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Hope Center Director Tapped to Lead Philadelphia Office of Reentry Partnerships

We are delighted to announce that Bianca van Heydoorn, Director of Community Engagement and Research Application for the Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice at Temple University will become the City of Philadelphia's Senior Director of the Office of Reentry Partnerships.



"We recognized Bianca's considerable talents from the start and benefited from them during the year she spent with our team. We are thrilled that she is being elevated to lead our city's work in this way!" Said Hope Center Founding Director, Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab.

In this newly created role, sited in the Office of Criminal Justice and Public Safety, van Heydoorn will be responsible for the development and implementation of the City's plans, strategies, policies, and programs regarding reentry. Her work will include partnerships with prison and community-based reentry programs as well as improving coordination among city agencies tasked with helping returning citizens reintegrate into society.

"This is a dream job, an amazing opportunity to continue the work I've been doing for the past 18 years," van Heydoorn said. "While I'm saddened to leave the innovative work I'd begun at the Hope Center, I'm excited to serve the citizens of Philadelphia to improve equity, safety and justice by ensuring that our neighbors returning from incarceration have access to the resources, supports and opportunities they need to thrive."

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