



PARC National Prisoner Resource Directory

Dear Community,

November 2024

We present to you the November 2024 edition of PARC's National Prisoner Resource Directory. We have worked hard to create an accurate and helpful set of resources for you. This year we expanded our volunteer ranks and conducted a close review of all the organizations included. We added new listings, removed others, and added some back in who had taken a break, so be sure to check for updated information before writing. Here are some tips for how to communicate with the organizations in this issue:

- Expect delays. Be patient and give organizations time to reply. Most of the groups listed here are all-volunteer, grassroots organizations that do this work as they are able.
- Write clearly and include your full return address on both the envelope and any letters you write.
- Keep a log of who you reach out to and dates when you reached out. Keep copies of all money orders or checks.
- If you don't hear back from an organization in over 3 months, try writing again, and let them know it is your second or third contact.
- For free books programs, request books by genre or topic, not by title. Nearly all these organizations depend on donations so don't have all titles. If you need a specific title, try one of the discount vendors listed.
- We have removed all pen pal organizations per prison regulations and in furtherance of our core mission to focus on social justice rather than social connections.

While we are disheartened by the current climate around the criminal punishment system and expansion of state oppression, we also see markers of progress that give us hope. On the demoralizing side, we see movements to increase penalties for low-level crimes, such as the unfortunate passage of Prop 36 in California. We are also frustrated to see the calls to expand the federal death penalty and refusal to release aging and ailing political prisoners, despite persistent advocacy to bring these elders home. Meanwhile, inside, we see people working hard to better themselves and increase the quality of their own lives as well as those around them. Reports of the new four-year college degree programs such as Humboldt State University's program at Pelican Bay SP give us hope. Can we transform dungeons into more like college campuses through engaged discussions of higher thought? In looking ahead at the coming years, we have a sense of determination and understanding that now more than ever, we cannot rely on others to save us. The work of building real community involves sitting at the table with those we may have considered our adversaries.

Our current focus is on maintaining and distributing this Directory. As an all-volunteer organization, we do our best to respond to individual letters, but cannot always answer your specific questions or requests for advocacy. **We are not a law office and cannot provide any legal advice or referrals.** Because we do not have an office with regular hours, we are unable to provide support over the phone. We do not keep a database of people who write to us, so make note if you have written to us before. We are entirely funded by individual and private donations.

Shout out to all of our partners across the country, including the many free books projects who ship out this Directory and support the costs of printing and mailing, as well as the network of anarchist librarians who contributed valuable research in updating entries. Please share this Directory with others, so that as many people as possible may benefit from the information. We continue to welcome information from you about which organizations have updated information or have become inactive. YOU are the best source for new organizations that provide direct services to people inside which should be considered for inclusion in our directory – we are especially looking for organizations serving the Midwest and Northwest regions.

Thank you for building this community with us.

In solidarity toward justice,

PARC

"Perseverance affords you the inner strength to outlast the past and present conditions. Perseverance affords you the ability to withstand adversity and dig deep for the inner strength to carry on forward to accomplish your goals." – Paul Redd

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National Lawyers Guild. See PARC RECOMMENDED BOOKS at the end of this Directory for more info. Last updated in 2021. To receive a paperbound copy, mail a request to the above address and wait at least 2 months for return. Download chapter, or get an order form to request a Handbook at <https://www.jailhouselaw.org/>

Critical Resistance

P.O. Box 22780 · Oakland, CA 94609-2301
 510-444-0484 (Prisoner Solidarity Line, for those imprisoned)
 510-984-2106 (Line for all other inquiries)
<https://criticalresistance.org/abolitionist/>
 CR seeks to build an international movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex by challenging the belief that caging and controlling people makes everyone safe. CR also publishes “The Abolitionist,” twice a year, printed in both English and Spanish, which is free to prisoners and can be subscribed to on their website. Previous editions of The Abolitionist are available online.

NATIONWIDE ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES

AFSC Prison Watch Project

89 Market St, 6th Floor · Newark, NJ 07102
 973-705-7353 · <https://afsc.org/programs/prison-watch>
 Publishes Survivors Manual: Surviving in Solitary, by Bonnie Kerness (2012, 94 pages), free to prisoners and \$3 for all others. The book is a powerful collection of voices from solitary, as people currently or formerly held in isolation vividly describe their conditions and their daily lives. The collection also includes artwork and poetry. Also available is a free 6-page brochure entitled LGBTQ+ Prisoner Resource Guide (2017). Serves people nationwide. Open for calls on Tuesdays and Fridays only.

All of Us or None

4400 Market St · Oakland, CA 94608
 415-255-7036 x337 · <http://www.allofusornone.org>
 All of Us or None is a grassroots organizing project of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children. All of Us or None fights for the full restoration of our civil and human rights of formerly-and currently-incarcerated people and families. They are fighting against the discrimination that people face every day because of arrest or conviction history. The goal of All of Us or None is to strengthen the voices of people most affected by mass incarceration and the growth of the prison-industrial complex.

Amnesty International

311 W 43rd St 7th floor · New York, NY 10036
 212-807-8400 · <http://www.amnestyusa.org>
 Compiles information regarding prison conditions such as the use of prolonged solitary confinement and other abuses in prison for advocacy purposes; also works on police accountability and ending the death penalty. May not respond to individual letters.

Center for Constitutional Rights

666 Broadway 7th floor · New York, NY 10012
 212-614-6464 · <http://ccrjustice.org>
 Non-profit legal and educational organization committed to the creative use of law as a positive force for social change and dedicated to advancing and protecting constitutional rights. CCR recently litigated the Ashker v Governor challenge to solitary confinement in CA. Publishes Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook with

Families Against Mandatory Minimums

1100 H Street NW, Suite 1000 · Washington, DC 20005
 202-822-6700 · <http://www.famm.org>
 Nonprofit organization fighting for fair and proportionate sentencing laws that allow judicial discretion; improved prison conditions; and an increase in compassionate release. Does not provide legal service. May not respond to letters.

Helping Educate to Advance the Rights of the Deaf (HEARD)

PO Box 1160 · Washington, DC 20013
 202-436-9278 (Videophone for Incarcerated People) 202-381-0112 (Video & Voice Main Office Line) · <http://behearddc.org>
 HEARD is a cross-disability abolitionist organization that supports deaf/disabled incarcerated people through grassroots advocacy, community organizing, peer support, mutual aid, education, and research. Provides limited direct advocacy support to deaf/disabled incarcerated people, including deaf/disabled defendants who have not yet been convicted. We also provide limited re-entry support for deaf/disabled people returning home from incarceration. HEARD created and maintains the only national database of deaf/disabled incarcerated people. We use this information to guide our advocacy efforts and educate our communities about the urgent concerns that deaf/disabled people face in our legal system, prisons, and with coming home. We are a very small organization and may not respond quickly to letters. Nationwide.

Just Detention International

3325 Wilshire Bl, Suite 1630 Cynthia Totten, Attorney, CA Attorney Reg. #199266 · Los Angeles, CA 90010
 213-384-1400 (Headquarters) 202-506-3333 (East Coast Office) · <http://www.justdetention.org>
 JDI is a health and human rights organization that seeks to end sexual abuse and exploitation in all forms of detention. It publishes a Resource Guide listing service providers in all 50 states that can help incarcerated survivors, as well as a Survivor Packet, which includes Hope for Healing, with contact information for local rape crisis centers and legal aid organizations; and a letter of hope from another prisoner rape survivor. Prisoners may communicate confidentially with JDI using legal mail at the listed address to Cynthia Totten. Serves people nationally.

Lewisburg Prison Project

PO Box 128 · Lewisburg, PA 17837

<http://www.lewisburgprisonproject.org>

The Lewisburg Prison Project (LPP) is affiliated with the PA Institutional Law Project (PILP). Together, we provide informational materials, advice, and representation on civil rights matters related to the conditions of confinement (medical, mental health, excessive force, etc.) of those incarcerated in Pennsylvania. We cannot provide legal advice or representation to those with claims that occur outside of Pennsylvania, and we do not assist with criminal matters, habeas cases, sentencing, or parole issues. Also provides informational materials and legal bulletins about prisoners' rights to people incarcerated throughout the United States. Resources available online, or write in for order form and to submit requests. May not answer phone calls. Legal advice only provided in Pennsylvania; other resources nationwide.

National Center on Institutions and Alternatives

7130 Rutherford Rd. · Baltimore, MD 21244

(443) 780-1300 · <http://www.ncianet.org>

Provides sentencing advocacy, capital case mitigation services, parole release advocacy, institutional designation and transfer, and release planning. Will research questions and provide advice regarding the Bureau of Prisons, the administrative remedy process, intensive confinement, RDAP, pre-release programming, home confinement and related issues. Serves federal prisoners nationwide.

Prisoner Visitation and Support

PO Box 58068 · Philadelphia, PA 19102

215-241-7117 · <http://www.prisonervisitation.org>

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS) is a volunteer visitation program for federal and military prisoners across the U.S. Special priority given to those on death row, in solitary confinement, serving long sentences, or not receiving regular visits. PVS volunteers visit once a month, with no religious or political agenda, to provide a listening ear to those who need one. Limited visiting for Spanish speaking prisoners. Serves federal and military prisoners only.

Root & Rebound

1730 Franklin St. Suite 300 · Oakland, CA 94612

510-279-4662 (reentry hotline Fridays only; existing clients can call Mon-Fri) · <https://www.rootandrebound.org/>

Focused on reentry services for people released or preparing for release in California and South Carolina only. Offers a 1,211 page Reentry Guide for a \$20 fee, and a FREE Reentry Toolkit which is a condensed version of the Reentry Guide containing general legal information about people's rights in reentry. Also runs a free reentry hotline on Friday's 9am-3pm that accepts calls from people who are currently incarcerated. Root & Rebound often can help you prepare to and transition home, plus navigate challenges due to having a record. Supports with getting an ID, securing parole transfers, verifying parole length, and understanding parole conditions. California and South Carolina only.

Solitary Watch

PO Box 11374 · Washington, DC 20008

<https://solitarywatch.org/>

Solitary Watch works to expose and oppose the use of solitary

confinement in U.S. prisons and jails. It has temporarily suspended its newsletter for incarcerated members. Solitary Watch also welcomes submissions of writing of up to 1000 words by those currently or formerly serving time in solitary for its Voices from Solitary series, and pays \$150 for published pieces. May not respond timely to letters. Serves people nationally.

The Sentencing Project

1705 DeSales Street NW, 8th Floor · Washington, DC 20036

202-628-0871 · <http://www.sentencingproject.org>

The Sentencing Project is a national policy research and advocacy organization that works for a fair and effective criminal justice system by promoting sentencing reform and alternatives to incarceration. They produce reports on prison-related topics, including prison populations nationally, state-by-state data, life sentences, voting rights, and more. May not respond to letters.

Vegetarian Resource Group

410-366-8343 · <http://www.vrg.org>

The Vegetarian Resource Group is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public on vegetarianism and the interrelated issues of health, nutrition, environment, ethics, and world hunger. Publishes Vegan Journal magazine, as well as Veganism in a Nutshell, Vegetarianism in a Nutshell, Heart Healthy Eating, My Vegan Plate, and El Vegetarianismo en pocas palabras brochures. Online only; no mail this year.

LEGAL RESOURCES**Abolitionist Law Center**

PO Box 8654 · Pittsburgh, PA 15221

<http://abolitionistlawcenter.org>

The ALC is a public interest law firm inspired by the struggle of political and politicized prisoners, and organized for the purpose of abolishing class and race based mass incarceration in the United States. To accomplish this goal, the ALC engages in litigation on behalf of people whose human rights have been violated in prison, produces educational programs to inform the general public about the evils of mass incarceration, and works to develop a mass movement against the American penal system by building alliances and nurturing solidarity across social divisions. Only accepts very select cases, primarily in Pennsylvania.

Columbia Legal Services

1301 Fifth Avenue Suite 1200 · Seattle, WA 98101

206-382-3399 · <https://columbialegal.org/get-help/>

The Institutions Project represents people confined in Washington's jails, prisons, juvenile detention facilities, mental health facilities, and facilities for people with developmental disabilities. This work has focused on conditions of confinement, discrimination, sentencing and placement, alternatives to institutionalization, and access to courts, as well as issues related to rehabilitation, re-entry, and reductions in recidivism. Serves Washingtonians only.

Death Penalty Information Center

1701 K Street NW Suite 750 · Washington, DC 20006

202-289-2275 · <http://deathpenaltyinfo.org>

DPIC focuses on disseminating studies and reports related to the death penalty to the news media and general public covering

subjects such as race, innocence, politicization, costs of the death penalty, and more. Most of their publications are freely downloadable from their website, or available for a small fee in printed format. Request a copy of their "Resource Order Form," and also a current list of their publications.

Disability Rights Texas

2222 West Braker Lane · Austin, TX 78758

1-800-252-9108 · <http://www.drtx.org>

Advocacy for disabled Texans, including those in some correctional facilities. Write for handout: Disability Discrimination in Correctional Facilities or Suing a Government Entity for an Injury. Texans only.

Equal Justice Initiative

122 Commerce St · Montgomery, AL 36104

334-269-1803 · <https://ejj.org/criminal-justice-reform/>

Provides legal representation to indigent defendants and prisoners who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system. They litigate on behalf of condemned prisoners, juvenile offenders, people wrongly convicted or charged with violent crimes, poor people denied effective representation, and others whose trials are marked by racial bias or prosecutorial misconduct. The organization requests that you not send any printed materials unless we specifically request them. Mostly works in Southern states.

Florida Justice Institute

P.O. Box 370747 · Miami, FL 33137

305-358-2081 · <http://fji.law>

The Florida Justice Institute (FJI) is a public interest law firm that conducts civil rights litigation and advocacy in the areas of prisoners' rights, housing discrimination, disability discrimination, and other areas impacting the poor and disenfranchised. This includes cases for persons currently or formerly incarcerated in a Florida prison or jail involving mistreatment while incarcerated, or involving the conditions of the facility. Does not assist with criminal law cases or postconviction cases such as habeas corpus petitions. Floridians only.

Florida Legal Services

PO Box 533986 · Orlando, FL 32853

407-801-4350 · <http://floridalegal.org/our-projects>

The Florida Institutional Legal Services Project at Florida Legal Services focuses on systemic reform litigation, community lawyering, and policy advocacy to protect the rights of adults and youth who are incarcerated in prisons, jails, and juvenile justice facilities throughout Florida. The FILS Project publishes the Florida Manual for Incarcerated Parents (2008), which may be downloaded from their website or obtained by writing to the above address. The FILS Project also has reentry information packets available for download that include a list of resources for each county in FL to assist individuals who are returning to their communities from institutions. Floridians only.

