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Community Forum For Families Of Incarcerated Persons

On Friday, June 13, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., there will be a Community Forum to provide resource information for families of incarcerated persons at the South Austin Rural Community Center, at 3518 FM 973. The event is being hosted by the Travis County Sheriff's Office, Building Bridges: Brick by Brick Steering Committee.

This month's forum will provide information on, How To Deal With and Support Your Loved One's Personal Experience and Journey With the Travis County Jail. Special topics include alcohol use, drug use, mental health/ illness, suicide, health, addictions, medical care, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous.

In February 2006 the Travis County Sheriff's Office and the National Crime Prevention Council hosted a conference titled, "Building Bridges: Brick by Brick". The purpose of the conference was to bring community leaders together to identify problems in our community, come up with solutions to those problems as a group and make Austin a better place to live. Brick #3 of the Building Bridges group is the Preventing Adult and Juvenile Recidivism Brick. They are planning monthly forums designed to help reduce recidivism by educating families of inmates.

The contacts for this event are Charyl Naron at 854-5229, Vennie Davis at 854-4787, or Mike Manor at 854-9172.

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