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We hope this mail finds you healthy, strong and continuing the struggle. Enclosed is the 2012 PARC Resource Directory, which includes suggestions and referrals for prisoners. Note that there are some new organizations listed and many addresses and phone numbers have changed, so please check out this new edition. We thank those of you who have trusted us with your letters and stories and who have returned the evaluation forms. Special thanks to those who pass the directory onto others to use -- according to your reports, each directory is viewed by more than 15 people. That's amazing!! This year, PARC continues to support the Justice for Oscar Grant campaign as well as the fight against the Oakland CA gang injunctions. Some PARC folks are involved with the OCCUPY OAKLAND movement and have participated in actions to shut down the west coast ports in opposition to the huge 1% corporations like Goldman Sachs, et al who control commerce across the country and in much of the world. Occupy Oakland and Occupy Los Angeles as well as other Occupy sites across the country have signed on in support of the Prisoners Hunger Strikes.

In April 2011, several prison activists groups in the bay area received mail from prisoners in Pelican Bay SHU's. These letters listed a set of concerns that grew into the 5 core demands of the strikes and there was talk of an upcoming action. On July 1, 2011, the Pelican Bay Hunger Strike was initiated by prisoners in the infamous Pelican Bay Short Corridor Security Housing Unit (the most locked down and longest locked down unit in the California dept of corrections {cdc} system). Community support was instant and strong and news of the strike became an international struggle.

cdc figures admitted that in July as many as 6600 prisoners in over 12 of the states 33 prisons were on hunger strike. On July 21, the cdc came to the table with some minimal concessions and promises to examine the 5 core demands. On August 23, the Ca Public Safety Commission held an all day hearing in Sacramento. This public hearing examined cdc practices in the SHU's: expert witnesses presented evidence of abuse and torture (as defined by Amnesty International), Ex-prisoners and families testified, lawyers who had recently visited some strikers submitted evidence, and new lawsuits were purposed. On September 26 due to no movement toward change by cdc, the fact that retaliation had increased, the hunger strike resumed. Over 12,000 prisoners went on strike. Within 17 days, cdc signed a contract to do more examination and reform especially in the gang validation program. Now our work/support on the outside begins in earnest to demand serious overhaul at cdc. For current information check www.prisonhungerstrikesolidarity.wordpress.com.

We hope to assist you with information and contacts you may need. One of our goals is to help get the voice of prisoners beyond the walls. Please send us information that can be publicized on our website. We understand that your keepers are dangerous, therefore we will only identify your remarks by date and state. WE ARE NOT A LAW OFFICE OR A LEGAL REFERRAL SERVICE. WE CAN NOT GIVE ANY 'REAL' LEGAL ADVICE.

We do not keep a database of the prisoners we correspond with. For any further correspondence, please label the outside of your envelope "Second Contact -- No Packet Needed". We do our best to answer individual requests. Sometimes this can take a month or more based on the nature of the request and the number of volunteers we have available. We thank you for your patience. Stamps and monetary support are always needed and welcomed. To those on the outside, feel free to copy and distribute this directory. If you are in our area, call us, come visit. There is always work to do!! Stay Strong, and please stay in touch. It takes all of us united and working together to build a more humane and very different world!!

In Solidarity Towards Justice..... PARC

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NATIONAL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

The American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)

1732 Wisconsin Ave NW
Washington DC 20007
V: 202-244-2990

<http://www.adc.org>

Write to report incidents of discrimination.

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) National Prison Project

915 15th Street, NW, 7th Floor
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 393-4930 | Fax (202) 393-4931

<http://www.aclu.org/prison/index.html>

Write for list of publications and the contact info for the ACLU office in your state.

Alabama: 207 Montgomery Street, suite 910, Montgomery, AL 36104-3561

Arkansas: 904 W 2nd Street, Little Rock, AR 72201

Idaho: PO Box 1897 Boise, ID 83701

Montana: PO Box 1317, Helena, MT 59624

Utah: 355 N 300 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84103

Georgia: 1900 The Exchange Suite 425
Atlanta, GA 30339

ACLU of Texas Prison and Jail Accountability Project

P.O. Box 12905 Austin, TX 78711-2905
V: 512-478-7300 F: 512-478-7303

<http://www.aclutx.org/projects/prisons.php>

Write for their free 49-page national Prisoner Resource Guide (also available on their website). Contains "summaries of the law on common prisoner problems" and extensive listings of advocacy groups for Texas prisoners.

Anarchist Black Cross

-New York City ABCF

PO Box 110034 Brooklyn, NY 11211

www.abcf.net

Write for their "ABC Information and Resources Guide" (available for download on their website). Contains essays on the politics of the ABC and addresses for local chapters that do prisoner support.

-Los Angeles ABCF

P.O. Box 11223
Whittier, CA 90603

la@abcf.net

-Elizabeth/Newark ABCF

PO Box 2350
Elizabeth, NJ 07207
bkerness@afsc.org

-Philadelphia ABCF

PO Box 42129
Philadelphia, PA 19101
timABCF@aol.com

-South Brooklyn ABCF

P.O. Box 132
Brooklyn, NY 11218
sbrooklynabcf@riseup.net

Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos

1817 Soquel Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062
V: 831-457-8208 F: 831-457-0389

carol@barriosunidos.net

<http://www.barriosunidos.net>

National Correspondence Program relating to culture, history & spirituality, Cultural & Spiritual Programing within the institutions (Pow-wows, Cinco De Mayo, Juneteenth, Trancommunality), post-release services.