Forbidden Books Library, LLC

PO Box 534 RE: ORDER FORM · Schererville, IN 46375

Publishes and distributes "The Texas Writ Writer's Survival Guides" including THE TEXAS CITEBOOK which contains 1,400+ Texas caselaws on 100 legal topics and has a foreword by the National Lawyers Guild. To receive an order form and more info send SASE.

An order form will be returned for signature. As soon as payment is received, books will be ordered. To receive an order form and more info, send a SASE. Mostly for Texans.

Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project

6 Everett Street Harvard Law School, Ste. 5107 · Cambridge, MA 02138 · 617-495-3127 · <https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap/>

The Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project is a law student clinic providing service to indigent incarcerated people, including advocacy for those charged with violating prison regulations, people appearing before Parole Board and disciplinary hearings, and legal research assistance for those who are currently incarcerated. Because this program is university-affiliated, it may not be staffed during transitional periods in the academic schedule. Collect calls accepted. Provides post-conviction administrative advocacy, not direct pre-conviction litigation. Represents incarcerated people in disciplinary and parole hearings in Massachusetts only; provides legal research for incarcerated folks all over the country.

Legal Action Center

225 Varick St, 4th Floor · New York, NY 10014

212-243-1313 or Toll-free at 800-223-4044 · <http://www.lac.org>

The Legal Action Center (LAC) uses legal and policy strategies to fight discrimination, build health equity, and restore opportunity for people with arrest and conviction records, substance use disorders, and HIV or AIDS. They also help people fight for their right to medication for addiction treatment (MAT) or medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) Primarily serves people in New York state, but sends resources to incarcerated people throughout the US.

National Office of the NLG - Prison Law Project

P.O. Box 1266 · New York, NY 10009

212-679-5100 · <https://www.nlg.org/jailhouse-lawyers-handbook/>

Does not provide lawyers or legal assistance; offers free membership for jailhouse lawyers, which includes the ability to vote on national resolutions and to receive the quarterly publication, Guild Notes. Also publishes Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook with Center for Constitutional Rights. See PARC RECOMMENDED BOOKS at the end of this Directory for more info on how to order. If CCR does not respond to your request for the Handbook in 2+ months, then request from the National NLG. There is also an online form available at <https://www.jailhouselaw.org/> to request a Handbook.

Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project

The Cast Iron Building 718 Arch St, ste 304 S · Philly, PA 19106

215-925-2966 · <http://www.pailp.org>

PILP seeks to deliver civil legal services to the institutional population in Pennsylvania, and was created and designed to meet the needs of low income residents of PA prisons, jails, hospitals, and state centers. PILP also publishes (or provides) free copies of the a number of legal publications. Write for more info. Most resources only for prisoners in Pennsylvania.

People's Law Office

1180 N Milwaukee Ave · Chicago, IL 60642-4019

773-235-0070 · <http://www.peopleslawoffice.com>

Fights for justice for people in Illinois who have been tortured or physically abused, wrongfully arrested or convicted, unfairly

The materials contained in this resource directory are presented to aid in the rehabilitation of prisoners, as per federal and state laws.

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sentenced to death, or targeted as a result of their political beliefs or organizing efforts on behalf of movements struggling for justice and liberation. Serves Illinois only.

Prison Law Office

General Delivery · San Quentin, CA 94964
510-280-2621 · <http://www.prisonlaw.com>

Litigates and monitors California and Arizona class action lawsuits regarding medical, dental, and mental health services, disability accommodations, use of excessive force, racial discrimination, overcrowding, unsanitary living conditions, prolonged extreme solitary confinement, and due process violations. Also has an extensive set of legal informational handouts. Note: does not handle criminal appeals or habeas corpus petitions. Write with your specific questions and they will send you a packet if they have one that applies. Se habla Español. Serves CA and AZ only. Encouraged to write or email rather than call.

Prison Legal News

PO Box 1151 · Lake Worth, FL 33460

561-360-2523 · <http://www.prisonlegalnews.org>

Prison Legal News (PLN) is a project of the Human Rights Defense Center. It is a 72-page monthly journal covering prison related news, summaries of recent case-law decisions affecting prisoners, and analysis from across the country. A one-year subscription is \$30 for prisoners, \$35 for individuals and \$90 for lawyers and institutions. Single copies of current or back issues are \$5. PLN also sells many books related to prison issues, including The Habeas Citebook: Prosecutorial Misconduct, Prison Education Guide, The Disciplinary Self-Help Litigation Manual, The Habeas Citebook: Ineffective Assistance of Counsel, and Prisoners' Self Help Litigation Manual. Write for a copy of the book list.

Southern Center for Human Rights

60 Walton Street NW · Atlanta, GA 30303-2122

404-688-1202 · <http://www.schr.org>

SCHR provides legal representation to people facing the death penalty in Georgia and Alabama only, as well as in cases of unconstitutional conditions of confinement. SCHR also provides free access to a number of publications and handouts, including your free speech rights in prison and Georgia parole handbook. Serves people in Georgia and Alabama only.

The MacArthur Justice Center

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law 375 E Chicago Ave, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60611 <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/macarthur>
Nonprofit law firm with locations in IL, LA, MS, MO, and DC. It takes on cases regarding police misconduct, solitary confinement, wrongful convictions, and class actions around prison conditions and parole. Now also a law clinic at Northwestern law school. Write to Chicago address for other locations. Serves nationwide. Expect delay or form response.

LGBTQI-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES

Black and Pink

2406 Fowler Ave Suite 316 · Omaha, NE 68111

<http://www.blackandpink.org>

Black and Pink is a national prison abolitionist organization

dedicated to abolishing the criminal punishment system and liberating LGBTQIA2S+ people and people living with HIV/AIDS who are affected by that system through advocacy, support, and organizing. It has 13 volunteer-led chapters, including in Albuquerque, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Missoula, New York City, and Portland OR. Sends newsletters. Write for more info and for local chapter information.

Black and Pink Minneapolis

2002 23rd Ave S c/o Boneshaker Books · Minneapolis, MN 55404

<https://mwtppp.wordpress.com/>

Former Black and Pink chapter connecting with Midwest-based incarcerated trans/gender non-conforming people with other trans/gender non-conforming and allies. Publishes a periodic newsletter where our inside members can share art and writing. Write us at our address above and we will mail you a form to get started. Corresponds with LGBTQIA2S+ individuals mainly in MN, IA, ND, and SD.

GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)

18 Tremont, Suite 950 · Boston, MA 02108

617-426-1350 · <https://www.glad.org/>

Through strategic litigation, public policy advocacy and education, GLAD works in New England and nationally to create a just society free of discrimination based on gender identity and expression, HIV status and sexual orientation. As part of this work, GLAD takes very select legal representation on behalf of LGBTQ prisoners. Has a victory in Sept. 2018 achieving transfer of a trans woman to a women's prison in Maine. Also has a New England centered resource guide. Mostly serves people in New England.

Hearts on a Wire

4722 Baltimore, Philadelphia PA 19143 · <http://heartsonawire.org>

Grassroots organization working to address the needs of incarcerated transgender people in Pennsylvania. They are a group of trans and gender variant people building a movement for gender self-determination, racial and economic justice, and an end to policing and imprisoning our communities. Offers a free newsletter to incarcerated and detained people. Write to be added to their mailing list. In your letter asking to be added, share something about your relationship to the trans community. Serves transgender people in Pennsylvania only.

Lambda Legal

120 Wall St, 19th Floor · New York, NY 10005-3919

212-809-8585 · <https://www.lambdalegal.org/>

Lambda Legal carries out its legal work principally through test cases selected for the likelihood of their success in establishing positive legal precedents that will affect LGBT people and those affected by HIV. Lambda Legal recently represented a trans prisoner successfully in a lawsuit against the Texas prison system.

National Center for Transgender Equality

1032 15th St NW Suite 199 · Washington, DC 20005

(202) 642-4542 · <https://transequality.org/>

Advocates for change policies and society to increase understanding and acceptance of transgender people. Its Racial and Economic Justice Initiative includes work on reforming detention conditions for transgender people in correctional facilities

and in immigration detention. In 2019, NCTE published Failing To Protect & Serve, an audit of the policies at the 25 largest police departments and a model policy to help local advocates and law enforcement. Operating remotely in January 2022 and will continue to do so for an undetermined period of time. They are still active during the pandemic but remote status may impact phone and written responses. Will send resources nationwide.

Prisoner Correspondence Project

QPIRG Concordia c/o Concordia University 1455 de Maisonneuve Ouest · Montréal, QC H3G 1M8

<https://prisoner Correspondence Project.com/>

The Prisoner Correspondence Project is a solidarity project for gay, lesbian, transsexual, transgender, gendervariant, two-spirit, intersex, bisexual and queer prisoners. Letters to PCP in Canada cost \$1.15 in US postage. Speak/write French. Serves people nationally in USA and Canada.

Queer Detainee Empowerment Project

308 W. 46th St. · New York City, NY 10036

347-645-9339 · <http://www.qdep.org>

Part of the Center for Transformative Action. Assists folks coming out of immigration detention in New York in providing structural, health/wellness, educational, legal, and emotional services.

Sinister Wisdom

2333 McIntosh Road · Dover, FL 33527

813- 502- 5549 · <http://sinisterwisdom.org/>

Publishes work by lesbians only - prose, poetry, essays, graphics, and book reviews. Will send free to women's prisons nationally.

Sylvia Rivera Law Project

147 West 24th Street, 5th Fl · New York, NY 10011

212-337-8550 x303 · <http://www.srlp.org>

Provides free legal services to released prisoners who are transgender, intersex, gender nonconforming people who are low-income, and/or people of color. They specialize in providing assistance on name changes, identity documents, public benefits, immigration, shelter and more. Operating remotely in January 2022 and will continue to do so for an undetermined period of time. They are still active during the pandemic but remote status may impact phone and written responses. Serves New York area only.

The Transformative Justice Law Project

203 N Lasalle, Suite 2100 · Chicago, IL 60601

312-558-1472 · <http://www.tjlp.org>

We provide free, life and gender-affirming legal services to everyone on the gender spectrum regardless of financial status. Due to capacity, TJLP is currently focusing on name and gender marker changes. We especially prioritize folks who are low-income and street-based transgender and gender-nonconforming people targeted by the criminal legal system. Serves Illinois only.

Transgender, Gender Variant, and Intersex (TGI) Justice Project

370 Turk St #370 · San Francisco, CA 94102

415-554-8491 · <http://www.tgjip.org/>

Miss Major Alexander L Lee TGIJP Black Trans Cultural Center (fka The TGI Justice Project) works primarily with Transgender, GNC, and Intersex (TGI) people who are in prison and formerly

incarcerated in California. No longer provides individual client services; currently shares legal education which consists of sharing supporting cases and relevant laws for self-advocacy purposes. We will also continue to provide letters of support for parole, upcoming court hearings, legal name & gender change support, and providing our Melenie Eleneke Grassroots Re-entry/Socio-Economic Program. Supports TGI people in prison being released to the San Francisco Bay Area and is part of a broader movement fighting for racial and social justice. **Some services nationwide but more services for Californians. Expect delays in response to letters.**

Transgender Law Center

PO Box 70976 Detention Project · Oakland, CA 94612-0976

510-587-9696 collect line for inmates & detainees: 510-380-8229 ·

<http://transgenderlawcenter.org>

Transgender Law Center's Detention Project works to end the abuses transgender and gender nonconforming (TGNC) people experience in institutional settings such as prisons and jails. Resources include state DOC and BOP policies on trans rights; guides for filing grievances and lawsuits; know-your-rights guides for trans and LGBT people; medical information about transition-related health care; reentry resources; and other information. Serves people nationwide, but more specific information for Californians.

Tranzmission Prison Project

PO Box 1874 · Asheville, NC 28802

An LGBTQ+ focused abolition and advocacy group based out of Asheville, NC. A volunteer-run, non-hierarchical organization providing free books, zines, resources and other means of support to incarcerated queer individuals nationwide.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES

Aid to Inmate Mothers

PO Box 986 · Montgomery, AL 36101-0986

334-262-2245, 800-679-0246 · <http://www.inmatemoms.org>

Provides services to Alabama's incarcerated women with emphasis on enhancing personal growth and strengthening the bonds between inmate mothers and their children. Serves women in Alabama only.

California Coalition for Women Prisoners

4400 Market St · Oakland, CA 94608

L.A. Chapter – PO Box 291585, Los Angeles, CA 90029

415-255-7036, ext. 4 · <https://womenprisoners.org/>

CCWP is a grassroots abolitionist organization, with members inside and outside prison, that challenges the institutional violence imposed on women, transgender and non-binary people, and communities of color by the prison industrial complex (PIC). CCWP visits incarcerated people in CA women's prisons, offers a writing correspondence programs, and produces a newsletter, "The Fire Inside," free to incarcerated people. Primarily works with individuals in California but mails the newsletter to people around the country.

Chicago Books to Women in Prison

4511 N Hermitage Ave · Chicago, IL 60640

<https://www.cbwp.org/>

Free books program serving women's state prisons in AZ, AL, AR, CA, CT, FL, IL, IN, KY, MS, TN, VT, WA; all women in Federal prisons, and trans women being housed in men's prisons everywhere.

Hour Children

36-11 12th St · Long Island City, NY 11106

718-433-4724 · <http://www.hourchildren.org>

Mission is to support incarcerated mothers and their children. Provides resources and services outside and inside New York state prisons only. Also provides services in Spanish (también ofrece servicios en español). Only provides services to New York state prisons.

National Defense Center for Criminalized Survivors

540 Fairview Avenue N Suite 208 · St Paul, MN 55104

(800) 903-0111 ext. 3 · <https://www.bwjp.org/>

The National Defense Center for Criminalized Survivors (NDCCS), formerly known as the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women, addresses the unique needs of victims and survivors of gender-based violence who have been criminalized as a result of their experiences of being abused. NDCCS does not provide direct legal representation; it works with defense teams of survivors by providing case-specific technical assistance, resources, and support. NDCCS works nationwide.

Tulane University Women's Prison Project

6329 Freret Street · New Orleans, LA 70118

<https://law.tulane.edu/clinics/womens-prison-project>

Law student clinic focused on incarcerated individuals who are also survivors of abuse. Provides individual representation for pre-trial, post-conviction, parole, and clemency proceedings where abuse was a factor in the crime of conviction. Expect delays during the summer. Should also be able to provide services in Russian, Italian, and French. Serves survivors in Louisiana only, but will consult nationwide with defense attorneys.

