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PACT Conference held in Huntsville

The 2015 TDCJ Public Awareness – Corrections Today Conference was held on Saturday, October 3 in Huntsville at the George Beto Criminal Justice Center on the campus of Sam Houston State University. TDCJ began holding the PACT Conference in 2002 in order to give offender families, friends and other concerned parties useful information regarding various aspects of agency operations as well as direct access to senior agency staff, unit wardens, rehabilitative service providers and health professionals.

Numerous TDCJ staff members distributed informative literature, discussed agency policy and procedures, and participated in direct, face-to-face conversations with more than 250 attendees. In addition to offender families, conference participants included members of the general public, community leaders, offender advocates, criminal justice volunteers and prison and jail ministry leaders. The conference agenda included presentations and panel discussions by the Correctional Institutions, Parole, Reentry and Integration, Rehabilitation Programs, Private Facilities and Health Services divisions. Representatives of the Windham School Dis-

trict and the Board of Pardons and Paroles were also on-hand to provide information and answer questions about their operations.

Speaking at the October meeting of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, TDCJ Executive Director Brad Livingston commented on the success of the PACT Conference, saying, “As in past years, the conference provided offender families and the general public an opportunity to hear many presentations on aspects of TDCJ operations to include visi-

tation, offender health, rehabilitation programming and others. The conference also gave individuals an opportunity to visit directly with TDCJ staff. This conference is by no means the only opportunity the public has to learn about the agency or to enquire about a loved one, but it is certainly an excellent forum that the participants seem to appreciate, as they’ve told us on many occasions. I want to thank specifically the Ombudsman’s Office and TDCJ staff who participated.” ●



Administrative Review and Risk Management Program Specialist II Tues E-Siringi registers attendees as they arrive at the conference. Additional photos from the 2015 PACT Conference are available on the [Connections Web page](#).