Prisoner Information Network (PIN)

980 S 700 W Salt Lake City, UT 84104

A resource for prisoners and their families in Utah. Provide hygienic Kits to prisoners being released in Utah. Publish newsletter, Behind the Wire. Also publish the Utah Prisoner Resource Guide, \$4 for prisoners \$10 for outsiders.

California Prison Focus

1904 Franklin, Suite 507
Oakland, CA 94612

contact@prisons.org

<http://www.prisons.org>

Human rights and civil rights group that investigates conditions in the Calif. SHUs (control/isolation units), organizes and advocates for prisoners' rights, publishes a quarterly newsletter (\$6/yr for prisoners), and provides self-help legal materials including "Challenging Gang Validation" manual. Write for publications list.

Chicano Mexicano Prison Project

PO Box 620095 San Diego, CA 92162
V: 619-398-6648

info_la@uniondelbarrio.org

www.uniondelbarrio.org/laverdad

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Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE) National Office

P.O. Box 2310
National Capitol Station
Washington DC 20013-2310
V: 202-789-2126
<http://www.curenational.org>

A prison reform advocacy group with chapters in most states. Write for how you can help if there is a chapter in your state or how to help start one if there is not one in your state.

Coalition for Prisoners' Rights

Prison Project of Santa Fe
PO Box 1911 Santa Fe, NM 87504
Short monthly newsletter published since 1976. Features news from/for prisoners nationwide; emphasizes analysis of US punishment system. Free to prisoners who send SASE. Also a variety of resource lists available. No lawyers on staff.

Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition

1212 Mariposa St. #6 Denver, CO 80204
V: 303-825-0122 F: 303-825-0304
<http://www.ccjrc.org>
info@ccjrc.org

Reentry guide for parolees in Colorado, with referrals and community resources in Colorado.

Critical Resistance

1904 Franklin St. Ste. 504
Oakland, CA 94612
V: 510-444-0484
<http://www.criticalresistance.org>
crnational@criticalresistance.org

Produces quarterly prisoner newspaper "The Abolitionist." Please do not contact for legal help.

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

3075 Adeline Street, Suite 210
Berkeley, CA 94703
V: 510-644-2555 F: 510-841-8645
<http://www.dredf.org>

Assistance generally limited to providing basic disability civil rights informational materials and referrals, with particular attention to California state prisoners within the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Please note, we do not provide assistance with individual disability benefits applications or denial of Social Security Disability benefits. Please do not send original supporting materials.

Drug Policy Alliance

131 10th St, SF, CA 94103
V: 415-241-9800
<http://www.drugpolicy.org> sf@drugpolicy.org

One of the leading national organizations promoting alternatives to the war on drugs, with extensive on-line library, reports on drug policy reform by state, public health alternatives to criminalization, and more.

Friends and Family of Idaho Inmates

PO Box 1376 Boise, ID 83701
Criminal justice reform organization. Current focus is Unified Sentencing Act. Bi-monthly newsletter.

Human Rights Coalition

www.hrcoalition.com
4134 Lancaster Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19104 V: 215-921-3491

The HRC is based on the radical notion that there was a vital segment of the population missing from the organizing work against prisons: the families and loved ones of the over two million prisoners in this country. Not as spokespeople or tokens, but in decision-making positions, deciding what campaigns to do and what issues to address. Folks inside took this idea and asked their family members to take the lead in building such an organization, and the HRC was born.

The Jericho Movement

P.O. Box 1272 NY, NY 10113
www.thejerichomovement.com
nationaljericho@gmail.com

A national political prisoner support group working towards prison abolition.

Justice Works!

PO Box 1489, Lake Stevens, WA 98258
V: 206-725-9189
www.justiceworks.info

Focuses on racism in the crim. justice system in Washington State. Newsletter, correspondence classes, court watch and advocacy on specific reform issues, transition support. For incarcerated people in WA state only.

Malcolm X Grassroots Movement

1-877-248-6095
<http://www.mxgm.org>
The Malcolm X Grassroots Movement is an organization of Afrikans in America/New Afrikans

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whose mission is to defend the human rights of our people and promote self-determination in our community.

-NYC Office:

36A Ralph Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11221 V: 718-254-8800

-Mississippi Office:

PO Box 16051 Jackson, MS
39236 V: 601-353-5566

-Alabama Office:

119 Third Ave West Birmingham, AL 35204
V: 205-910-7952

-California Office:

PO Box 3585 Oakland, CA 94609

-Georgia Office:

123 Main St, Atlanta, GA 12345

-Michigan Office:

PO BOX 04252
Detroit, MI 48204

-Washington DC Office:

866.206.9069 x5413

-Texas Office:

1222 East Terrell Ave
Fort Worth TX, 76104

Middle Ground Prison Reform

139 East Encanto Dr. Tempe AZ 85281
V: 480-966-8116

<http://www.middlegroundprisonreform.org>

Working for Arizona's prisoners and their families since 1983. 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. Spanish-speaking volunteers available.