Women's Prison Book Project

3751 17 Ave S · Minneapolis, MN 55407

612-871-7110 · <https://wpbp.org>

Provides women and transgender persons in prison with free reading materials covering a wide range of topics. WPBP also has a free resource guide for women and trans prisoners and a newsletter which publishes prisoner articles. Partners with Black and Pink Minneapolis (see LGBTQ resource section). Ofrecen materiales de lectura en Español. Only serves women and trans prisoners.

Women's Prison Association

110 Second Ave · New York, NY 10003

646-292-7742 · <http://www.wpaonline.org>

Offers a range of services aimed at helping women in the New York City area. Their direct service network is organized in three broad areas; Residential and Family Services; Reentry Services; and neighborhood-based services. Provides transitional planning and education in NY women's prisons, as well as HIV counseling and testing. Serves women in New York state only.

INNOCENCE PROJECTS**Alaska Innocence Project**

P.O. Box 201656 · Anchorage, AK 99520 · 907-279-0454

All cases for consideration by AKIP should be submitted by mail to the address above with a brief factual summary of the case and a list of the evidence which might be available to prove innocence. No other documents should be submitted for initial review. AKIP does not accept telephone or e-mail applications.

Arizona Justice Project

4001 N 3rd Street, Suite 401 · Phoenix, AZ 85012

602-496-0286 · <http://www.azjusticeproject.org>

Accepts both DNA and non-DNA cases and represents indigent Arizona prisoners whose claims of innocence have gone unheeded. They also conduct post-conviction DNA testing in cases of forcible rape, murder, and non-negligent homicide cases, shaken baby syndrome and arson and other cases where the testing might demonstrate actual innocence. Also works on excessive sentencing cases. Serves Arizona only.

California Western Innocence and Justice Clinic

CA Western School of Law 225 Cedar St · San Diego, CA 92101

619-525-1485

https://www.cwsl.edu/experiential_learning/clinics/california_western_innocence_and_justice_clinic.html

Accepts cases only where the conviction occurred in the following Southern California counties: Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura (for all other CA counties, see the Northern California Innocence Project). In addition to DNA cases, they also review cases that may involve witness recantations, changes in science, government misconduct, or ineffective assistance of counsel – so long as there is evidence of innocence to support the claim. Serves people convicted in Southern California counties only.

Center on Wrongful Convictions at Pritzker School of Law

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law 375 E Chicago Ave · Chicago, IL 60611-3069 · 312-503-2391

<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/wrongfulconvictions>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in the United States, both DNA and non-DNA Cases. Will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases. No sentence requirements. All requests must come directly from the person seeking representation.

Committee for Public Counsel Services Innocence Program

21 McGrath Hwy · Somerville, MA 02143 · 617-209-5666

<https://www.publiccounsel.net/pc/innocence-program>

The CPCS Innocence Program aims to identify and litigate new trial motions on behalf of indigent Massachusetts state defendants who are factually innocent of the crimes of which they have been convicted. They review and litigate both DNA and non-DNA based innocence claims, with special attention to cases involving eyewitness identification evidence, false confessions, and flawed or invalidated forensic science testimony. Write for questionnaire. Do not send original documents. Serves Massachusetts only.

Connecticut Innocence Project

55 Farmington 8th Floor · Hartford, CT 06105
860-258-4940 · <http://www.ct.gov/ocpd/cwp>
Accepts cases of actual innocence in CT; DNA and non-DNA cases. Must have at least a 10 year sentence and have no less than 5 years from estimated release date. Must have new evidence in the case which would establish innocence. Serves Connecticut only.

Cooley Law School Innocence Project

300 South Capitol Ave Cooley Law School · Lansing, MI 48933
517-334-5764 · <http://www.cooley.edu/academics/experiential-learning/innocence-project>
Accepts cases of actual innocence in Michigan; DNA cases only; must be in custody; no time requirement. Students assist assigned attorneys with reviewing case files, screening applications, investigating facts, conducting interviews, and analyzing cases. Serves Michigan only.

Georgia Innocence Project

50 Hurt Plaza East Suite 350 · Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 373-4433 · <https://www.georgiainnocenceproject.org/>
Accepts cases of actual innocence in Georgia; DNA and non-DNA cases; you must have completed your direct appeal, and you must be currently incarcerated, or on the Georgia Sex Offender Registry. Serves Georgia Only.

Great North Innocence Project

229 19th Avenue South, Suite 285 · Minneapolis, MN 55455
612-624-4779 · <http://www.greatnorthinnocenceproject.org>
Takes very few cases of actual innocence where the defendant played no role in the commission of the crime. Serves Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota only.

Hawaii Innocence Project

2485 Dole Street, Suite 206B William S. Richardson School of Law · Honolulu, HI 96822
808-956-0596 · <https://www.hawaiiinnocenceproject.org/>
Legal non-profit clinic accepts applications from anyone who has been convicted of a crime occurring in Hawai'i AND is factually innocent of that crime. Applications can be downloaded from the website or can be mailed to you. Serves Hawaii only.

Illinois Innocence Project

One University Plaza, MS PAC 409 University of Illinois Springfield · Springfield, IL 62703-5407
(217) 206-6569 · <https://www.uis.edu/illinoisinnocenceproject/>
Reviews cases of actual innocence of the crime(s) for which he or she is convicted. Must be substantial new evidence to support a claim of innocence, such as DNA evidence. Must have at least 8 years left on your sentence and not already represented. Cannot take on all applicants. Expect delays, especially during summer. Serves Illinois only.

Innocence and Justice Clinic

Wake Forest University Law School: Attn: Innocence & Justice Clinic 1834 Wake Forest Road · Winston-Salem, NC 27109
336-758-5430 · <http://innocence-clinic.law.wfu.edu>
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in North Carolina; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements. N. Carolina only.

Innocence Project (national)

40 Worth St, Suite 701 · New York, NY 10013
212-364-5340 · <http://www.innocenceproject.org>
Works to exonerate the wrongly convicted through DNA testing and reforms to the criminal justice system to prevent future injustices. They accept only cases in which DNA testing can prove innocence. Write to request intake form. Accepts applications nationwide EXCEPT from AZ, CA, IL, MI, OH, WI or PR.

Innocence Project at the UVA School of Law

University of Virginia School of Law 580 Massie Rd · Charlottesville, VA 22903 · 434-924-3732
<http://innocenceprojectuva.org/prospective-clients>
Evaluates cases of wrongful convictions if three criteria are met: (1) the inmate must have been convicted of a crime in Virginia, (2) the conviction must be final, and (3) the inmate is actually innocent of the crime of which he or she was convicted. Decision is based on the likelihood of being able to prove innocence, the availability of legal remedies, and capacity. To be considered, send a letter requesting their application packet. Serves Virginia only.

Innocence Project New Orleans

4051 Ulloa Street · New Orleans, LA 70119
504-943-1902 · <http://www.ip-no.org>
Accepts cases of factual innocence; must be serving a life sentence or a near-life sentence with at least 10 years left to be served; direct appeal has been denied; cannot afford an attorney; is not serving a sentence on another conviction. Serves Louisiana and South Mississippi only.

Innocence Project of Florida

1100 E Park Avenue · Tallahassee, FL 32301
850-561-6767 · <http://www.floridainnocence.org>
Accepts cases of actual innocence in Florida; DNA and Non-DNA cases. Does not accept federal cases or cases on direct appeal. Also provides transitional and aftercare services to exonerees. Serves Florida only.

Innocence Project of Texas

300 Burnett St, Suite 160 · Ft. Worth, TX 76102
<https://innocencetexas.org/>
Only reviews cases that meet the following tests: The prisoner is claiming actual innocence; the conviction is a felony which took place in a Texas state court; and all direct appeals have been completed. Does not accept requests for assistance via email, phone, or fax. Serves Texas state prisoners only (no federal).

Kentucky Innocence Project

Department of Public Advocacy 5 Mill Creek Park · Frankfort, KY 40601 · 502-564-8006 · <https://www.kentuckyinnocenceproject.org/>
Prospective clients should meet the following criteria: a Kentucky conviction & incarceration; a minimum five-year sentence; a minimum of three years until eligible to go before the parole board or if parole has been deferred, a minimum of three years to the next appearance before the parole board; new evidence of innocence discovered since the conviction which can be investigated; and a claim of actual innocence. Serves Kentucky only.

Korey Wise Innocence Project at Colorado Law

University of Colorado Law School Wolf Law Building, 404 UCB · Boulder, CO 80309 · 303-492-2640

<http://www.colorado.edu/law/academics/clinics/korey-wise-innocence-project>

The Korey Wise Innocence Project (fKWIP) will not take cases in which the defendant already has a lawyer, or is entitled to a lawyer at state expense. The KWIP will take a case only where there is a genuine and provable claim of innocence. The KWIP gets involved only when the traditional methods of appealing a conviction have failed. Only Colorado cases will be accepted (state and federal). Write for a copy of evaluation criteria.

Loyola Law School's Project for the Innocent

919 Albany St. · Los Angeles, CA 90015 · 213-736-8141

www.lls.edu/academics/experientiallearning/clinics/projectfortheinnocent/

Dedicated to the exoneration of the wrongfully convicted. If a true claim of innocence is provable, clinic students will help draft a habeas petition. Must have case for factual innocence, have exhausted all their appeals, and are no longer represented by an attorney. Serves California only. Expect delays in the summer.

Michigan Innocence Clinic

701 S. State Street University of Michigan Law School · Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3091

734-763-9353 · <http://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/innocenceclinic/>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Michigan; non-DNA cases only; no sentence requirements. Only accepts cases after a person has exhausted their direct appeals. The prisoner must not be currently represented by counsel and the crime and conviction must have occurred in Michigan.

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

1413 K St. NW, Suite 1100 · Washington, DC 20005

202-888-1766 · <https://exonerate.org/>

Free investigative and legal assistance to innocent prisoners convicted in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia who have provable claims of innocence, either by DNA testing or by other newly discovered evidence. The prisoner must not be currently represented by another attorney in his or her criminal case, or have the right to appointed counsel in the case. Write in for questionnaire. D.C., Maryland and Virginia only.

Midwest Innocence Project

300 E 39th St · Kansas City, MO 64111

816-221-2166 · <http://www.themip.org>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in AR, IA, KS, MO, and NE; applicants must have more than 10 years left to serve on their sentence; cannot be currently represented by another attorney except for Iowa applicants; must have exhausted all appeals. Also reviews death penalty cases.

Montana Innocence Project

PO Box 76067 · Missoula, MT 59807

406-243-6899 · <http://www.mtinnoceproject.org>

Accepts DNA and non-DNA cases. Prisoners must have been convicted of a felony crime in a Montana state or federal court; must have completed trial, sentencing and direct appeals; must not

currently be represented by an attorney. Priority is given to cases where convincing and corroborating evidence can establish actual innocence. Serves Montana only.

New England Innocence Project

1035 Cambridge St Ste 28A · Cambridge, MA 02141

(617) 945-0762 · <http://www.newenglandinnocence.org>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT in which the prisoner has a claim of factual innocence; no time requirement DNA and non-DNA cases; will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases; may consider child abuse cases. Serves New England states, except New York.

New Mexico Innocence and Justice Project

P.O. Box 36719 · Albuquerque, NM 87176-6719 · <https://nmijp.org>

NMIJP's primary mission is to provide assistance and referrals to people wrongfully convicted in our state. NMIJP is an independent organization, and has no affiliation with any other project in New Mexico. They will be opening to review and refer cases soon. In the meantime, please direct questions or concerns to info@nmijp.org. Serves New Mexico only.

North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence

PO Box 52446 Shannon Plaza Station · Durham, NC 27717-2446

919-489-3268 · <http://www.nccai.org/>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in North Carolina and South Carolina; DNA and non-DNA cases; will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases, and may consider child abuse cases; typically limited to those in custody or with post-conviction restrictions, but exceptions are made. Serves NC and SC only.

North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission

Admin. Office of the Courts PO Box 2448 · Raleigh, NC 27602

919-890-1580 · <http://www.innocencecommission-nc.gov>

The North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission was created by the North Carolina General Assembly in 2006 and is charged with providing an independent and balanced truth-seeking forum for credible post-conviction claims of innocence in North Carolina. The Commission is separate from the appeals process. A person exonerated by the Commission process is declared innocent and cannot be re-tried again. Serves North Carolina only.

Northern California Innocence Project

500 El Camino Real Santa Clara Univ School of Law · Santa Clara, CA 95053 · 408-554-4790 · <http://ncip.org/>

Accepts actual innocence cases for people convicted in a Northern or Central California county; DNA and non-DNA cases; no minimum sentence requirements. The applicant must have been convicted in state court of a serious felony. Will consider cases involving faulty forensic science, police or prosecutor misconduct, ineffective assistance of counsel, eyewitness misidentification, false testimony and false confessions. Northern and Central California only.

Ohio Innocence Project

University of Cincinnati College of Law PO Box 210040 · Cincinnati, OH 45221-0040

513-556-0752 · <http://www.law.uc.edu/oip>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Ohio; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements. Only serves prisoners in Ohio.

The materials contained in this resource directory are presented to aid in the rehabilitation of prisoners, as per federal and state laws.

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Ohio Public Defender Wrongful Conviction Project

250 East Broad St, Suite 1400 · Columbus, OH 43215
800-686-1573 · <https://opd.ohio.gov/law-library/innocence/Wrongful-Conviction-Project>

Cases accepted for review: Cases of actual innocence in Ohio; non-DNA cases only; arson cases; Shaken Baby Syndrome cases; child sex abuse cases; all other claims of actual innocence. Ohio only.

Oklahoma Innocence Project

Oklahoma City University School of Law 800 N Harvey Ave · Oklahoma City, OK 73102 · 405-208-6161 · <https://okinnocence.org/>
The Oklahoma Innocence Project accepts cases of actual innocence in Oklahoma; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements. Must have credible evidence of factual innocence and be convicted in Oklahoma state court (no federal convictions). Serves Oklahoma only.

Palmetto Innocence Project

P.O. Box 11623 · Columbia, SC 29201 · palmettoinnocence.org/
Focuses on claims of actual innocence or contentions of serious injustice in the criminal process exist. Must have at least 3 years left on sentence; conviction/appeals are final; and new evidence of innocence, such as DNA evidence, key trial witness recantation (e.g. change in testimony), or other credible evidence substantially affecting the case result. Serves South Carolina only.

