

Member Engagement Questions

- ▶ **BACKGROUND:** The offender population, their families, and their advocates are important stakeholders who have a vested interest in the operation of safe, security facilities. DPS provides information and services to families from a statewide level, and facility staff communicate regularly with families and friends who inquire about an offender's status. DPS also leads statewide and regional re-entry efforts to support an offender's return to the community.
- ▶ **Question:** What recommendations do you have regarding how to effectively engage this constituency in reform efforts?

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- ▶ **BACKGROUND:** Improving the safety and work environment for correctional officers and other prison-based employees are Prisons' top priority, and many Prison Reform initiatives are underway to enhance those areas. DPS has multiple strategies to communicate with staff, but in some cases specific information regarding agency and facility initiatives does not reach front-line staff.
- ▶ **Question:** What communication strategies and techniques do you recommend to ensure prison staff are aware of reform initiatives and feel engaged in what's happening in their workplace?