The National Center on Institutions and Alternatives (NCIA)

7222 Ambassador Rd. Baltimore, MD 21244
V: 410-265-1490

<http://www.ncianet.org>

NCIA offers parole advocacy services to inmates seeking parole, transfer between institutions, or death penalty mitigations.

National Native American Prisoners Rights/ Advocacy Coalition

C/o Len Foster
Navajo Nation Corrections Project
P.O. Drawer 709 Window Rock, AZ 86515

National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

310 8th St., Suite 303 Oakland, CA 94607
V: 510-465-1984 F: 510-465-1885

<http://www.nnirr.org>

Works on campaigns against immigration raids, police collaboration with immigration enforcement, abuses by immigration police or other law enforcement agents, and BICE and other DHS activity in workplaces, neighborhoods, and public spaces.

Native American Indian Inmate Support Project

8 Dallas Dr, Grantville, PA 17208
Supports the introduction of Native American religious ceremonies and programs in prisons.

Native American Prisoners' Rehabilitation Research Project

2848 Paddock Lane, Villa Hills, KY 41017
Offers many services for Native American prisoners, including legal and spiritual support, tribal and cultural programs, and direct contact with prison administrators.

The November Coalition

282 West Astor Colville, WA 99114
V: 509-684-1550

<http://www.november.org>

An organization of drug war prisoners and their loved ones. Their goal is to enlighten the public about unjust sentencing laws and the destructive increase in the US prison population. They publish "The Razor Wire", \$6/yr. for prisoners.

Partnership for Safety & Justice

PO Box 40085, Portland, OR 97240
V. 503-335-8449 F: 503-232-1922

<http://safetyandjustice.org/>

Advocacy group focused on changing public safety policy in OR only. Publishes newsletter and Prisoner Support Directory.

Pennsylvania Prison Society

245 N. Broad St., Ste. 300
Philadelphia, PA 19107-1518
V: 215-564-6005 or 1-800-227-2307

<http://www.prisonssociety.org>

Does advocacy work, including prison visits and publishes "Graterfriends," a monthly newsletter for people in prison which is primarily inmate guided.

Project for Older Prisoners

C/o Jonathan Turley
 George Washington University Law School
 2000 H Street NW Washington, DC 20052
 V: 202-994-7001 / 202-994-0537
www.law.gwu.edu/ACADEMICS/EL/CLINICS/Pages/POPS.aspx
 Law students interview and evaluate older and geriatric inmates in obtaining parole or other forms of release from incarceration. Operates in five states LA, MD, MI, NC, VA and DC.

Southern Center for Human Rights

83 Poplar St. NW Atlanta, GA 30303-2122
 V: 404-688-1202 F: 408-688-9440
<http://www.schr.org>
 Founded in 1976 to 1) fight the death penalty and 2) challenge cruel and unconstitutional treatment of imprisoned men, women, and children throughout the U.S. South. Center attorneys represent people facing the death penalty; provide technical assistance to other attorneys; and represent individuals confined to prisons and jail in federal class action litigation.

South Dakota Prisoner Support Group

P.O. Box 3285 Rapid City, SD 57709
 V: 605-399-1830
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SouthDakotaPrisonerSupportGroup>
 Following a rash of deaths in South Dakota prisons, the PSG was formed to support people on the inside, ex-prisoners, family, and friends, and to draw attention to racist injustice, medical neglect, and illegal conditions inside S.D. prisons and jails. Some members speak the Sioux language.

Stopmax Campaign

American Friends Service Committee
 1501 Cherry St, Philadelphia, PA 19102
www.afsc.org/stopmax 215-241-7000
 National Campaign to stop the use of solitary confinement and related forms of torture in US prisons.

ADVOCACY FOR WOMEN**ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project**

125 Broad St., 18th Floor NY, NY 10004-2400
 Advocates for pregnant women while incarcerated to receive the reproductive health services that are needed. Write for a "Know Your Rights" fact sheet.

Battered Women's Justice Project

1801 Nicollet Ave South, Suite 102
 Minneapolis, MN 55403
 V 800-903-0111, ext. 1
 Or 612-824-8768 F: 612-824-8965
technicalassistance@bwjp.org
 We provide assistance and information to battered women charged with crimes and to their defense teams. We do not provide direct legal representation. Women in prison can subscribe to our newsletter "Double Time" for free.

California Coalition for Women Prisoners

1540 Market St. #490, SF, CA 94102
 V: 415-255-7036 ext. 314 F: 415-522-3150
<http://womenprisoners.org>
 Runs an action center and produces newsletter "The Fire Inside." Visits women prisoners in CA.

Free Battered Women, (recently merged with CCWP)

1540 Market St., Suite 490
 San Francisco, CA 94102
 V: 415-255-7036 ext. 320 F: 415-552-3150
<http://www.freebatteredwomen.org>
 "In California, the majority of women prisoners are survivors of domestic violence; some are doing time for defending themselves and their children, or were forced to confess to crimes. Join the movement to free battered women from prison."

Justice Now

1322 Webster St. #210 Oakland, CA 94612
 V 510-839-7654 F 510-839-7615
www.justicenow.org
 Focuses on the needs of women prisoners. They work on alternative sentencing, document human rights abuses in prison; provide legal services around healthcare access, compassionate release and parental rights.

