

# WeAdvise! Building a Sustainable, Inclusive Community Advisory Board for Hennepin County's Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation

Thursday, Aug. 15
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Wood Lake Nature Center (Fireplace Room)

Hennepin County's Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation, in partnership with Marnita's Table, invites you to join us for community conversation and engaged planning session to determine barriers, needs or concerns specific to the immigrant community as we seek to develop an inclusive community advisory board for the department. This event is part of a series of conversations to inform the community-based planning and design process.

Who can join the conversation? **Anyone who lives in Hennepin County – including youth and adults of all ages**. It is important to have your perspective as we aim to make this community advisory board truly inclusive, diverse and representative of the communities we serve.

**If you are interested in attending this event**, please RSVP via email to <u>elexis@marnitastable.org</u> or by calling 612-928-7744. If you need to contact someone on Aug. 15, please call Blanca at 612-567-6521.

## **Event Information**

When: Thursday, Aug. 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Wood Lake Nature Center (Fireplace Room) ~ 6710 Lake Shore Drive ~ Richfield, MN 55423



## Why Join Us?

- We are seeking community members for a new, community-designed advisory board
- Come on Aug. 15 or stay engaged in the project on an ongoing basis!
- Children and teenagers are welcome
- It is **FREE** to participate
- Transportation support can be arranged as needed (call or email for details)

# **What to Expect**

An evening of great conversation where we listen to **your perspectiv**e as you share with us what **you think** about who should be on Hennepin County's Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation's community advisory board and what shape it should take. Expect to be engaged as we develop shared definitions of sustainable community engagement and explore your priorities and feedback on shaping an advisory board to help guide the work, policies and practices of the Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Together we will capitalize on existing energy, make new connections and build momentum as we share an abundant feast. If you are receiving this invitation, you have been identified as someone who will add and receive extraordinary value through your participation in this critical conversation. We are specifically seeking a vibrant, cross-cultural mix of participants from every sector. If you know someone who will add and/or receive extraordinary value through their participation, feel free to reach out to someone across race, class, culture, professional affiliation or age, and invite them to join you!

A complete feast is served with abundance to relieve any dietary concern from vegan to halal to carnivore using the <u>Marnita's Table model</u> of a resource-abundant environment. You are the guest of Hennepin County's Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation and there is **NO CHARGE** to participate. Please dress comfortably. Adults, children and other community members of all ages are welcome – we look forward to seeing you!

**About Hennepin County DOCCR:** Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation's (DOCCR) mission is to promote community safety, community restoration, and reduce the risk of re-offense. The department operates correctional institutions, a treatment center, adult and juvenile probation, supervised release, provides mediation in parenting custody disputes, and administers alternative sentencing programs. It is the largest community corrections organization in Minnesota.

**About Marnita's Table:** Marnita's Table seeks to measurably increase social capital across race, class, culture, gender and other means of self-identity in order to catalyze transformational change where racial and cultural differences are not viewed as deficits or merely tolerated, but instead viewed as assets. Experts at social capital building, over the past fourteen years we've welcomed nearly 50,000 people from around the world and the around the way to find common ground while breaking bread.

### **Questions?**

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