Pennsylvania Innocence Project

1515 Market St, suite 300 Temple University Beasley School of Law Philadelphia, PA 19102 · 215-204-4255 · <https://painnocence.org/>
The Pennsylvania Innocence Project only takes on cases from factually innocent individuals who have been wrongfully convicted and exhausted their appeals. The Project takes on cases with or without DNA evidence, and will consider arson, shaken baby syndrome, and child abuse cases. Only serves people convicted in Pennsylvania.

Rocky Mountain Innocence Center

358 South 700 East, B235 · Salt Lake City, UT 84102
801-355-1888 · <http://rminnocence.org/>
Accepts cases of actual innocence in Nevada, Wyoming or Utah; DNA and non-DNA cases; seven or more years left to serve on sentence; must be completely innocent; significant new evidence must be available to prove the prisoner's innocence.

The Exoneration Initiative

233 Broadway, Suite 2370 · New York, NY 10279
212-965-9335 · <http://exonerationinitiative.org>
Accepts cases of actual innocence in New York; DNA and non-DNA cases (specializes in non-DNA); no sentence requirements.

The Exoneration Project

311 North Aberdeen St Third Floor Suite E · Chicago, IL 60607
<http://www.exonerationproject.org>
Legal clinic reviewing cases of innocence for people who have gone to trial and were found guilty of crimes they did not commit. They consider post-conviction cases from across the nation for individuals wrongfully convicted of different types of crimes and with different sentence lengths, including cases where a defendant has served their complete sentence or pled guilty. They do not consider cases

of self-defense. In order to apply for representation, the defendant must be innocent of the crime and the trial must be completed and have resulted in a conviction. Expect delays in the summer. Will consider cases nationwide.

The Last Resort Exoneration Project

1 Newark Ctr., Seton Hall Univ. School of Law · Newark, NJ 07102
973-642-8087 · <https://law.shu.edu/exoneration-project/index.cfm>
Free investigative and legal services to the convicted innocent of New Jersey who have substantial claims of factual innocence and are willing to cooperate with requests aimed at discovering the truth. Serves New Jersey only.

Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project

Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Texas Southern University 3100 Cleburne St · Houston, TX 77004
713-313-1139
http://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECL/centers/criminal_justice
Handles claims of actual innocence typically involving DNA evidence testing, mistaken identification, or that a crime never actually occurred. Law students work directly on the project and prepare written case evaluations and pleadings. Serves Texas only.

University of Baltimore Innocence Project Clinic

1420 N Charles St · Baltimore, MD 21201
410-837-6543 · <http://law.ubalt.edu/clinics/innocenceproject.cfm>
The University of Baltimore Innocence Project Clinic seeks to identify individuals who have been convicted in Maryland state courts of crimes they did not commit and to provide them with assistance in the investigation of their claims. In appropriate cases, representation will be provided in post-trial litigation efforts to secure exoneration. Accepts cases of actual innocence in Maryland; DNA and non-DNA cases. Serves Maryland only.

University of Miami Law Innocence Clinic

1311 Miller Drive · Coral Gables, FL 33146 · 305-284-8115
<http://law.miami.edu/academics/clinics/innocence-clinic>
The clinic handles cases involving innocent individuals incarcerated for a minimum of 10 years who have new evidence ranging from recanting witnesses to new witnesses discovered by students to prosecutorial misconduct and ineffective assistance of counsel. The clinic also accepts cases involving DNA evidence. Florida only.

Washington Innocence Project

PO Box 85869 · Seattle, WA 98145
206-636-9479 · <https://wainnocenceproject.org/>
In order to qualify for representation, a prisoner must: Be wrongly convicted of crimes in Washington; be unable to afford counsel; no longer have the right to appointed counsel; have completed the direct appeals process; have at least three years of prison time remaining to be served; have a claim of actual innocence that can be proven through DNA testing or other newly discovered evidence; and have no involvement in the crime whatsoever. Must have been convicted in Washington state to qualify.

West Virginia Innocence Project

West Virginia University College of Law PO Box 6130 · Morgantown, WV 26506
304-293-7249 · <https://wvinnocenceproject.law.wvu.edu/>
Accepts cases of actual innocence in West Virginia; DNA and non-DNA cases; three or more years left to serve. W. Virginia only.

Wisconsin Innocence Project

University of Wisconsin Madison Law School 975 Bascom Mall · Madison, WI 53706-1399
608-262-1002 · <https://law.wisc.edu/fjr/clinicals/ip/>
Reviews cases of actual innocence. Must have at least seven years left of your sentence and have a significant chance that substantial new evidence may be found to support a claim of innocence. This newly discovered evidence (NDE) could be physical evidence that was not previously subjected to forensic examination, such as DNA testing. NDE may also include non-physical evidence, such as from an eyewitness who was previously unknown or a recantation from a victim, if such a recantation is supported by other new evidence. Serves Wisconsin only.

HEALTH CARE RESOURCES**AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania**

1211 Chestnut St, Suite 600 · Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-587-9377 · <http://www.aidslawpa.org>
Nonprofit public-interest law firm providing free legal assistance to people living with HIV and AIDS, including PA prisoners. Also has an office in New Jersey at 709 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd., Voorhees Township, NJ, 08043. English and Spanish spoken. Serves Pennsylvania and New Jersey only.

The Stanford Health Library

211 Quarry Road, ste 201 Hoover Pavilion · Palo Alto, CA 94303
800-295-5177 · <http://healthlibrary.stanford.edu>
Our medical librarians are here to help you find answers to your health-related questions and connect you to support resources. We provide scientifically based information to help you make informed decisions about your health and health care. This is a free service open to all. Examples of requests include a general overview of a new diagnosis, treatment options and meditation and mindfulness resources. Please note we cannot take a list of symptoms and offer a diagnosis, nor do we offer advice or recommendations.

National Hepatitis Corrections Network

1621 South Jackson Street, Suite 201 · Seattle, WA 98144
206-732-0311 · <http://www.hcvinprison.org>
The NHCN serves as a hub of resources and information about hepatitis C in prisons and jails, including publishing resources about Hep C treatment in prison and producing educational materials for incarcerated people about hepatitis. The NHCN is a program of the Hepatitis Education Project (HEP), a nonprofit organization based in Seattle, WA. Serves people nationally.

Prison Health News

4722 Baltimore Avenue · Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-326-9431 · <https://prisonhealth.news/>
Publishes a newsletter four times a year for people in prison about health issues like COVID-19, hepatitis C, HIV, diabetes, asthma,

depression, PTSD, exercise, nutrition and more. Prison Health News strives to lift up the voices and expertise of currently and formerly incarcerated people. On their website, articles on many health topics are available for download. Write to them for a free subscription. If you have health questions, you can write to PHN, who will respond with relevant information. Our website is <https://prisonhealth.news/>. Serves people nationally.

TPAN

5537 N. Broadway · Chicago, IL 60640
773-989-9400 · <https://www.tpan.com/>
The Test Positive Aware Network. Publishes Positively Aware, a bimonthly magazine covering HIV/AIDS treatment, research, policy and lifestyle. Also offers articles on many HIV-related topics, including HIV and aging, prevention, and treatments. Offers free subscriptions to prisoners.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMS**Addictionresource.net**

<http://www.addictionresource.net/>
This is a web-based service with reliable information on addiction and rehabilitation, substance abuse, mental health, and treatment. Lists top facilities by city with rigorous research. No facility can submit themselves or pay to be on a list. Includes types of treatment may be most helpful and effective.

Compassion Prison Project

6201 West 87th Street #4201, Los Angeles, CA 90045
425-628-4611 · <https://compassionprisonproject.org>
Compassion Prison Project (CPP) creates trauma-informed prisons and communities. We do this through trauma-awareness education and programming. CPP's Trauma-to-Transformation day-long workshop kicks off a powerful 16-week compassion-based curriculum titled Trauma Talks. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are addressed, and tools are given to support the healing process. For those with access to Edovo on their tablet, please be sure to watch our podcasts featuring the top trauma experts in the world, thought leaders and motivational speakers. Our evidenced-based Trauma Talks 16-week curriculum will be available to all learners in the Fall of 2024. Stay tuned for more content in the near future! Write for information if you want to support getting our Trauma Talks program into your facility (especially if you don't have Edovo) or if you'd simply like to get on a waiting list for a non-romantic pen friend who can provide support and encouragement.

CURE-SORT

PO Box 1022 · Norman, OK 73070-1022
405-639-7262 · <http://www.cure-sort.org>
CURE-SORT (Sex Offenders Restored through Treatment) has information, resources, contacts, and support to individuals, families, treatment providers, and professionals who work with issues of sexual abuse and its prevention. CURE-SORT is an issue chapter of Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE). Provides info nationally. We are not a treatment program. We do not provide legal assistance.

Narcotics Anonymous

PO Box 9999 · Van Nuys, CA 91409

818-773-9999 · <http://www.na.org>

NA publishes a wide variety of materials concerning drug addiction and recovery, some of which are expressly produced for persons currently incarcerated, including Behind the Walls. Offers services in many different languages. También ofrece literatura en español, incluyendo Entre Rejas. Has many pamphlets and booklets available for free download from the internet. Ask friends or family to print and send to you directly. If you are looking for meeting locations for parole plans, ask a friend or family member to look on website for listings: <http://www.na.org>. Serves nationally.

SYDA Foundation Prison Project

PO Box 99140 · Emeryville, CA 94662

510-898-2700, ext. 4113 · <http://www.siddhayoga.org/syda-foundation/prison-project>

Dedicated to disseminating the Siddha Yoga meditation teachings and practices to incarcerated individuals. Sends its free monthly In Search of the Self meditation course with a companion newsletter to interested seekers. Write or call to get signed up. Serves people nationally.

The Insight Prison Project

PO Box 29 · San Quentin, CA 94964

415-459-9800 · <http://www.insightprisonproject.org>

Insight Prison Project (IPP) offers transformational restorative justice-based programs for incarcerated people designed to facilitate insight, accountability, integrity, responsibility, compassion, empathy and healing. IPP's Victim Offender Education Group is a 52+ week in-person restorative justice curriculum that is currently offered in 7 prisons in California and 8 in Colorado. IPP does NOT offer correspondence courses.

The Osborne Association

809 Westchester Avenue · Bronx, NY 10455

718-707-2600 · <http://www.osborneny.org>

Osborne provides a wide range of direct services to individuals and families affected by the criminal legal system. Our evidence- and experience-based programs are designed to reduce reliance on incarceration, heal the damage and trauma of crime and incarceration, and offer opportunities for transformation for those affected by crime and incarceration. Write for a full list of programs and services. Has six locations: in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Newburgh, Troy, and Westchester. New York only.

FREE BOOKS PROJECTS**TIP: REQUEST BOOKS BY TOPIC NOT TITLE****Alabama Books to Prisons Project**

4413 5th Avenue South · Birmingham, AL 35222

<https://www.burdockbookcollective.com/books-to-prisons>

Run through the Burdock Book Collective, this program fulfills book requests and for people incarcerated in Alabama prisons. LGBTQA friendly: "As queers and allies ourselves, we aim to provide a space for personal expression and communication free from homophobia and transphobia. Alabama only.

Appalachian Prison Book Project

PO Box 601 · Morgantown, WV 26507

<https://appalachianprisonbookproject.org/>

The Appalachian Prison Book Project (APBP) sends free books and provides educational opportunities to people incarcerated in the Appalachian region. We serve six states: Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. You can request by topic area or title, and we will do our best to find a good book for you.

Asheville Prison Books

67 N. Lexington c/o Downtown Books & News · Asheville, NC

28801 · (828)253-8654 · <https://avlpb.org/>

Sends free reading material to folks incarcerated in North Carolina and South Carolina, including county jails, detention centers, state prisons, and federal facilities. They do not have a catalogue, but try to match requests to books as best they can. Serves people in North Carolina and South Carolina only.

Athens Books to Prisoners

PO Box 45 · Rutland, OH 45775

<http://athensbookstoprisoners.weebly.com>

Athens Books to Prisoners is a volunteer-run organization that sends free books to prisoners in Ohio only.

Big House Books

PO Box 55586 · Jackson, MS 39296

<https://bighousebooksms.org/>

A volunteer-run nonprofit sending books to inmates in Mississippi correctional facilities since 2015. Mississippi only.

Books Behind Bars - New Jersey

PO Box 2611 · Wildwood, NJ 08260

<http://www.booksbehindbarsnj.com/>

A grassroots, volunteer-run prison abolition project that provides free books upon request to people incarcerated in New Jersey prisons. Please include your name, ID number, facility name, address, and the kind of books you want. Since all of our books are donated, we can't guarantee exact titles (though we do our best). New Jersey only.

Books Behind Bars - Virginia

Friends of the Jerrson-Madison Library 1500 Gordon Ave ·

Charlottesville, VA 22903

<http://booksbehindbars.info>

Serves people incarcerated in Virginia only. Write with requests for up to three books per month. They will do their best to fulfill all requests, but cannot guarantee specific title availability.

Books Through Bars

4722 Baltimore Ave · Philadelphia, PA 19143

215-727-8170 · <https://www.booksthroughbars.org/>

Free books across the Eastern Seaboard. Sends to DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA & VA only.

Books to Prisoners (Seattle)

c/o Left Bank Books 92 Pike St, Box A · Seattle, WA 98101
206-527-3339 · <https://www.bookstoprisoners.net/>
Free reading materials to incarcerated individuals. Most books are used; limited access to new books. Write directly to request (no requests by email or phone). Serves people nationwide. Typical turnaround is 2+ months; people in short-term facilities should note in their request how long they anticipate being incarcerated.

Books to Prisons Alabama

PO Box 130699 · Birmingham, AL 25213
Free book project covering Alabama and Texas. Write with general requests.

Davis Books to Prisoners

PO Box 82 · Davis, CA 95617
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PO Box 301029 · Austin, TX 78703
512-655-3121 · <https://insidebooksproject.org/>
Sends free books and literature to prisoners in Texas only. Also sends a very informative prisoner resource guide free to prisoners in all states. Free or with donation of 2 loose first class stamps. Please no SASE. Serves people in Texas prisons only.

LGBT Books to Prisoners

1202 Williamson St #1 c/o Social Justice Center Incubator · Madison, WI 53703
<https://lgbtbookstoprisoners.org/>
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2040 N Milwaukee Ave c/o In These Times · Chicago, IL 60647
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The only organization that provides books of their choosing to youth in Illinois prisons. Volunteer-run. Write for a catalog of options.