Keeping the Faith: The Prison Project

The Pat Graney Company
 606 Maynard Ave #201 Seattle, WA 98104
 V: 206-329-3705 <http://www.patgraney.org>
 Founded in 1995, "Keeping the Faith: The Prison Project" is a series of workshops with **incarcerated women** in WA, MA, FL, and Brazil focusing on writing, movement, and performance

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skills provided through lecture demonstrations, performances, and classes.

National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

125 S. 9th St #302, Philadelphia, PA 19107
p: 215-351-0010 www.ncdbw.org

Resource and advocacy center that works on cases in which battered women have been charged with crimes directly resulting from their experience of battering. Does not provide legal representation or legal advice. Accepts collect calls from imprisoned battered women.

Women's Prison Book Project

c/o Boneshaker Books, 2002 23 Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55404 www.wpbp.org/

Does **not** send books to: OR, MI, CO, or WV
Women prisoners only—no jail requests. Also has free resource guide for women and Trans prisoners and a newsletter which publishes prisoner articles.

Women and Prison: A Site for Resistance

Beyondmedia Education

4001 N. Ravenswood Ave. Suite 204-B
Chicago, IL 60613 USA

www.womenandprison.org

Forum for public discourse about the ways that incarceration affects women's lives and the work that people are doing to dismantle systems of violence and oppression. Accepts submissions of articles, visual work, personal narratives, etc. Write for guidelines.

ADVOCACY FOR LGBTQI PRISONERS

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

LGBT and AIDS project

125 Broad Street, 18th Fl. NY, NY 10004

www.aclu.org/lgbt

Helps prisoners who are facing discrimination because they are transgender, lesbian, gay, bisexual or they have HIV

Black and Pink

c/o Community Church of Boston

565 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

A volunteer organization that lists queer and transgender prisoners on a pen-pal website, distributes a monthly newsletter of primarily queer/trans prisoner writing, and advocates for specific prisoner needs when possible while also working to abolish the PIC as a whole.

Gender Identity Center of Colorado Inc.

1151 South Huron, Denver CO 80223

303-202-6466 www.gicofcolo.org

Publishes a journal 4 times a year in support of people who cross dress or are nontraditional in their gender identity.

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders

30 Winter St, #800, Boston MA 02108

P 617.426.1350 | F 617.426.3594

www.glad.org

HIV and LGBT prison issues, has New England focused resource guide. Will refer out non-New England prison issues

Lesbian AIDS Project

c/o GMHC, 119 West 24 St, New York, NY 10011

Information and support for women and lesbians living with HIV.

Lesbian and Gay Insurrection (LAGAI)

3543 18th Street #26

San Francisco CA 94110

A grassroots organization doing direct action and education for radical social change from a queer perspective. Produces the bimonthly newspaper ULTRAVIOLET. Free to prisoners

Locked Out

c/o Prison Book Project

PO Box 396, Amherst, MA, 01004

A resource list for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and Trans prisoners. If you are able, please include a self-addressed envelope with postage. No requests for legal aid or pen pals please.

National Center for Lesbian Rights

<http://www.nclrights.org>

Provides legal information and resources, including attorney names on issues affecting the LGBTQII community. Resources include publications on legal issues affecting transsexual clients and on the rights of transgender prisoners. 870 Market St. Suite 370 San Francisco, CA 94102 Voice: 415-392-6257, Fax: 415 392 8442, info@nclrights.org

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

1325 Massachusetts Ave #600 Washington DC

20005; v: 202-393-5177 www.thetaskforce.org

Education and lobbying on same-sex relationships; seeks to combat all sexual

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orientation-based discrimination; NO LEGAL SERVICES.

The Network/La Red: Survivor-led organizing to end partner abuse

The Network/La Red is a bilingual (English & Spanish), grassroots, survivor-led organization working to end domestic violence in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer and/or Transgender, SM, and polyamorous communities. We do so through community organizing and education, movement-building, and providing direct services. Services are free and confidential and include hotline, emergency shelter, advocacy, and support groups for folks fleeing domestic violence.

P.O. Box 6011 Boston, MA 02114 Hotline (voice): 617-742-4911, Hotline (tty): 617-227-4911, Office: 617-695-0877 www.tnlr.org

Prisoner Correspondence Project

QPIRG Concordia C/O Concordia University
1455 de Maisonneuve O, Montreal, QC H3G 1M8
www.info@prisoner Correspondence Project.com
PCP coordinates a direct-correspondence program for LBGTTQI and gendervariant prisoners in CA. Coordinates a resource library of info regarding harm reduction practice, HIV and HEPC prevention, homophobia and transphobia.

Prison Book Program

C/o Lucy Parsons Bookstore
1306 Hancock St., Suite 100
Quincy, MA 02169
V: 617-423-3298 (No collect calls)
<http://www.prisonbookprogram.org>

Publishes the National Prisoner Resource List (free to prisoners nationwide) and resource list for LGBTQ prisoners. Can be delayed up to 3 or 4 months.

Sylvia Rivera Law Project

147 W 24th St, 5th Floor New York, NY 10011 V: 212-337-8550 fax: 212-337-1972 www.srlp.org
Provides free legal services to transgender, intersex, gender nonconforming people who are low-income, and/or people of color. We specialize in providing assistance on name changes, identity documents, public benefits, immigration, shelter and more. Only available in NY and surrounding areas.

