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Austin hosts annual Statewide Reentry Conference

In January, the 7th Annual Statewide Reentry Conference was held at the Texas Capitol in Austin. The conference serves as a venue for administrators, service providers and policy makers from a variety of organizations throughout the state to discuss current reentry initiatives. Among the panelists participating in the conference were several Texas Department of Criminal Justice representatives.

Topics covered at the conference include teaching job skills to offenders and preparing them for the workplace after release. TDCJ representatives discussed the agency's comprehensive reentry plan, which begins when offenders first arrive in the system and continues throughout incarceration until their release, or beyond release in cases where offenders are under parole supervision. ●



TDCJ senior staff discuss in detail how different agency divisions work together to improve the efficiency and success rate of the reentry process. From left to right: Rehabilitation Programs Division Director Madeline Ortiz; Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Logistics Division Director Bobby Lumpkin; Reentry and Integration Division Director April Zamora and Parole Division Director Pamela Thielke.