

**Tallahassee Religious Society of Friends Supports
Big Bend A.F.T.E.R. Reentry Coalition (BBARC)
(A.F.T.E.R = A Fight To End Recidivism)**

The Big Bend A.F.T.E.R., or AFTER, Reentry Coalition (www.bigbendreentry.org) is a coalition of individuals and groups including corrections, law enforcement, social service agencies and religious organizations, united to increase public safety and reduce recidivism. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The Coalition aims to achieve its goals through collaborating and establishing community partnerships, identifying, and providing services to inmates and formerly incarcerated people, and empowering them to become productive, self-sufficient members of the community. Its goals are based on evidence showing the effectiveness of its chosen methods. The organization projects that there is a real possibility of establishing a reentry portal for people who return to our community after incarceration.

Goals and Objectives:

Collaborate with law enforcement, corrections, and probation services to develop a streamlined reentry approach designed to insure smooth and successful reentry:

- Reach out to new members to broaden the coalition and enrich all our understanding of local resources and services; educating ourselves and the community about the many programs and projects in the Big Bend area which serve the needs of inmates and formerly incarcerated citizens
- Educate the community about the positive benefits of community safety by assisting inmates and formerly incarcerated people in their transition back into our communities.
- Coordinate services to help inmates and formerly incarcerated people access: Identification documents; housing; education; employment, and substance abuse intervention.

Each month a leader in the community speaks about their experience with issues and resources pertinent to the goals of the organization. BBARC is an organization in which relationships are built, all human beings are respected, and prevention of crime through treating people humanely is the focus. Its support for establishing a reentry portal for those who are incarcerated addresses, in part, systemic racism and mass incarceration.

Meeting for Business approved a membership donation of \$25.00.
Individual donations are welcome.

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