Transgender Law and Policy Institute

328 Flatbush Avenue, Box 312, Brooklyn, NY 11238

www.transgenderlaw.org

Provides legal, medical, and social science resources to attorneys and others advocating on behalf of transgender individuals. Makes freely available litigation, legislative, and education advocacy materials for use by other advocates for transgender people.

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

342 9th Street, Suite 202B San Francisco, CA 94103, V: 415-252-1444 F: 415-252-1554 <http://www.tgiip.org>

The TGI Justice Project works primarily with transgender prisoners and formerly incarcerated transgender people in California; they send out resource packets, survival guides, & newsletters to people inside; they support and create family with TGI people being released to the San Francisco Bay Area and are part of a broader movement fighting for racial and social justice.

Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois

2040 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60647
V 773-272-1822 F 208-246-0251 www.tjlp.org
Provides legal services to transgender & gender non-conforming people targeted by the criminal legal system; will send resources and provides trainings to outside agencies. They are in the process of creating a NEW ZINE and are looking for content from transgender and gender non-conforming people who are or have been incarcerated.

ART & MUSIC PROGRAMS

Art Behind Bars, Inc.

P.O. Box 2034 Key West, FL 33045-2034
V: 305-304-4772 F: 305-294-7345
<http://www.artbehindbars.org>

Art Behind Bars is an art-based community service program that has a national call for artists on the inside to donate their work as a community service for use by other nonprofit organizations. All donated art is shown twice a year. Ex-prisoners are invited to submit art to Art After Bars at the same contact.

Prison Art Project

PO Box 47439
Seattle, WA 98146-7439
<http://www.prisonart.org>
206-271-5003

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Provides an online outlet for the sale of crafts and artwork created by prisoners. Do not submit original art. Send a SASE for a free brochure and instructions.

Prison Creative Arts Project (PCAP)

3187 Angell Hall Ann Arbor, MI 48109
V: 734-647-7673 F: 734-763-3128

<http://www.lsa.umich.edu/english/pcap>
pcapinfo@umich.edu

PCAP facilitates fine arts, creative writing, and theatre workshops in juvenile detention centers and prisons. Organizes/curates annual art exhibit by Michigan prisoners, with all income going back to the artists.

Prisons Foundation

1600 K Street NW #501
Washington DC 20036
V: 202-393-1511

<http://www.prisonfoundation.org>

staff@prisonfoundation.org

Produces monthly catalog of prisoner art "Art for Justice"; maintains walk-in gallery and occasional events. Write for info.

Prison Writing Program

Pen American Center
588 Broadway, suite 303, NY, NY 10012

pen@pen.org

Free writing resource booklet for prison writers. Sponsors annual writing contest for prisoners.

BOOKS & READING PROJECTS**AK Press**

674-A 23rd St. Oakland, CA 94612
V: 510-208-1700

<http://www.akpress.org>

AK Press publishes and distributes a wide variety of radical literature and audio, many directly relating to prisoner and policing issues. Many titles are written by prisoners themselves. Offers prisoners a 30% discount on any/all purchases. Distributes some Spanish language titles but does not have a Spanish language catalog.

Appalachian Prison Book Project (APBP)

P.O. Box 601, Morgantown, WV 26501

appalachianpbp@gmail.com

aprisonbookproject.wordpress.com

Serves imprisoned men and women in the states of Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Asheville Prison Books Programs

67 N. Lexington Ave.

Asheville, NC 28801

prisonbooks31@hotmail.com

www.main.nc.us/prisonbooks/links.html

Sends free reading material to indigent inmates in facilities in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. Also sends National Prisoners Resource List to those who request it. Can sometimes provide books in Spanish. Donations gladly accepted!

Book 'Em

5129 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

V: 412-361-3022x4 bookem@indypgh.org

<http://www.thomasmertoncenter.org/bookem>

Mainly serving prisoners from PA, VA, and WV. Will serve large-print readers and Native American Indian prisoners from elsewhere as well. Request by subject.

Books Through Bars

4722 Baltimore Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19143

V: 215-727-8170 [http://](http://www.booksthroughbars.org)

www.booksthroughbars.org

Provides books to prisoners in PA, NY, NJ, DE, MD, WV, and VA. Please request books by subject or topic rather than by specific titles. We generally have little to no legal materials.

Books Through Bars-NYC

C/o Bluestockings Bookstore

172 Allen Street NY, NY 10002

V: 212-254-3697 x26

www.booksthroughbarsnyc.org/prisoners-resources

Ships to prisoners nationwide. Specializes in political and history books. Occasionally sends fiction and educational books. No religious literature. Donations of stamps and cash are appreciated. If you send a money order, please write to the group's fiscal sponsor, ABC No Rio.

Books to Prisoners-Seattle

C/o Left Bank Books

92 Pike St., Box A, Seattle, WA 98101

206-442-2013

<http://www.bookstoprisoners.net>

Free books to prisoners nationwide. Request by subject, no religious materials or legal materials. Donations appreciated. Does NOT ship to prisons that require all books sent to be new.