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<https://www.lopezbookshop.com>
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Louisiana Books 2 Prisoners

3157 Gentilly Blvd. #141 · New Orleans, LA 70122
504-272-7323 · <https://lab2p.org/>
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Midwest Books to Prisoners

1321 N Milwaukee Ave, PMB #460 · Chicago, IL 60622
<https://pagestoprisoners.org/>
Provides free books and zines to prisoners in the Midwest. Serves only AR, IA, IN, KS, ND, OK, & SD.

Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project

PO Box 1324 · Bloomington, IN 47402
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Pittsburgh Prison Book Project

PO Box 71357 · Pittsburgh, PA 15213
<https://pghprisonbookproject.org/>
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PO Box 625 · Carrboro, NC 27510
 919-443-9238 · <https://prisonbooks.info>
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Prison Library Project

915-C W. Foothill Blvd PMB 128 · Claremont, CA 91711
 909-626-3066 · <http://www.claremontforum.org/prison-library-project/>
 All genres of books and literature are available, including LGBTQ+, fiction and non-fiction, social sciences, and educational materials. Limit requests to once every four months. Family and friends can request books online through our website. Resource lists are always available and provided for other similar programs nationwide. Include prison mail rules in your request letter. The total turnaround time is approximately two-three months. Serves nationwide.

Prisoners Literature Project

c/o Bound Together Books 1369 Haight St · San Francisco, CA 94117 · 510-749-4160 · <https://www.prisonlit.org/>
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Providence Books Through Bars

3257 Post Road · Warwick, RI 02886
<https://provbtb.org/>
 All-volunteer outfit that sends donated books to provide free reading material for incarcerated people nationwide.

Read Between the Bars

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 Tucson, AZ 85733
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 (217) 344-8820 · <http://www.books2prisoners.org>
 UC Books to Prisoners is an Urbana, Illinois based project providing books at no cost by mail to inmates in state and federal prisons, as well as the jail library in Illinois. Serves people in Illinois only. Instagram @bookstoprisoners

Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project

The Social Justice Center 1202 Williamson Street #1 · Madison, WI 53703 · <https://www.wisconsinbookstoprisoners.org/>
 Wisconsin Books to Prisoners is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that sends books free of charge to state prisoners in Wisconsin. Does not respond to email inquiries. Wisconsin only.

NEWSLETTERS AND MAGAZINES**Anarchist Black Cross Los Angeles**

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<https://www.abcf.net/>
 ABC is on the frontline in supporting those imprisoned for struggling for freedom and liberty with a focus on the overall support and defense of political prisoners and prisoners of war. The ABC Federation is a collective of ABC groups working together to better support anarchist and "class war" political prisoners and prisoners of war. Write for information on political prisoners and for addresses of other chapters in Bakersfield CA, Inland Empire CA, Orange County, Lancaster PA, Philadelphia PA, and New York City.

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306 W. 37th Street, 13th floor · New York, NY 10018

<http://www.themilitant.com>

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PO Box #6556 CTA / Durland Alternatives Library · Ithaca, NY

14851 · 607-255-6486 · <http://www.prisonerexpress.org>

Prisoner Express News is published every six months and sent free of charge to incarcerated individuals throughout the United States. They are also available for download online. PE also sends books and educational packets as available. Prisoner Express has ongoing programs in creative writing, chess, meditation, journaling and art. Sends to people nationally.

San Quentin News

Main Street · San Quentin, CA 94964

<http://sanquentinnews.com>

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The Angolite is published and edited by prisoners at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, LA. Write for order form with costs for subscription.

Turning the Tide: Journal of Inter-communal Solidarity

PO Box 1055 · Culver City, CA 90232

<http://www.antiracist.org>

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<http://www.commonnotions.org>

Social justice bookstore offering discounts to folks behind bars on all titles with an emphasis on collective liberation and new decolonial creative works. This is a collective made up of members of workers collectives, #blacklivesmatter, no border and New Sanctuary movements, anticapitalist arts organizations, antiwar actions, climate justice camps and the Palestinian Solidarity Movement. Discounts are available for folks being bars, on all our titles.

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East Bay Prisoner Support

PO Box 22449 · Oakland, CA 94609

<http://www.eastbayprisonersupport.wordpress.com>

Formed in 2007 as a prison abolitionist, anti-authoritarian collective. Write to receive a catalog of anarchist, decolonial, queer liberation, anti-capitalist, black, brown and indigenous-oriented literature (zines), sent free to prisoners in any state. También enviamos literatura gratuita en español.

Haymarket Books

PO Box 180165 · Chicago, IL 60618

773-583-7884 · <http://www.haymarketbooks.org>

Haymarket Books is a nonprofit, radical book distributor and publisher based in Chicago. They believe that activists need to take ideas, history, and politics into the many struggles for social justice today. The books they offer reflect their values and are mostly non-fiction. Write to request free books on themes around Black liberation, radical history, women's liberation, and poetry. Serves people nationally.

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PM Press

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<http://www.pmpress.org>
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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**Adams State University Prison Education Program**

Prison Education Program (PEP) 208 Edgemont Blvd, Suite 3000 · Alamosa, CO 81101
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Ashland University Correctional Education Program

26 W. Main St · Ashland, OH 44805
 419-207-6922 · <https://www.ashland.edu/correctional-education>
 Ashland University Correctional Educational Program (AU-CEPT) partners with state Department of Corrections and local jails to offer online education experiences. Students can choose an associate

degree or a bachelor's degree. There is also an online degree option for reentry students. Except in cases where the Department of Corrections issues the devices, Ashland University provides all technology, textbooks and instructional supplies at no cost. States where AU-CEP is operating inside facilities: Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, West Virginia, as well as Washington DC.

Bard Prison Initiative

Bard College PO Box 5000 · Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000 · 845-758-7308 · <http://bpi.bard.edu>
 The Bard Prison Initiative (BPI) enrolls students at seven men's and women's correctional facilities in New York: Albion, Coxsackie, Eastern, Fishkill, Green Haven, Taconic and Woodbourne. Students enroll full-time and take in-person courses across a range of academic disciplines, earning Bard College associate and bachelor's degrees. To apply, one must be at one of the seven prisons where BPI operates and have a high school diploma or its equivalent. The application process includes a writing session and interview; candidates who are not offered admission may apply again. BPI students and alumni are also eligible for BPI services in reentry and alumni engagement, which begin while students are incarcerated and continue after they return home.

Blackstone Career Institute

1011 Brookside Road, Suite 300 PO Box 3717 · Allentown, PA 18106-0717 · 610-871-0031 or 800-826-9228
blackstone.edu/correspondence-paralegal-certificate-program/
 Blackstone's accredited Paralegal Certificate Program enables students to learn about the law and the paralegal field by studying at their own pace and at their facility. It can be completed in less than a year and provides information that can be put into practice while incarcerated and once released. No computers, proctors, or facility instructors are required. Soft-covered books and materials are used for ease of entry into most institutions. Their Paralegal certificate program includes the 900 clock hours of coursework needed to sit for the Accredited Legal Professional (ALP) exam and/or the Professional Paralegal (PP) certification, or the Certified Legal Assistant/Certified Paralegal (CLA/CP) exam. The enrollment process is initiated by a sponsor on behalf of the student. Currently serves all states.

Cornell Prison Education Program

300 Kennedy Hall c/o Cornell University · Ithaca, NY 14853
 607-255-9091 · <http://cpep.cornell.edu>
 The Cornell Prison Education Program brings together Cornell faculty and graduate students to teach a free college-level liberal arts curriculum to a select group of incarcerated at several correctional facilities near Cornell University. New York State only.

Education Justice Project

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 1001 S. Wright St. · Champaign, IL 61820 · 217-300-5150 · <https://educationjustice.net/>
 The Education Justice Project (EJP) is a comprehensive college-in-prison program at Danville Correctional Center in central Illinois. Students earn transferable University of Illinois credit. EJP also publishes multiple reentry guides: Mapping Your Future: National Edition and A New Path: A Guide to the Challenges and

Opportunities After Deportation. Mapping Your Future includes advice about housing, employment, healthcare, substance use and more, with resources for formerly incarcerated individuals throughout the US. A New Path is a guide for people getting deported to Mexico and Central America and is published in English and Spanish. EJP also prepares specific reentry resources for Illinois residents (Mapping Your Future: A Guide to Successful Reentry in Illinois), available in both English and Spanish.) All resources can be found on their Reentry Guides website.

Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison

PO Box 862 · Ossining, NY 10562

914-941-0794 · <http://www.hudsonlink.org>

Hudson Link empowers currently and formerly incarcerated people to realize their academic and economic potential by managing degree-granting college programs and providing essential re-entry support. Established in 1998, Hudson Link has transformed over a thousand lives, helping incarcerated people make a positive impact on their own lives, their families, and communities, resulting in lower rates of recidivism, incarceration, and poverty. Working with nine college partners, Hudson Link provides funding, management, and organizational support for academic programs leading to college degrees at six correctional facilities, including Greene, Green Haven, Shawangunk, Sing Sing, Sullivan, and Taconic. Hudson Link also provides released students with ongoing alumni services, as well as transitional housing.

Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program

513 Gladfelter Hall, Department of Criminal Justice 1115 Polett Walk, Temple University · Philadelphia, PA 19122

215-204-5163 · <http://www.insideoutcenter.org>

Organization supporting education model that brings together campus-based college students with incarcerated students for a class held inside jail or prison. This is a training center for Inside-Out education programs all across the country. It does not directly teach students. Write and ask about Inside-Out programs in your state.

Level

PO Box 40010 · Austin, TX 78704-0001

877) 285-3835 · <http://learnlevel.org>

Level distributes job training and educational material to over 950 federal, state, county and military prisons across the country. Topics include entrepreneurship, computer science, internet technology, restaurant job training, meditation and personal development. Family and friends of people in prison can use Level's website to enroll a person in prison.

Mount Tamalpais College

PO Box 492 · San Quentin, CA 94964

415-455-8088 · <http://www.mttamcollege.edu>

Mount Tamalpais College (MTC) is an independent, accredited liberal arts college inside San Quentin State Prison. MTC offers a 61-unit Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts as well as a college preparatory program in math and writing. The college offers 20 college courses each semester, allowing students to complete the coursework necessary for transfer to any California State University or University of California campus. The sole requirement for participation is a high school diploma or GED. No student is excluded based on age, length of sentence, commitment offense, or

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Upper Iowa University

PO Box 1857 Self Paced Degree Program · Fayette, IA 52142

800-553-4150 · <https://uiu.edu/academics/online-distance-learning/self-paced-paper-based/>

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Impartial

10520 Chapel Hill Road · Morrisville, NC 27560

919-533-4100 · <https://www.impartial.one>

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PEN America Prison Justice and Writing

120 Broadway St, 26th Floor North · New York, NY 10271

212-334-1660 · <https://pen.org/prison-and-justice-writing/>

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Prison Creative Arts Project

1801 East Quadrangle 701 E. University Ave. · Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734.647.6771 · <https://prisonarts.org>

Brings those impacted by the justice system together with the University of Michigan community for artistic collaboration, mutual learning, and growth. Its programs include weekly creative arts workshops, exhibitions, a literary journal, and a community of formerly incarcerated creators. Write to PCAP to join the newsletter mailing list and receive its calls for art and writing. Michigan only.

Prisons Foundation

2512 Virginia Ave NW, #58043 · Washington, DC 20037
202-393-1511 · <http://www.prisonfoundation.org>

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Safe Streets Arts Foundation

2512 Virginia Ave NW, #58043 · Washington DC 20037
<https://safestreetsarts.info/>

Accepts and sells/distributes prisoner art, publishes prisoner books online, and stages annual shows at the Kennedy Center in DC. All services free; write for submission guidelines; state whether you are a writer or artist (SASE ensures quick reply).

The American Prison Writing Archive

John Hopkins University 3400 N. Charles St. · Baltimore, MD 21218
<https://prisonwitness.org/>

The American Prison Writing Archive (APWA) is a growing public, internet-based collection of non-fiction writing about direct experience with the U.S. prison system. Anyone who has been incarcerated or has volunteered inside can send handwritten or typed pieces. All writing skill levels are welcome. 5,000 word limit. We read and respond to all writing. No reading fees or SASE required. A signed Permissions-Questionnaire (PQ) form is required for writing to be included in the APWA. For more information, or to receive our PQ form, please write to our physical address. Serves writers nationally.

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9540 Collins Ave · Surfside, FL 33154-7127
305-864-5553 · <http://aleph-institute.org>

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American Bible Academy

PO Box 1627 · Joplin, MO 64802-1627
<http://www.abarc.org/>

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Anthroposophical Prison Outreach Project

1923 Geddes Ave · Ann Arbor, MI 48104

734-662-9355 x38 · <https://www.anthroposophyforprisoners.org/>

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Association For Research and Enlightenment

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<https://edgarcayce.org/groups-services/prison-outreach-services/>

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Buddhist Correspondence Course

Pháp Nguyen Buddhist Congregation,

c/o Rev. T.N.Phap Lan

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Provides monthly Dharma Friends newsletters, and the following resource lists; Personal Health and Nutrition, 12 Step and Buddhism, Buddhist Resources, Christian Spiritual Resources, Hindu and Yoga Spiritual Resources, Other Spiritual and Psychological Healing Resources, Todd Fletcher's Buddhist Resource List, Ani Tendron's Recommended Buddhist Readings.

Human Kindness Foundation Prison-Ashram Project

PO Box 61619 · Durham, NC 27715 · <https://humankindness.org/>
The Human Kindness Foundation's Prison-Ashram Project sends free books and newsletters to people in prisons and jails all over the U.S., including We're All Doing Time by the late Bo Lozoff. HKF encourages a way of life based upon three common principles taught by the great sages of all religions: Simple living, a dedication to service, and a commitment to personal spiritual practice. Write to request materials in English or Spanish. Limited materials also available to addresses outside the U.S.

ISKCON Prison Ministry

PO Box 2676 · Alachua, FL 32616 · <https://iskconprisonministry.org/>
ISKCON Prison Ministry (IPM) donates books about: karma, reincarnation, mantra meditation and bhakti-yoga. These books teach you how to live a godly life and find internal peace and joy, no matter what your external circumstances are. We have books in English and Spanish. If you need books in another language, please ask us and we'll see if we can get it for you. In your letter be sure to tell us if you are allowed hardcover or only softcover books, and how many books at a time. We also donate books, CDs (lectures and music) and DVDs, to chapel libraries; you can give our information to your chaplain. If you are allowed to receive CDs yourself, let us know that as well.

