

Introduction to the New PATH Blog

What is a blog?

“A blog is a personal diary, daily pulpit, collaborative space, political soapbox, breaking-news outlet, or collection of links. A blog is your own private thought or memos to the world. A blog is whatever you want it to be. There are millions of them, in all shapes and sizes, and there are no real rules. In simple terms, a blog is a web site, where you write stuff on an ongoing basis. New stuff shows up at the top, so your visitors can read what's new. Then they comment on it or link to it or email you, or not. Since Blogger was launched in 1999, blogs have reshaped the web, impacted politics, shaken up journalism, and enabled millions of people to have a voice and connect with others.” – Blogger Help

How do I find the PATH blog?

To find the PATH blog go to <http://pathcommittee.blogspot.com>. You will be reading the blog as a public viewer. If you want to be a follower or leave comments, you must sign in.

What is a follower? How do I become a follower of the PATH blog?

Do you have a favorite blog and want to let the author and readers know that you are a fan? There are several ways to become a follower of a blog. One of the easiest ways is to visit a blog that has added the Following widget (an area of the blog titled Followers) and click on the "Follow" button. A new window will ask you to sign in using an account you've already created with Google (Gmail), AIM, Yahoo, or OpenID. You'll then see a popup window with the options to either follow publicly or privately. Select how you'd like to follow the blog; then click the "Follow this blog" button. It is that simple, you are now a follower of the blog!

How do I leave a comment?

Comments are your opportunity to voice your opinion on the blog posting or other comments. Under the individual blog postings, you will see who posted the blog (the owner of the blog) and the time it was posted. Click to the right of this where it shows how many comments have been left. You can read all comments and post your own comment. First, type your comment in the available textbox. Next to "Comment as:" you must select which account you will be using to leave the comment: Google, LiveJournal, WordPress, TypePad, AIM, OpenID. Finally, you can preview before your post or simply post comment.

Why a blog?

- Interactive addition to our new PATH website
- Will get people engaged BEFORE and AFTER our Trifecta conference
- Share updates regarding triangulation of services in San Antonio and across the state
- Share reports (or excerpts) to inform our staff, stakeholders and the public about current events, changes, initiatives
- Initiate surveys to determine our next steps or the needs of our 3 entities