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Books to Prisoners-Olympia

P.O. Box 912, Olympia, WA 98507

Voicemail: (360) 352-5460

btpolympia.org/home**Books to Prisoners-Portland**

P.O. Box 11222 Portland, OR 97211

pdxbookstoprisoners@riseup.net**Books to Prisoners-Bellingham**

P.O. Box 1254, Bellingham, WA 98227

bellinghambtp@yahoo.com**Chicago Books to Women in Prison**

C/o Beyondmedia Education

4001 N. Ravenswood Ave. Suite 204-B

Chicago, IL 60613 V: (773) 530-1579

<http://www.chicagobwp.org>

Free books to women prisoners nationwide.

Possible to request books in Spanish.

Cleveland Books to Prisoners

P.O. Box 602440

Cleveland, OH 44102

clevelandbooks2prisoners@hotmail.com

Free books to prisoners in Ohio only. Request by topic.

DC Prison Book Project

PO Box 34190 Washington, DC 20043-4190

btopdc@gmail.comdcbookstoprisoners.org

Sends donated reading material to prisoners and educates the public about issues surrounding prisoner education and literacy. Give about 3 month turnaround time.

East Bay Prisoner Support

P.O. Box 2249 Oakland, CA 94609

Offers anarchist/radical zines to prisoners in TX and CA, and for female/queer prisoners all over the U.S.

Groundwork Books Collective

0323 UCSD Student Center, La Jolla CA 92037

858-452-9625 <http://groundwork.ucsd.edu>

Nationwide. Only one book per request. Request by subject.

Inside Books ProjectC/o 12th St. Books827 W. 12th St. Austin, TX 78701

V: 512-647-4803

contact@insidebooksproject.org<http://www.insidebooksproject.com>

All volunteer, non-profit organization sending free books and educational materials to people in prison in the state of Texas.

Internationalist Prison Books Collective

405 West Franklin Street

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

www.prisonbooks.info prisonbooks@gmail.com

919.942.1740

Volunteer collective that sends books to prisoners in Mississippi, Alabama, and parts of North Carolina. Has fiction as well as political and legal nonfiction. Also prints prisoners' art, writing, and news in a regular biannual publication.

Louisiana Books 2 Prisoners

1631 Elysian Fields #117

New Orleans, LA 70117

Books2prisoners@gmail.comLab2p.wordpress.com

Serves all states except California and Texas. Ask for a few general types or categories of books. Limit to one request every three months.

Microcosm Publishing

112C S. Main St.

Lansing, KS 66043-1501 phone: 971-277-9435

www.microcosmpublishing.com

Write for catalog. 50% discount to prisoners on published titles. Stamps accepted for payment.

Midwest Books to Prisoners

1321 North Milwaukee Ave., PMB 460

Chicago, IL 60622

www.midwestbookstoprisoners.org

Free books to Midwest prisoners.

Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project

C/o Boxcar Books 310-A S. Washington St.

Bloomington, IN 47401

V: 812-339-8710

<http://www.pagestoprisoners.org>

Great resource for LGBTQI, gender, feminist and sexuality studies. No California prisoner requests.

Prison Book Program

C/o Lucy Parsons Bookstore

1306 Hancock St., Suite 100

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Quincy, MA 02169

V: 617-423-3298 (No collect calls)

<http://www.prisonbookprogram.org>

Does not send books to CA, MA, MD, MI, PA, KY, LA, NV or TX. Offers a free 6-page National Prisoner Resource List and 40-page "We the People" legal primer. Allows two book shipments per year. Takes 3 to 6 months.

Prison Book Project

C/o Food for Thought Books

P.O. Box 396

Amherst, MA 01004-0396

V: 413-584-8975 ext. 208

<http://www.prisonbooks.org>

Serves prisoners in New England and TX only. Request books by subject. No mailing list or catalogue; no hardback books.

The Prison Library Project

915 C West Foothill Blvd., Suite PMB 128

Claremont, CA 91711- 3356

www.prisonlibraryproject.org

Free books on self-help, personal and spiritual growth, wellness, metaphysical, fiction and non-fiction. No law or technical books. Delivers to only state and federal prisoners. No catalogue. Free resource guide on request.

Prisoner Express

127 Anabel Taylor Hall-Cornell University

Ithaca, NY 14853 phone: (607) 255-6486

prisonerexpress.org

alt-lib@cornell.edu

Sends books nationwide. promotes rehabilitation by offering inmates information, education and the opportunity for creative self-expression in a public forum.

Real Cost of Prisons Project

5 Warfield Place, Northampton, MA 01060

www.realcostofprisons.org

RCPP works to expand the organizing capacity of people and communities struggling to end mass incarceration. Will send comic books "Prisoners of the War on Drugs," "Prison Town" and "Prisoners of a Hard Life" free to prisoners.

South End Press

PO Box 24773

Brooklyn, NY 11202

w: www.southendpress.org

e: southend@southendpress.org

V: 718 874-0089 f: 800-960-0078

Urbana-Champaign Books to Prisoners Project

C/o Spineless Books

P.O. Box 515 Urbana, IL 61803

V: 217-344-8820

<http://www.books2prisoners.org>

Sends various books to state & federal prisoners in Illinois. Has large selection of novels.

Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project

c/o Rainbow Bookstore

426 W. Gilman Street Madison, WI 53703

<http://www.rainbowbookstore.org/b2p>

wisconsinbookstoprisoners@yahoo.com

Sends various books to state & federal prisoners in Illinois. Has large selection of novels.

