



GRACE Conference

Growth through Reentry to Advance Careers & Employment

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Friday, July 29, 2022

**Hyatt Regency Hill Country
9800 Hyatt Resort Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78251**

Agenda

- 8:00 AM** **Registration**
- 9:00 AM** **Welcome** – Julian Alvarez III, Commissioner Representing Labor
Greetings – Adrian Lopez, Chief Executive Officer, Workforce Solutions Alamo
State of the State Prison System – Bryan Collier, Executive Director, TDCJ
- 9:35 AM** **Panel 1 Discussion – Businesses Successfully Hiring Second Chance Individuals**
Hear about employers' experiences hiring and retaining second chance individuals
- 10:45 AM** **Panel 2 Discussion – Success through Educational Partnerships with TDCJ**
Learn about the types of education and training available to incarcerated individuals and opportunities available upon release
- 12:00 PM** **Introduction** – Aaron Demerson, Commissioner Representing Employers
- 12:15 PM** **Keynote Speaker** – The Honorable Carl Sherman, Texas State Representative
- 1:15 PM** **Panel 3 Discussion – TWC Programs and Services for Businesses**
Identify programs and services available to businesses and how to access them.
- 2:35 PM** **Panel 4 Discussion – Innovative Services Provided by Non-profit Partnerships**
Learn about best practices and innovative ways non-profits pair with second chance individuals and how that can benefit your business
- 4:00 PM** **Closing Remarks** – The Honorable Rebeca Clay-Flores, Bexar County Commissioner