Islamic Society of North America

ISNA PO Box 38 750E · Plainfield , IN 46167
317-839-8157 · <https://isna.net/>
ISNA's vision is to be an exemplary and unifying Islamic organization in North America that contributes to the betterment of the Muslim community and society at large. Sends Qurans and other introductory books on Islamic study to prison libraries and inmates. Ability to send books depends on the prison's policies. Also publishes a bi-monthly magazine, Islamic Horizons for \$24/year. Serves people nationwide.

Jewish Prisoner Services International

PO Box 85840 · Seattle, WA 98145-1840
206-617-2367 · <http://jpsi.org>
JPSI is a Jewish chaplaincy organization that strives to fulfill the Talmudic obligation of all Jews being responsible for each other, along with other religious mandates of their faith. JPSI strives to insure that Jewish prisoners are permitted to practice their faith by providing the advocacy and religious materials to further that goal. Write for a prisoner info form. Follow us on LinkedIn! Serves Jewish prisoners nationally; expect delay in response.

Maoist Internationalist Ministry of Prisons

PO Box 40799 · San Francisco, CA 94140
<http://www.prisoncensorship.info>
Maoist Internationalist Ministry of Prisons, MIM(Prisons), is a revolutionary anti-imperialist group fighting criminal injustice, helping prisoners to organize and educate themselves. Sends books to prisoners and offers prisoners a free subscription to their newspaper. Write to MIM(Prisons) for a free prisoner subscription and to get involved in revolutionary organizing and education projects.

Masjid Sunnah Grand Rapids Inmate Assistance Program

2312 S. Division · Grand Rapids, MI 49507
616-443-2664 · <http://masjidsunnah.org/IAP>
Write for free Qur'an, prayer rugs, and kuffis as well as other books on Al-Islam. Conducts visits in Michigan. Nationwide services.

Mother Earth Ministries

P.O. Box 35906 · Tucson, AZ 85740-5906
<http://motherearthministries.org>
Wiccan clergy are available to counsel, teach, provide information, and answer questions, by mail and sometimes in person, to incarcerated individuals. We provide assistance to inmates wishing to make Wicca their official religion. Copies of the book, Enchantment Encumbered, are available for \$20 (including shipping, and we accept stamps as payment).

Prison Mindfulness Institute (Prison Dharma Network)

PO Box 206 · South Deerfield, MA 01373
<https://www.prisonmindfulness.org>
The goal is to provide prisoners, prison staff, and prison volunteers with the most effective, proven tools for rehabilitation, self-transformation, and personal & professional development through mindfulness-based interventions (MBI's). The Prison Dharma Network/Prison Mindfulness Institute (PMI) works with volunteers who offer meditation inside prisons. Its Books Behind Bars program will mail mindfulness, meditation, and Buddhist books to people inside prison. It also offers the Path of Freedom (Mindfulness-Based Emotional Intelligence) correspondence course. The Path of Freedom (and other courses by PMI) can also be found on the Edovo App (currently available in hundreds of US prisons).

Set Free Prison Ministries

PO Box 5440 · Riverside , CA 92517
951-729-5499 · <https://www.setfreeprisonministries.org/>
Provides Bible study courses in English and Spanish to people free of charge. Curriculum consists of Bible courses from the Navigators in Colorado Springs, Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and Emmaus Correspondence School in Iowa. Provides free postage both mailing and return. Serves people nationally.

REGIONAL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS**ALABAMA****Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice**

400 South Union Street, Suite 245 · Montgomery, AL 36104
(205) 963-7999

Alabama Appleseed works to achieve justice and equity for all Alabamians, included the incarcerated. They are currently working on a number of advocacy projects for incarcerated folks and also helping people prepare for successful re-entry. Contact them to receive quarterly updates on their research, coalition building, legislative advocacy, and direct action. They also offer pro-bono legal support for certain cases. Serves Alabama only.

Alabamians for Fair Justice

<https://alabamafairjustice.org/join>
Alabamians for Fair Justice is a coalition made up of formerly incarcerated individuals, family members of those currently or recently serving time in Alabama's prisons, advocates, and civil

justice organizations. Join the coalition and receive updates through their website. Serves Alabama only.

ARIZONA

Middle Ground Prison Reform

2121 South Mill Avenue Suite 222 · Tempe, AZ 85282
480-966-8116 · <http://www.middlegroundprisonreform.org>

Middle Ground Prison Reform has been working for Arizona's prisoners and their families since 1983. Their main areas of activity are: 1) public education about the need for criminal justice reform; 2) legislative advocacy on behalf of prisoners and their visitors; 3) litigation to protect and define the rights and responsibilities of prisoners and their supporters; 4) referral to community resources for ex-offenders. They do not publish a hard copy newsletter. Instead, they encourage friends and family of prisoners to visit their website and download and mail copies of pertinent information inside to prisoners. Serves Arizona only.

CALIFORNIA

California Families to Abolish Solitary Confinement

6109 S. Western Ave Suite 100 · Los Angeles, CA 90047
714-290-9077 · <https://solitarywatch.org/cfasc/>

CFASC is dedicated to stopping the inhumane treatment of prisoners within the California penal system, especially those held in solitary confinement. Their ultimate goal is to end the use of solitary confinement. CFASC is primarily an organization working with family members. Serves Californians only.

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

3075 Adeline St, Suite 210 · Berkeley, CA 94703
510-644-2555 · <http://www.dredf.org>

Assistance is generally limited to providing basic disability civil rights informational materials and referrals, with attention to CDCR state prisoners concerning prison condition and medical access. DREDF does not provide assistance with individual disability benefits applications or denial of Social Security Disability benefits. CA only.

Friends Committee on Legislation of California

1225 8th St, Suite 220 · Sacramento, CA 95814-4809
916-443-3734 · <http://www.fclca.org>

Quaker-founded group that advocates and lobbies for CA state laws that are just, compassionate, and respectful of the inherent worth of every person. Staff can answer questions about legislative matters by phone or letter. Serves Californians only.

Friends Outside

P.O. Box 4085 · Stockton, CA 95204
209-955-0701 · <http://www.friendsoutside.org>

Friends Outside provides services and support to inmates and visitors at each California State Prison. Offers reentry planning for inmates near release and prosocial skill building education. For those visiting loved ones, Friends Outside contracts to run Visitor Centers. Visitor Centers provide childcare, transportation for visitors to the prison from area bus and train stations, information and resources, and a restful and welcoming place to stop for a moment before and after visits. Does not usually respond to letters. California only.

Kindful Restoration

PO Box 4760 · Riverside, CA 92514
(323) 345-7587, (805) 622-7747 · <http://www.kindfulrestoration.com>
Offers group work, courses and programing in California prisons in English and Spanish. Provides assistance in preparing for upcoming parole suitability hearings. Also offers restorative re-entry services. Serves California only.

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

4400 Market Street · Oakland, CA 94608
415-255-7036; 510-488-1005 · <http://www.prisonerswithchildren.org>
LSPC publishes manuals, reports, fact sheets and pamphlets for CA prisoners in the following areas: Family Matters (guardianship, visitation, pregnancy); Reentry Services; Prison Conditions (isolation and other), and Divorce Issues. Provides limited individualized legal advice and representation to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated parents. Serves Californians only.

Life Support Alliance

PO Box 277 · Rancho Cordova, CA 95741
916-402-3750 · <http://www.lifesupportalliance.org>
LSA offers a free monthly newsletter, Lifer-Line, and the quarterly California Lifer Newsletter with reviews of the latest published and unpublished state and federal cases concerning parole issues, parole board news, legislation and articles on prison, parole and correctional issues of interest to prisoners and their families. Each issue contains 50 - 70 pages. Subscription rates are: Inmates, \$35 per year, \$60 for 2 yrs, \$90 for 3 yrs. Free individuals, \$99 per year, \$180 for 2 years. Also correspondence courses on several subjects relevant to parole suitability. Sign up for free newsletter and correspondence courses on the website, www.lifesupportalliance.org. Focuses on the California lifer population, but anyone can benefit from their information.

Project AVARY

PO Box 150088 · San Rafael, CA 94915-0088
415-457-8799 · <http://www.projectavary.org>
Project AVARY offers long-term support and enrichment for children and youth in the SF Bay Area with a parent in prison or jail. The program services include a summer camp, monthly outings, leadership training, and family support. Coordinates online group mentoring, available to anyone in the country. Write for more.

Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos

1817 Soquel Ave · Santa Cruz, CA 95062
831-457-8208 · <http://www.barriosunidos.net>
The Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos Prison Project is dedicated to providing cultural and spiritual education, support, and hope to incarcerated individuals. The Project advocates for prison policy reform and programs that reduce recidivism, support re-entry, and reunify families. Educational materials are sent nationally in responding to mail requests. Serves Californians only.

UnCommon Law

318 Harrison Street Suite 103 · Oakland, CA 94607
(510) 271-0310 · <http://www.uncommonlaw.org>
UnCommon Law supports people navigating California's discretionary parole process through trauma-informed legal representation, mental health counseling, legislative and policy

advocacy, and in-prison programming led by those who have been through the process themselves. Legal team is available to respond to resource/intake inquiries over the phone on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

COLORADO

Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition

821 22nd Street · Denver, CO 80205

303-825-0122 · <http://www.ccjrc.org>

CCJRC publishes a free quarterly newsletter, and a 250-page reentry guide for parolees in Colorado titled Getting On After Getting Out: A Re-entry Guide for Colorado ("Go Guide"). This book provides extensive information to help people prepare for release and successfully reintegrate back into their families and communities. The cost is \$10 + \$3.50 S&H. Serves individuals in Colorado only.

FLORIDA

Disability Rights Florida

2473 Care Drive suite 200 · Tallahassee, FL 32308

800-342-0823 · <http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org>

Services for individuals with disabilities in Florida only. Can only support with issues directly related to your disabilities - no other legal advice or support available. Florida only.

Florida Cares Charity

P.O. Box 211174 · West Palm Beach, FL 33421

(561)855-0833 · <https://floridacarescharity.org>

Florida Cares Charity is dedicated to improving the lives of the incarcerated through programs, advocacy, education and visitation. The organization offers education on how to effectively communicate with the Florida Department of Corrections Administration. Serves Floridians only.

GEORGIA

Forever Family, Inc.

PO Box 89308 · Atlanta, GA 30312

404-223-1200 · <http://www.foreverfam.org>

Foreverfamily is a nonprofit organization committed to empowering children and families impacted by parental incarceration throughout the state of Georgia. Our programs and services focus on fostering positive parent-child relationships and meeting the unique needs of these individuals. We offer comprehensive case management, family strengthening initiatives, and provide a family visitation program to facilitate monthly visits between children and their incarcerated mothers. Serves Georgia only.

The Southern Center for Human Rights

60 Walton Street NW · Atlanta, GA 30303 · (404) 688-1202

<https://www.schr.org/files/post/AdvocacyHandbook1109.pdf>

SCHR is engaged in litigation, public education, advocacy, and works with other organizations and individuals to protect the civil and human rights of people prosecuted in the criminal courts – particularly those facing the death penalty – and confined in the prisons and jails of the South. They offer free guidebooks with tools on how to advocate for incarcerated loved ones and on re-entry services. Serves Georgia and the deep south.

HAWAII

Community Alliance on Prisons

PO Box 37158 · Honolulu, HI 96837-0158

808-927-1214 · <http://caphawaii.wordpress.com>

A coalition that focuses on alternatives to incarceration, prison reform legislative issues, community education, and effective interventions for all of Hawaii's lawbreakers. CAP's goal is to educate the community on best practices and proven strategies that preserve human dignity, reform our criminal justice system, and motivate the greater community to take action on these important issues. Serves individuals in Hawai'i only.

Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice

PO Box 3654 · Honolulu, HI 96811

808-218-3712 · <http://hawaiifriends.org>

Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice (HFRJ) envisions a humanitarian justice system that provides processes for hope, healing and rehabilitation. They provide education, training, and program development to help individuals and organizations live cooperatively based on knowledge gleaned over the years. They have trained and hired incarcerated peer educator tutors and help fund higher education after release. They developed an effective re-entry planning process and provide a re-entry guide for Hawai'i. Serve Hawai'i only.

IDAHO

Ex-Offender Re-Entry Services Guide

Idaho Department of Labor 317 West Main St · Boise, ID 83735

208-332-3570 · www.labor.idaho.gov/dnn/Portals/0/Publications/ex-offender.pdf

The 16-page Ex-Offender Re-Entry Services Guide (last updated 1/2020) has been designed to enhance and expand services to ex-offenders in Idaho, and assist in their re-entry into the State's work force. Contains local office information for Idaho Dept. of Labor. Available for download. Only serves people in Idaho.

Idaho Justice Project

500 South 8th Street · Boise, ID

<https://www.idahojusticeproject.org>

Elevates system-involved persons in partnership with citizens, nonprofits, justice stakeholders, and government officials to improve Idaho's justice system using organizing, public education, collaboration, and advocacy. They are focused on reducing the amount of incarcerated people in Idaho and reinvesting the funds to social services that target mental health and drug addiction services. Support rehabilitation services in prison using evidence-based programs and empower returning citizens to succeed with achievable probation and parole requirements. Serves Idaho only.

ILLINOIS

Illinois Prison Project

53 W. Jackson Street, Suite 452 · Chicago, IL 60604

(312) 324-4463 · <https://www.illinoisprisonproject.org>

Through advocacy, public education, and direct representation of thousands of needlessly incarcerated people, the Illinois Prison Project brings hope to and fights in community with incarcerated people and their loved ones for a brighter, more humane, more just system for us all. They provide direct representation to people in the Illinois Department of Corrections, train and support attorneys who

provide direct representation, and empower incarcerated people and their families to advocate for themselves.

Illinois Prisoner Rights Coalition

310 Main St NW · Bourbonnais, IL 60914

(815) 386-6325 · <https://illinois-prc.com>

Serves incarcerated people and their loved ones by offering a rapid response support system to address rights violations and injustices that occur in Illinois jails and prisons for people in immediate danger and ongoing case management. They provide support and intervention in instances of abuse, neglect, and violations of civil and human rights. Services are free to incarcerated community members and their loved ones. Serves Illinois only.

Prison + Neighborhood Arts/Education Project

800 W. Buena Ave. · Chicago, IL 60613

<https://p-nap.org>

A visual arts and education project that connects teaching artists and scholars to incarcerated students at Stateville Max Security Prison through classes, workshops, a policy think tank, and guest lectures. Classes cover subjects ranging from poetry, visual arts, and creative writing to political theory, social studies, and history. Illinois only.