CAMPAIGNS FOR TELEPHONE JUSTICE

ETC Campaign c/o Michigan CURE

P.O. Box 2736, Kalamazoo, MI 49003-2736

info@etccampaign.com www.etccampaign.com

The Campaign to Promote Equitable Telephone Charges is a national effort to reduce the high cost of prison phone calls. Website lists campaigns state by state.

NY Campaign for Telephone Justice

c/o Center for Constitutional Rights

666 Broadway Ave, 7th floor, NY, NY 10012

212-614-6481 [http://ccrjustice.org/telephone-](http://ccrjustice.org/telephone-justice)

[justice](http://ccrjustice.org/telephone-justice) Challenges the companies that profit from prisoners calling their loved ones. Currently focused in NY.

Prison Call Direct

P.O. Box 620909 Oviedo, FL 32762

V: 1-888-925-7800

www.telenetinc.net support@prisoncalldirect.com

Helps families pay less for collect prison calls.

OCS Prison Calls

1969 S. Alafaya Trl. #405, Orlando, FL 32828

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

V: 1-888-925-1400

Helps families pay less for collect prison calls.

DEATH PENALTY RESOURCES

Campaign to End the Death Penalty

P.O. Box 25730 Chicago, IL 60625

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V: 773-955-4841

www.nodeathpenalty.org

A national grassroots abolitionist organization that works with prisoners, family members and organizers. CEDP publishes a newsletter called The New Abolitionist (free to prisoners). Write for regional chapters around the country.

Death Penalty Focus

870 Market St. # 859

San Francisco, CA 94102

V: 415-243-0143 f: 415-243-0994 <http://>www.deathpenalty.org

Dedicated to abolishing capital punishment through grassroots organizing, media outreach, nationwide coalition building, and education of political and civic leaders and the public about the death penalty and its alternatives. Does not offer any legal services or become involved in individual legal cases.

DeathRowInmate.org

A grassroots anti-death penalty advocacy organization inspired by San Quentin, CA death row inmates, their families, friends and others interested in achieving social change through education of facts and issues regarding the death penalty. thedripproject@gmail.com

Death Row Support Project

P.O. Box 600 Dept. P Liberty Mills, IN 46946

V: 260-982-7480 www.brethren.org/drsp

Offers pen-pal services to death row inmates ONLY. Can connect Spanish-speaking pen pals on a limited basis.

D.R.I.V.E. Movement<http://drivemovement.org>

Founded by Death Row prisoners, the DRIVE movement seeks to unite the Death Row community to push forward and initiate change in the conditions. A group of passionate prisoner activists who have put aside all barriers of ethnicity, creed, color and beliefs, to focus on the injustices forced upon us by this system. Resists by means of inner-resistance, outer-petition drives, direct actions, and hunger strikes. Email: drivemovement@yahoo.com

National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty1705 Desales Street, NW 5th Floor

Washington DC 20036

V: 202-331-4090 F: 202-331-4099

www.ncadp.org

Publishes "Lifelines", a quarterly newspaper about what's going on in the struggle for death penalty abolition. Does not offer legal resources.

Stanley Tookie Williams Legacy Networkc/o Neighborhood House of North Richmond
820 23rd St. Richmond, CA 94804www.tookie.com www.savetookie.com

Stan Tookie Williams was the co-founder of the Los Angeles Crips. He was convicted of murdering four people and sentenced to death row at San Quentin State Prison. He was executed on 12/13/05. He was a famous activist struggling against the death penalty & to overcome gang violence. He drafted the Tookie Protocol for Peace, a national street peace initiative, a framework for peace between gangs. This Legacy Network was founded to achieve Tookie's last wishes, including violence prevention education, literacy projects, and work for social justice, including abolishing the death penalty. Go online or write for the Protocol for Peace! Sign it and pass it along!

The Other Death Penalty Project

P.O. Box 1486

Lancaster, CA 93584

www.theotherdeathpenalty.orgtodp@live.com

A national, grassroots, organizing campaign founded and managed by life without the possibility of parole prisoners with the goal of ending the other death penalty. Through peaceful, nonviolent activism, The Project hopes to join in the death penalty abolition movement to end ALL forms of the death penalty, including death by incarceration.

FAMILY & VISITING RESOURCES**Aid to Children of Imprisoned Mothers (AIM)**

765 McDaniel Street

Atlanta, GA 30310

V: 404.658.9606

<http://www.takingaim.net>

An advocacy group for incarcerated mothers. AIM can provide helpful information for all women in prison who have children but can only provide social services in the Atlanta area.

Aid to Inmate Mothers (AIM)

P.O. Box 986 Montgomery, AL 36101-0986

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V: 334-262-2245 or 1-800-679-0246

F: 334-262-2296

<http://www.inmatemoms.org>

Aid to Inmate Mothers provides visitation and other services for Alabama's inmate mothers and their children.

Family and Friends of People Incarcerated

Roberta Franklin, Director

2243 Ajax Street Montgomery, AL 36108

V: 334-220-4670 or 334-834-9592

<http://www.journeyforjustice.org>

Center for the Children of Incarcerated Parents

P.O. Box 41-286 Eagle Rock, CA 90041

V: 626-449-2470

<http://www.e-ccip.org>

Provides free educational material for incarcerated parents and their children, as well as therapeutic services, family reunification services, and related information. Many services are free.

