

Witness to Innocence: Care for Older Adult Exonerated Survivors of Death Row

Timeline

June 2021 – Confirm funding. Final evaluation of outcomes/assess progress of first year. Reflection and consideration of any adjustments needed. Plan trainings.

July 2021 –Year 2 of project begins.

Ongoing – July – June 2021—Training for Older Adult Peer Specialist with Director of Social Work. Continuing contact between Older Adult Peer Specialist and each exoneree over 60. With support of Director of Social Work, identify and prioritize needs, plan interventions. Continue to support COVID-19 vaccine access if needed. Address emergency needs and refer to Emergency Fund when needed. Training for social work team and other staff on Dementia, PTSD, Racial Literacy. Specific trainings for Older Adult Peer Specialist in topics such as caregiver support and resources for older adults. Resource cultivation and development. Gather data.

August - September 2021- If possible, begin to plan for in-person visits to homebound and those in long-term care. These visits will be scheduled as needed throughout the year. Plan for Annual Gathering if it will be occurring in November. Identify access issues for older adults and support accordingly.

October 2021- Ongoing work. Support and encourage older adults' attendance at Annual Gathering. Plan for accessibility and supportive programs.

November 2021 – Annual Gathering, if travel allows. In-person time with members and loved ones. Solicit member feedback.

December 2021 – Evaluation- What is working? What needs to shift? What resources have been cultivated? What work can be replicated/shared with other organizations? Feedback from other Peer Specialists and those served.

January – April 2021 – Ongoing work to address needs of older adult exonerees. Travel as needed for in-person visits. Resource cultivation and development. Plan gathering, if happening in May.

May 2021- Second date for possible Annual Gathering of Members. In-person time with members and loved ones. Solicit member feedback. Continue ongoing work.

May-June 2021 – Ongoing work to address needs of older adult exonerees. Travel as needed for in-person visits. Resource cultivation and development. Gather data.

June 2021 - Evaluation- What is working? What needs to shift? What resources have been cultivated? Feedback from Peer Specialists and those served. Plan for sustaining support of individual older adult exonerees for project moving forward. Share results.