).

WHY: To share stories from formerly incarcerated Texans, provide resources for system-impacted people, and help new and experienced advocates access trainings and community through the SLC.

WHERE: Kiest Park Recreation Center, 3081 S. Hampton, Dallas, TX 75224

WHEN: Saturday, April 2, 2022, 1:00-3:00pm CDT

TOPICS: Solutions for Confronting Injustice in the System, Alternatives to Mass Incarceration, Youth Justice Landscape in Dallas, Women’s Justice Landscape in Texas, and Community Involvement

Registration for “From Prison to Power: Finding Your Voice After Incarceration” is free and available [at this link](#). With questions, please contact Madison at mkaigh@TexasCJE.org or Maggie at mluna@TexasCJE.org.

This event follows a series of community gatherings in Texas cities including Beaumont, Tyler, Livingston, and Pharr. Most recently, the group hosted a “From Prison to Power” event in Houston; the video recording of that event is available [here](#), and photos are available [here](#).

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The Texas Center for Justice and Equity (formerly the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition) advances solutions and builds coalitions to end mass incarceration and foster safer Texas communities.