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WHAT HAPPENS NOW SEMINAR SET FOR APRIL 6

The New Path Reentry Planning Workgroup and Navajo Nation Probation & Parole Services are hosting a "What Happens Now" seminar at the Chinle Chapterhouse on April 6, 2017, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Families of returning citizens or those formerly incarcerated are invited.

The purpose of the seminar is to engage families in the pre- and post-release process for their loved ones who are returning or were formerly incarcerated, encourage families to support the transition from prison to home, provide an overview of supervised release, and promote transparency and build bridges among government officials, non-governmental organizations, families and the returning citizens or former offenders.

This is the third seminar for the workgroup. The first was held at the To'naneesdizi Chapter House in Tuba City, Ariz., on July 21, 2016, and the second was held at the Navajo Nation Museum on September 29, 2016. A fourth seminar in New Mexico is being planned.

The mission of the New Path Reentry Workgroup is to, "Engage and embrace each high risk offender and provide an individualized road map of success that is realized by meaningful employment, housing and positive community involvement."

The workgroup hopes to reduce recidivism and increase the number of returning citizens who become productive members of the Navajo Nation.

The New Path Reentry Planning Workgroup is comprised of tribal and non-tribal service providers, tribal leaders, the U.S. Attorney's Office, U.S. Federal Probation, county officials, community advocates and former offenders. The next workgroup meeting is June 6, 2017.

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