INDIANA

Incarcerated Individuals Legal Assistance Project

211 South Indiana Avenue Indiana University Maurer School of Law Baier Hall · Bloomington, IN 47405

<https://law.indiana.edu/academics/experiential-education/projects/ilap.html>

The Incarcerated Individuals Legal Assistance Project (ILAP) is a student run, pro-bono organization that provides free legal research to incarcerated individuals. Under the guidance of an experienced appellate attorney, students aid incarcerated individuals on a variety of legal issues, from post-conviction relief and ineffective assistance of counsel claims to tort claims and family law. Primarily serves Indiana.

IOWA

Friends of Iowa Women Prisoners

PO Box 71272 · Clive, IA 50325

Friends of Iowa Women Prisoners mission is to bring together those concerned about women in the Iowa correctional system and provide education on how to best advocate on their behalf. They support a variety of programming to incarcerated women and also award scholarships that allow women to take college credit classes while incarcerated. Iowa women only.

Iowa Cure

P.O. Box 41005 · Des Moines, IA 50311 · <http://iowacure.com>

Iowa CURE is a multi-issue, membership-based organization which brings individuals concerned about the correctional system together to work for change both inside and outside prison walls in order to promote healing or restorative justice within the community. Serves Iowa only.

KANSAS

Legal Services for Prisoners, Inc.

P.O. Box 12438 · Overland Park, KS 66282

(785) 746-7437 · <https://www.legalservicesforprisoners.org>

Non-profit group that provides legal services to indigent inmates in Kansas correctional facilities. The program's goal is to ensure that prisoners' rights to the courts are met to pursue non-frivolous claims. L.S.P. assist inmates with the unique legal problems which arise out of their incarceration and help to augment the normal Facility Counseling Services. They do not represent inmates for money damages or most other civil matters, but can provide information on who to contact to seek counsel and in some instances how to proceed pro se in such cases. Kansas only.

LOUISIANA

Promise of Justice Initiative

1024 Elysian Fields · New Orleans, LA 70117-8402

504-529-5955 · <https://promiseofjustice.org/>

Promise of Justice Initiative (PJI) is a New Orleans-based organization that stands at the forefront of the fight for the liberation, freedom, and autonomy of people targeted and touched by the criminal legal system and mass incarceration. PJI's approach is multifaceted, including collective action, legislative advocacy, civil and criminal litigation, and reframing narrative discourse. PJI's clients are currently incarcerated people and their families, as well as crime survivors, victims' families, and communities outside of prisons that suffer from the impact of mass incarceration. Community organizing and policy work includes everyone, but litigation is limited to systemic claims on a selective basis. Serves Louisiana only.

The Law Library of Louisiana

400 Royal Street 2nd Floor Law Library of Louisiana · New Orleans, LA 70130

(504) 310-2400 · <https://lasc.libguides.com/prisoners>

The Law Library of Louisiana offers a robust free guide with information and resources on common legal issues faced by prisoners, former prisoners and their families. The guide covers post-conviction remedies, civil rights violations in prison, parole, family law issues, re-entry assistance and resources on the collateral consequences of conviction. Serves Louisiana only.

Tulane University Law Library

6329 Freret Street · New Orleans, LA 70118

504-865-5952 · <https://library.law.tulane.edu/screens/index.html>

Offers photocopies of case-law citations, law review articles, criminal procedures, etc. to prisoners incarcerated in Louisiana jails & parish or state prisons only. Requests should have specific case cites, docket numbers or article titles, and are limited to one per month and a maximum of 50 pages. Only serves people in LA state prisons or jails; no federal prisoner requests.

MAINE

Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition

PO Box 446 · Lisbon, ME 04250

<http://www.maineprisoneradvocacy.org>

The Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition (MPAC) is comprised of Maine prisoners, their friends and families, and others committed to humane changes in Maine's prison system. They focus on

solitary confinement, inhumane conditions of confinement, and reentry services. They may also connect you with other organizations and advocates that can help with support and reentry. Write a letter to PO Box 446, Lisbon ME 04250 or email. Serves Maine only.

MARYLAND

Prisoner's Rights Information System of Maryland

P.O. Box 929 · Chestertown, MD 21620
4107781700

The Prisoner's Rights Information System of Maryland (PRISM) assists current inmates of Maryland state prisons with their 8th Amendment rights and offers representation or advice to state prisoners in civil rights matters, certain state habeas corpus or inmate grievance office cases, and challenges to conditions of confinement. This includes Grievance Office hearings and appeals when the grievance involves a civil rights or constitutional issue, prison conditions, parole, and problems related to sentences, etc. PRISM does not provide representation in criminal, domestic and civil court actions. Serves Maryland only.

MASSACHUSETTS

Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts

50 Federal Street, 4th Floor · Boston, MA 02110
(617) 482-2773 x 104 · <http://www.plsma.org/>

Prisoners' Legal Services provides legal representation and administrative advocacy in civil (non-criminal) matters related to prisoners' treatment in Massachusetts prisons and jails, and upon release on parole. Serves current or former Mass prisoners in issues including inadequate medical or mental health care, assaults or violence by staff, unsafe or inhumane conditions in Mass jails or prisons, arbitrary use of isolation, and/or unfair denial or revocation of parole. Accepts letters to address listed and calls during intake hours on Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Non-English speakers seeking assistance may also contact PLS - they will provide interpretation services. Serves people in Mass. only.

MICHIGAN

Humanity for Prisoners

PO Box 687 · Grand Rapids, MI 49417
(616) 935-0075 · <http://humanityforprisoners.org>

Humanity for Prisoners, in collaboration with strategic partners, works one-on-one with people in prison to provide personalized services which empower them to receive support and assistance. Key areas of focus include: navigating the prison system, advocating for healthcare, gaining access to public documents, preparing for parole board hearings, and reconnecting with lost family and friends. Serves Michigan only.

The Michigan Lifers Association

4417 Second Avenue Suite 211 · Detroit, MI 48201-1641
313-442-3629

Support for Michigan lifers led by Willis X. Harris, found innocent after serving over 23 years in the Michigan prison system. Write for information about programming and support for lifers. Note there is no online presence, but they are easily reached by phone or mail. Serves people in MI specifically but also all across the US and Canada.

MINNESOTA

Clemency Project

229 19th Avenue South Walter F. Mondale Hall · Minneapolis, MN 55455
612-339-5160 · <https://law.umn.edu/centers-institutes/clemency-project>

The University of Minnesota Law School's Clemency Project advocates for individuals serving disproportionately long prison sentences, with the primary goal of obtaining reductions in these sentences. It is an integrated program, involving individual representation, impact litigation, advocacy and research aimed at connecting law students directly to the human realities of mass incarceration. Serves Minnesota only.

Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners

Mitchell Hamline School of Law: Legal Practice Center 875 Summit Ave · St Paul, MN 55105
651-227-9171 · <http://mitchellhamline.edu/clinics/lamp-legal-assistance-to-minnesota-prisoners>

Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners (LAMP) provides civil representation to indigent persons incarcerated in Minnesota. Students at the Mitchell Hamline School of Law represent clients from interviews through any trial. Cases include domestic relations, imprisonment-related matters (institutional grievances, parole, and detainers), and the full range of other civil problems including debtor-creditor, wills, contracts, torts, and civil rights issues. LAMP does not handle appeals for inmates to contest their convictions. Serves people in Minnesota only.

MISSISSIPPI

Foundation for the Mid South (Mississippi Reentry Guide)

134 East Amite Street c/o Foundation for the Mid South · Jackson, MS 39201
601-355-8167 · <http://www.msreentryguide.com>

This 196-page Mississippi Reentry Guide is intended to provide essential information and resources about services to ex-offenders and those that support them. Their goal is to ensure that those leaving incarceration will have an easier and more successful transition back into their community. The directory includes national, state, and local resources organized by county, region and topic. Available in full online. Serves Mississippi only.

Mississippi Prison Reform Coalition

P.O. Box 16109 People's Advocacy Institute · Jackson, MS 39236
(601) 272-8419 · <https://www.peoplesadvocacyinstitute.com/ending-mass-incarceration>

The MPRC is a group of formerly incarcerated people, families with loved-ones in prison, advocacy organizations, and concerned residents demanding that the state of Mississippi immediately reduce the prison population, remove harmful conditions, policies and practices, and restore humanity. Serves Mississippi only.

MISSOURI

Missouri Prison Reform

P.O. Box 280 · Duenweg, MO 64841
<https://moprisonreform.org/>

Missouri Prison Reform is a nonprofit organization that advocates for Missouri's incarcerated and their families by elevating their

voices, advocating for their needs, and exposing harmful policies that undermine our overall goal of harm reduction, healing, and rehabilitation. Their primary focus is on humanitarian rights, health care and sentence reform. You can use their online form or send a letter to their PO Box. Serves Missouri only.

NEBRASKA (NEW!)

Reconnect 2 Success

1941 So. 42nd Street Suite 502 & 515 · Omaha, NE 68105
402-934-4933 ·

<https://www.reconnectsuccess.com/reconnect2success>

Reconnect 2 Success provides services those formerly incarcerated and soon to be released inmates with skills, support and services needed to overcome barriers that interfere with reentry success. Reentry services focused on three core areas - education, job readiness, and personal development - include assistance in enrolling in educational programs, weekly job trainings and events in Omaha, and career assistance. Referrals come from Federal Probation, State Parole and Probation, County Jail and community partners. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (402)-934-4933 or fill out the contact box on their website. Serves Nebraska only.

NEW YORK

Correctional Association of New York

P.O. Box 793 · Brooklyn, NY 11207

212-254-5700 · <http://www.correctionalassociation.org>

Independent non-profit organization that advocates for a more humane and effective criminal justice system. They visit and assess conditions in prisons across NY state. CA is not able to provide legal assistance or extensive individual advocacy, communication with impacted individuals is logged and analyzed for use in monitoring and reporting. Additionally, CANY on a limited basis and with the consent of an impacted individual, does provide legal referrals, access to informational resources, and administrative advocacy. Serves New York only.

Fortune Society

29-76 Northern Bl · Long Island City, NY 11101

212-691-7554 · <http://www.fortunesociety.org>

Re-entry organization become positive, contributing members of society. They do this through a holistic, one-stop model of service provision. Serves individuals in re-entry in Long Island City, and two locations in West Harlem. Also publishes *The Fortune News* twice per year, which is free to those incarcerated in NY. Serves people in New York only.

Jail and Prison Services at New York Public Library

40 West 20th Street · New York, NY 10011

212-592-7553 · <http://www.nypl.org/help/community-outreach/correctional-services>

The NYPL's Correctional Library Services publishes "Connections", the most exhaustive guide and directory of resources in New York City available to help people when they are leaving correctional facilities. The guidebook is free to those incarcerated in New York State prisons and local jails, with mailed copies prioritized for soon-to-be-released individuals. Full PDF available online. Aquí encontrará una traducción al español disponible como un archivo PDF. Personas que están encarceladas pueden solicitar hasta 40

páginas impresas de "Conexiones" a la vez (que se enviarán por carta), escribiendo a: NYPL Correctional Services, 445 Fifth Ave, NY, NY 10016. Serves individuals in New York only.

Legal Aid Society Prisoner's Rights Project

151 West 30th St · New York, NY 10001

212-577-3300 · <https://www.lawhelpny.org/organization/legal-aid-society-prisoners-rights-project/>

The Prisoner's Rights Project (PRP) protects and enforces the legal rights of New York City and New York State prisoners through litigation, advice, and assistance to individual prisoners. PRP does not deal with criminal cases or sentences or matters related to parole. Request help by phone at (212-577-3300), or their Helpline (888-663-6680) which is staffed Mon-Fri 10am-3pm. Serves New York only.

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York

41 State St, Suite M112 · Albany, NY 12207

518-445-6050 · <http://www.plsny.org>

PLSNY provides free legal services to New York State prisoners - not serving those in jails or federal prison. Pre-release and re-entry program (PREP) assists clients with 6-18 months from their release date. Also publishes Pro Se newsletter six times per year, providing information and analysis on recent developments in NY prison law. To subscribe, send a subscription request with prisoner's name, DIN number, and facility to: Pro Se, 114 Prospect Street, Ithaca, NY 14850. Past issues are downloadable from their website. Offices in Albany, Buffalo, Ithaca, and Newburgh - write or call for more info on your local office. Serves New York only.

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services

PO Box 25397 · Raleigh, NC 27604

919-856-2200 · <http://www.ncpls.org/>

NCPLS provides legal assistance to people in state prison and county jails ranging from advice about prisoner's legal rights, inadequate medical care, and free speech issues to representation in court around such issues. They do not provide information on legal topics outside post-conviction or civil rights issues. The organization is divided into three teams: Post-Conviction, Civil, and Jail Support Services. Serves people in North Carolina only.

OHIO

Ohio Justice & Policy Center

215 East 9th St. Suite 601 · Cincinnati, OH 45202

513-421-1108 · <https://ohiojpc.org/>

Supports directly impacted communities through advocacy projects, education and community outreach. Main programs include Second Chance, to help with record expungement; Beyond Guilt, for unfairly sentenced individuals whose minimum sentence must be 20 years or greater and at least 5 years are remaining on their sentence; and Human Rights in Prison for individuals who have experienced inhumane conditions inside. You must exhaust all internal grievance processes within the ODRC institution to be eligible. Incarcerated individuals must apply themselves for consideration for the Beyond Guilt or Human Rights projects. If you do not have access to a printer, please email humanrights@ohiojpc.org with your name, ODRC #, and institution. OJPC will mail one application to the incarcerated individual. Serves Ohio only.

OREGON**The Pathfinder Network**

7305 NE Glisan St · Portland, OR 97213

(503) 892-5396 · www.thepathfindernetwork.org

Offers holistic direct services in three counties and 9 correctional facilities across the state of Oregon. Works with participants at every point of the criminal justice system with programming focused on rehabilitation and recidivism reduction. Also runs Portland Center for Family Success with community-based services including parenting classes, services to parents, and youth mentoring, and has three Resilience & Recovery Project locations across the state, we provide wraparound peer support and service navigation, including drop-in and mobile support, classes, groups, action planning, basic needs assistance, and parenting-specific peer support. Oregonians only.

PENNSYLVANIA**Human Rights Coalition**

PO Box 34580 · Philadelphia, PA 19101

267-293-9169 · <https://hrcoalition.org/>

The Human Rights Coalition (HRC) is a network of currently and formerly incarcerated people and their advocates. They are fighting for the abolishment of solitary confinement in Pennsylvania prisons. They also publish the HRC Legal Pamphlet Series, other pamphlets and information letters, and the "PA Prison Directory Action Guide" (2009) (too many pages for them to print & mail, but available for download on their website). The Movement magazine is published quarterly and available online, accepting submissions two pages max. Responds to letters. Serves Pennsylvania only.

