



## Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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RE: Kairos

To Whom It May Concern:

In reviewing the advantages the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has with the Kairos programs available is a magnificent testimony. The Kairos programs offered within our agency has such an impact on the behaviors of the offenders and staff alike. If statistics are reviewed, the implementation of a religious program within any detaining facility improves the behavior of offenders. The encouragement and guidance of the volunteers with the program is a blessing. When speaking to some offenders who are incarcerated, they inform you they were never raised in a religious atmosphere. The offenders inform you that they learned a lot of their behavior from the social disorganization and cultural transmission of their communities which geared them to their behavioral attitude and crimes committed.

The religious programs which our agency supports with great emphasis, is a developer in the thinking of offenders and staff based on what they want in life itself. It assists so many offenders to think about the consequences of their behavior and ways to better themselves in their lives. The programs also assist the officers in the daily duties of their jobs by the impact the program may have had on the life changing affects of an offender in a positive way.

We as an agency, see the offender's rehabilitation process from a criminological standpoint: Past and Present which leads into the future. Our goal is to rehabilitate all offenders according to the need of the offender and communities in which they will release. The Kairos program is a "present" impact based on the offenders due to they assist so much with the desired goals. The Kairos program has an endearing touch for the experience and the testimonies which are shared for the offenders and staff. The Kairos program is all about our "future".

Sincerely,

  
Richard P. LeBlanc Unit

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*Our mission is to provide public safety, promote positive change in offender behavior, reintegrate offenders into society, and assist victims of crime.*

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