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Texas Criminal Justice Coalition Announces New Name

As Texas Center for Justice and Equity, justice advocacy organization will continue to prioritize system-impacted voices in work to end mass incarceration

(AUSTIN, TX) – Today, the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC) announced a rebrand, officially changing the organization’s name to the Texas Center for Justice and Equity (TCJE).

The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition was founded in 2000 and has long fought at the State Capitol and in counties throughout Texas to safely reduce the flow of people into prisons and jails, to help people during and after incarceration, and to shift investments from the multi-billion-dollar state corrections system to community-based supports. It prioritizes members of system-impacted and marginalized communities in its hiring and on its Board.

The new name better reflects the organization’s mission and philosophy, and it represents an ongoing evolution towards equity and away from stigmatizing language like “criminal” for system-impacted people. TCJE’s vision remains the same: safe, healthy Texas communities.

“We are thrilled to share our new name, which encompasses our organization’s growth over the past two decades and centers our focus on the future of this work,” said **Leah Pinney, TCJE Executive Director**. “As we embark on this new chapter, our team will continue to fight for the reforms that communities have demanded while working to support the larger transformations that our criminal legal system desperately needs.”

Alongside the new name, TCJE announced a [new website](#). The new site contains the organization’s significant history of [publications](#) in addition to brand-new content, including a [supporter hub](#) for grassroots engagement and a [page](#) expanding on the name change. The site also features TCJE’s system-impacted coalitions: The [Statewide Leadership Council](#), a group of formerly incarcerated and system-impacted people working to transform justice in Texas; and the [Texas Women’s Justice Coalition](#), a group of impacted women, advocates, practitioners, and experts who work for better outcomes for women in the criminal legal system.

For more on the organization’s history, please visit this [20th anniversary timeline](#).

For more information about TCJE’s work, visit its new website at www.TexasCJE.org.

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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.