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## **TCJC Executive Director Ana Yáñez-Correa to Become Program Officer at Public Welfare Foundation**

**AUSTIN, TX** – Dr. Ana Yáñez-Correa, who has served as the Executive Director of the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC) since 2005, has accepted the position of Program Officer at the Washington, DC-based Public Welfare Foundation. She will be leading the Foundation’s Criminal Justice grant-making program, effective November 2, 2015.

“We are thrilled to bring Ana on board,” said Mary E. McClymont, President of the Public Welfare Foundation. “Her track record speaks for itself. She will be a wonderful asset to the Foundation as we continue to bolster the important work of criminal justice reform organizations in significantly reducing incarceration across the country.”

Dr. Ana Yáñez-Correa has raised the profile of TCJC both within Texas and nationally. Under her leadership, and with the collaboration of a broad coalition of partners, TCJC has helped drive the statewide passage of more than 150 smart-on-crime policies that have positively changed the course of criminal justice, youth justice, and reentry systems in Texas. Dr. Ana Yáñez-Correa has also been critical in expanding TCJC’s efforts to local jurisdictions, serving as a strong advocate for diversion and reentry strategies in some of Texas’ largest counties.

“The Public Welfare Foundation is gaining an amazing reformer,” said TCJC Board Chair William Harrell. “During Ana’s tenure, TCJC has become the go-to organization for criminal justice policy advocacy in Texas, but I am confident that new organizational leadership will sustain the momentum and bring only good things for the future. The fight continues!”

TCJC has named Leah Pinney as its new Executive Director. Ms. Pinney has served as TCJC’s Finance and Operations Director since 2008 and, prior to that, worked as program staff on a wide range of policy issues.

“Leah was the Board’s first and only choice for this position,” said Dr. Yáñez-Correa. “She is intimately familiar with every moving part of the organization, and she is a natural fit for the job. I congratulate her on her new role and cannot wait to see how she lifts the organization to new heights.”

Please visit this link for the Public Welfare Foundation’s announcement about Dr. Yáñez-Correa’s new position:  
[www.publicwelfare.org/public-welfare-foundation-selects-new-criminal-justice-program-officer/](http://www.publicwelfare.org/public-welfare-foundation-selects-new-criminal-justice-program-officer/)

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*The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition works with peers, policy-makers, practitioners, and community members to identify and promote smart justice policies that safely reduce the state’s costly over-reliance on incarceration – creating stronger families, less taxpayer waste, and safer communities.*