Pennsylvania Prison Society

230 South Broad Street, Suite 605 · Philadelphia, PA 19102

215-564-4775 · <http://www.prisonersociety.org>

PPS offers resources to Pennsylvania prisoners in the form of an official visiting program to help people in custody with issues they may be experiencing while in confinement, a free resource program where information requested is sent via mail, and re-entry services, including mentoring, peer support groups and referrals. It also publishes "Graterfriends," a newsletter published 6 times a year by and for incarcerated people with issues relevant to them (\$3.00 for an annual prisoner subscription). Does not provide legal assistance or representation. Serves PA only for visits; newsletter and resource program available to all.

SOUTH DAKOTA**Hope Prison Ministry South Dakota**

PO Box 284 · Sioux Falls, SD 57104

605-338-7526 · <https://prisonministry.net/hpmjs>

Assists men and women leaving prisons in South Dakota with clothing, housing, transportation, and food to support them in making a new start and re-establishing themselves in society. Offers fellowship and friendship beyond the walls. South Dakota only.

TENNESSEE**Project Return**

109 Lafayette Street · Nashville, TN 37210

615-327-9654 · <http://www.projectreturninc.org>

Project Return equips former offenders with the education, coaching, and support services necessary to gain employment and begin a new life. Project Return conducts pre-release programs in correctional facilities to prepare inmates for their release dates. Offices in Chattanooga (423-609-8986) and Nashville (615-327-9654). Serves Tennessee only.

TEXAS**Texas Civil Rights Project**

P.O. Box 17757 · Austin, TX 78760

512-474-5073 · <https://txcivilrights.org/>

Works on reform projects including ending solitary confinement in Texas, challenging debtor's prison practices, ending tortuous heat conditions, and improving mental health. Does not provide individual representation. Serves Texans only.

Texas Jail Project

13121 Louetta Road #1330 · Cypress, TX 77429

512.469.7665 · <https://www.texasjailproject.org/>

Advocacy resources and information for people in county jails and their loved ones. Assists with intervention in acute medical and mental health crises, reporting medical neglect, disability and pregnancy related access and release, and families obtaining medical records release. Will assist in contacting your court-appointed attorney, complaints to the Texas State Bar if you are not receiving robust representation, and referrals to relevant agencies. To get in touch, write a letter or leave a voicemail. Serves Texans in jails only.

UTAH**Utah Prisoner Advocate Network**

PO Box 464 · Draper, UT 84020

<http://utahprisoneradvocate.org/>

Utah Prisoner Advocate Network (UPAN) offers support to incarcerated individuals as well as friends and families through providing education and information about conditions of confinement including housing and medical, and monthly support meetings for families. UPAN does not provide legal support - do not send legal documents. It also publishes a monthly newsletter. The best way to receive the newsletter is to ask family or friends to get on the email list and then print and send you the newsletter directly. If you do not have any family or friends to support, contact UPAN directly. Serves Utah only.

VERMONT**Prisoners' Rights Office**

6 Baldwin St, 4th Floor · Montpelier, VT 05633 · 802-828-3194

<http://defgen.vermont.gov/research/prisoners-rights-office>

This section of the Vermont Office of the Defender General handles prisoners' rights cases and pardons. Serves Vermont only.

PARC RECOMMENDED LEGAL AND EDUCATIONAL PRISON BOOKS

Battling the Administration: An Inmate's Guide to a Successful Lawsuit

Wynword Press PO Box 557 · Bonners Ferry, ID 83805

208-267-0817 · <http://www.wynwordpress.com/shop/battling-the-administration>

Battling the Administration (David J. Meister, April 2014, 566 pages, \$24.95 + \$5 S&H) is a self-help manual that guides readers through the complex U.S. civil court system, teaches them how to pursue a lawsuit in the face of the constraints imposed by incarceration, and enables a successful outcome for the prisoner's civil rights lawsuit. The book includes extensive case-law citations and advice on organizing, investigating and prosecuting a case. Know your civil rights and how to defend them in court. Has not been updated since 2014, so research what the lower courts have said about the Supreme Court precedents listed; the advice on preparation and writing skills are still very relevant for any prison-based litigator.

Columbia Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual

435 West 116th Street Attn: JLM Order · New York, NY 10027 · 212-854-1601 · <https://jlm.law.columbia.edu/>

A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual (12th Ed, 2020, 1520 pages, \$30) is a handbook of legal rights and procedures designed to inform prisoners of their rights and how use to judicial process to secure these rights on both the federal and state level, with an emphasis on New York State law. It also has published the following supplements: 1) on Louisiana state law; 2) on Texas state law; and 3) on Immigration and consular access, containing information about the immigration law consequences of criminal convictions for people who are not U.S. Citizens. Individual chapters are also available for download. This is a student-run, volunteer organization; they cannot provide legal advice or respond to individual inquiries. Expect delays in delivery. For incarcerated persons, the 12th Edition of the main JLM is \$30; supplements range from \$15-25 by state. Make checks payable to "Columbia Jailhouse Lawyers' Manual." For non-prisoners, the main JLM is \$140 and supplements range from \$50-100. To order a paperback copy of the JLM: You can purchase the JLM and supplements on our website via the following link: <https://clsjournals.directfrompublisher.com/>.

Georgetown Law Journal Annual Review of Criminal Procedure

600 New Jersey Avenue NW Georgetown Law Office of Journal Administration – ARCP · Washington, DC 20001-2075

202-662-9457 · <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/georgetown-law-journal/subscribe/subscribe-arcp/>

As a comprehensive survey of all criminal procedure in the federal courts. The ARCP is a single issue per year edition that provides readers with objective, concise and accurate overview of criminal procedure and recent case-law decisions in the United States Supreme Court and each of the 12 Federal Circuit Courts. The \$25 discounted rate is only honored for orders sent directly to correctional facilities, \$85 for standard retail rate. Also offers complimentary copies of older editions to those who are incarcerated that can provide proof of indigence. Ask a friend or loved one to email for the discounted order form, and have them mail it to you or write to the Office of Journal Administration-ARCP for a copy to be mailed directly to you. Please make checks and money orders payable to: Georgetown Law Journals-ARCP. VISA/Mastercard payments are accepted via fax at 845-267-3478. Refunds are not available for discount orders. Orders are shipped USPS, so please allow up to 4-6 weeks for delivery. Tax must be included if shipping to DC (5.75%), VA (5.0%), MD (6%), NY (7.0%), TN (7% state & 2.25% local). Expect delays; Do not send money order or check without an order form.

Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook - 6th Ed., 2021

666 Broadway, 7th Floor The Center for Constitutional Rights · New York, NY 10012 · <http://jailouselaw.org/>

The Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook: How to Bring a Federal Lawsuit to Challenge Violations of Your Rights in Prison Published jointly by the National Lawyers Guild and the Center for Constitutional Rights, explains how a prisoner can start a lawsuit in federal court to fight against mistreatment and bad conditions in prison. This handbook is a free resource for people in prison who wish to file a federal lawsuit addressing poor conditions in prison or abuse by prison staff. It also contains limited general information about the United States legal system. Has excellent explanation of the Prison Litigation Reform Act. Essential resource for any jailhouse lawyer. Last updated in 2021. To receive a paperbound copy, mail a request to the above address and wait at least 2 months for return. Requests are bundled and sent only several times per year. If no response after 3 months, write to the National NLG Prison Law Project for a copy: P.O. Box 1266; New York, NY, 10009. The Handbook is also available downloaded from their website (<http://jailouselaw.org/>) Request an outside source to print and mail it to you. List of chapter headings: (1) How to Use the JLH; (2) Overview of Types of Lawsuits and the Prison Litigation Reform Act' 3) Your Rights in Prison; (4) Who to Sue and What to Ask for; (5) How to Start Your Lawsuit; (6) What Happens After You File Your Suit; (7) The Legal System and Legal Research; and Appendices A-N.

The California Prison and Parole Law Handbook

General Delivery Prison Law Office · San Quentin, CA 94964 · 800-630-4104 · <https://prisonlaw.com/resources/prison-handbook/>

The California Prison and Parole Law Handbook (Heather MacKay & Prison Law Office, 5th Ed, 2019, 1170 pages) is undergoing updates with a new edition planned for release in 2025. Last updated in 2019. No paper issues of bound 2019 book are still available, so ask a loved one to print the specific chapter you need until the new issue is released. It is a comprehensive overview of the laws and policies affecting people in state prisons and on parole in California. Includes extensive discussion of the administrative appeals and court actions

The materials contained in this resource directory are presented to aid in the rehabilitation of prisoners, as per federal and state laws.

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that people can use to protect their rights and to seek remedies. 19 chapters, plus resource lists, forms, and sample legal documents. It is available for download for free online at <https://prisonlaw.com/resources/prison-handbook/>. Paper copies for people in custody are \$20 and \$200 for all others. Prices include tax, shipping and handling. The Prison Law Office has a monthly drawing for free copies of The Handbook for people in custody. To be put in the pool, a person should send a copy of their trust account statement showing that they have not had more than \$25 in their account in the past six months to Prison Law Office at above address. Chapters include: Administrative Appeals; Rights of People in Prison; Cruel and Unusual Punishment, Use of Excessive Force, and Protection from Physical and Sexual Abuse; Classification, Housing and Programs; Prison Rule Violations; Placement in Segregation; Medical, Mental Health, and Dental Care; Determinate Sentences, Restitution, Time Credits, and Release Dates; Life Parole Suitability, Other Board of Parole Hearings Proceedings, Commutations, and Pardons; Detainers and Extradition; Parole and Post-Release Community Supervision; MDO and SVP Commitments; Workers Compensation and Other Benefits; Immigration Issues for People in Prison; Direct Appeals of Criminal Convictions; State Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus and Writ of Mandate/Prohibition; Federal Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus; Federal Civil Rights ("Section 1983") Lawsuits; State Tort Lawsuits; and Legal Research, Writing, and Strategies.

Your Life on the List

<http://www.oncefallen.com>

"Your Life on the List," by Derek Logue, is a state by state-by-state survival guide for those forced to register upon release from incarceration. The latest edition is available via Amazon for \$14.95. It can also be downloaded (free of charge) by going to oncefallen.com where there is a vast amount of information for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals, including housing lists, information on legal issues, and newsletters.

Selected excerpts from the UNITED NATIONS STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS
(the Nelson Mandela Rules)

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held at Geneva 1955, approved 1957. Revised and reapproved on May 22, 2015 as 122 individual rules, renamed the “Nelson Mandela Rules.” (Full set of all 122 Mandela Rules is 40 pages, available for download at: www.penalreform.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/MANDELA-RULES.pdf. According to letters from our readers, the UN will not send free copies.)

Basic Principles

- All prisoners shall be treated with the respect due to their inherent dignity and value as human beings. No prisoner shall be subjected to, and all prisoners shall be protected from, torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, for which no circumstances whatsoever may be invoked as a justification.

Books

- Every prison shall have a library for the use of all categories of prisoners, adequately stocked with both recreational and instructional books, and prisoners shall be encouraged to make full use of it.

Contacts with the Outside World

- Prisoners shall be allowed, under necessary supervision, to communicate with their family and friends at regular intervals: By corresponding in writing and using, where available, telecommunication, electronic, digital and other means; and, By receiving visits.
- Prisoners should have access to effective legal aid.
- Prisoners who are foreign nationals shall be allowed reasonable facilities to communicate with the diplomatic and consular representatives of the State to which they belong.
- Prisoners shall be allocated, to the extent possible, to prisons close to their homes or their places of social rehabilitation.

Education and Recreation

- Provision shall be made for the further education of all prisoners capable of profiting thereby.
- So far as practicable, the education of prisoners shall be integrated with the educational system of the country so that after their release they may continue their education without difficulty

Exercise and Sport

- Every prisoner who is not employed in outdoor work shall have at least one hour of suitable exercise in the open air daily if the weather permits.
- Young prisoners and others of suitable age and physique are to receive physical and recreational training during the period of exercise.

Food

- Every prisoner shall be provided by the prison administration at the usual hours with food of nutritional value adequate for health and strength, of wholesome quality and well prepared and served.

Guiding Principles

- The duty of society does not end with a prisoner’s release. There should, therefore, be governmental or private agencies capable of lending the released prisoner efficient aftercare directed towards the lessening of prejudice against him or her and towards his or her social rehabilitation.

Health-Care Services

- Prisoners should enjoy the same standards of health care that are available in the community, and should have access to necessary health-care services free of charge without discrimination on the grounds of their legal status.
- All prisons shall ensure prompt access to medical attention in urgent cases. Prisoners who require specialized treatment or surgery shall be transferred to specialized institutions or to civil hospitals.
- Clinical decisions may only be taken by the responsible health-care professionals and may not be overruled or ignored by non-medical prison staff.
- In women’s prisons, there shall be special accommodation for all necessary prenatal and postnatal care and treatment. Arrangements shall be made wherever practicable for children to be born in a hospital outside the prison.

Information to and Complaints by Prisoners

- Every prisoner shall be allowed to make a request or complaint regarding his or her treatment, without censorship as to substance, to the central prison administration and to the judicial or other competent authorities, including those vested with reviewing or remedial power.
- Every request or complaint shall be promptly dealt with and replied to without delay.
- A prisoner must not be exposed to any risk of retaliation, intimidation or other negative consequences as a result of having submitted a request or complaint.
- Allegations of torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of prisoners shall be dealt with immediately and shall result in a prompt and impartial investigation conducted by an independent national authority.

Institutional Personnel

- All prison staff shall possess an adequate standard of education and shall be given the ability and means to carry out their duties in a professional manner.

Instruments of Restraint

- The use of chains, irons or other instruments of restraint which are inherently degrading or painful shall be prohibited.

Restrictions, Discipline and Sanctions

- In no circumstances may restrictions or disciplinary sanctions amount to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. The following practices, in particular, shall be prohibited: Indefinite solitary confinement; Prolonged solitary confinement; Placement of a prisoner in a dark or constantly lit cell; Corporal punishment or the reduction of a prisoner’s diet or drinking water; Collective punishment.

Searches of Prisoners and Cells

- Searches shall be conducted in a manner that is respectful of the inherent human dignity and privacy of the individual being searched, as well as the principles of proportionality, legality and necessity.
- Searches shall not be used to harass, intimidate or unnecessarily intrude upon a prisoner’s privacy.
- Prisoners shall have access to and be allowed to keep in their possession without access by the prison administration, documents relating to their legal proceedings.