Families of Parchman Prison Inmates

P.O. Box 2174 Starkville, MS 39760

V: 662-323-5878

www.angelfire.com/ms/prisoninmates/home.html

We serve as a support center to anyone who has a family member incarcerated or recently released from Parchman and any other prison in Mississippi.

Friends and Family of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children

1600 Oretha C. Haley Blvd. New Orleans, LA V:

(504) 522-5437 (504) 522-5430

<http://www.fflic.org>

FFLIC is fighting for the closure of Swanson and Jetson Centers for Youth and for an increase in community-based services that help our children grown and thrive in their own homes and communities.

Families United for Prison Reform

12625 Frederick St. #15-141, Moreno Valley, CA

92553 v: 951-210-9149

<http://www.californiaprisonreform.org>

FU4PR is sponsoring two initiatives for the 2008 general election in California to increase prisoner rights and sentencing.

Families United for Reform Prison Ministry

General Board of Global Ministries

The United Methodist Church

475 Riverside Drive NY, NY 10115

V: 1-800-862-4246

Helps prisoners' families with visitation, transportation vendors, parole board information, and children's events. Offers services and information in Spanish

Family and Corrections Network

93 Old York Road suite 1 #510

Jenkintown, PA 19046

V: 215-576-1110

F: 215-576-1815

www.fcnetwork.org

Provides information about programs serving families of prisoners. Publishes FCN report tri-annually, which focuses on a topic important to families with prisoners. Offers technical "program design" assistance and training. Also offers pamphlets to Incarcerated Fathers and Children of Prisoners. Limited written info in French.

Family Support America

307 West 200 S, Suite 2004

Salt Lake City, UT 84101

<http://www.familysupportamerica.org>

Provides information about family programs, including prison projects

Hour Children, Inc.

36-11A 12th St. Long Island, NY 11106

V: 718-433-4724

<http://www.hourchildren.org>

Mission is to support mothers and their children. Provides resources and services outside and inside NY state prisons. Provides services in Spanish.

The Incarcerated Mothers Program Edwin Gould Services for Children

1968 2nd Ave. 2nd floor

New York NY 10029

V: 212-876-0367

<http://egscf.org>

Provides advocacy, foster care prevention, counseling, and vocational training. Also runs "Achievers' Girls and Boys Shine" program for children ages 9-19 whose parents have been or are incarcerated, Saturday activity groups, and "Grandparents as Parents" support group.

Justice Works Community

1012 8th Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11215

V: 718-499-6704 F: 718-832-2832

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<http://www.justiceworks.org>

Sponsors "Mothers in Prison, Children in Crisis" campaign to end mandatory minimum sentencing for drug law violations.

National Institute of Corrections, Information Center

791 N. Chambers Road Aurora, CO 80011
V: 1-800-877-1461 F: 303-682-0558

<http://www.nicic.org>

Provides the "Directory of Programs Serving Families of Adult Offenders" to prison libraries, chaplains, and prisoners' families, not directly to prisoners.

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS)

1501 Cherry Street Philadelphia, PA 19102
V: 215-241-7117 F: 215-241-7227

<http://www.prisonervisitation.org>

Provides institutional visits to prisoners only in federal and military prisons nationwide. Limited services for Spanish-speaking prisoners.

Prison Calls Online/OCS Prison Calls

P.O. Box 620909 Oviedo, FL 32762
V: 1-888-925-1400 / 7800
F: 1-888-921-8500

<http://www.ocsprisoncalls.com>

www.telenetinc.net

Helps families pay less for their collect prison calls.

San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership.

P.O. Box 293, 1563 Solano Ave. Berkeley, CA, 94707. <http://www.sfcipp.org>
2.4 million U.S. children have a parent behind bars today. The partnership formed to improve the lives of incarcerated children and to demand a "Bill of Rights" for them, downloadable from the website in English and Spanish.

Women's Prison Association and Hooper Home

110 Second Ave. New York NY 10003
V: 646-336-6100 F: 646-292-7763

<http://www.wpaonline.org>

Provides foster care prevention, counseling, and housing placement assistance.

**HEALTH CARE/MEDICAL NEGLECT/
AIDS & HEP C RESOURCES
AIDS Educational Project**

C/o ACLU National Prison Project

915 15th Street, NW, 7th Floor
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 393-4930 | Fax (202) 393-4931
Provides educational materials and legal information about AIDS in prison. Offers class action and litigation for prisoners. Free packet of information to prisoners (in English and Spanish, single copies free to prisoners) and "AIDS and Prison Bibliography" for \$10

AIDS in Prison Project

The Osborne Association

809 Westchester Ave. Bronx, NY 10455
V: (718) 707-2600

www.osborneny.org info@osborneny.org
Brochures for HIV-positive people. Info hotline in English and Spanish. Also provides transitional housing with case management for recently released and ex-prisoners. Family Resource Center hotline at 1-800-344-3314

NEW! AIDSinfo

P.O. Box 6303 Rockville, MD 20849-6303
1-800-HIV-0440

ContactUs@aidinfo.nih.gov

Offering info on HIV/AIDS treatment, prevention, and research.

AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania

1211 Chestnut St. Ste. 600
Philadelphia PA 19107
V: 215-587-9377 F: 215-587-9902

www.aidslawpa.org

Provides legal services for prisoners in PA with HIV/AIDS. English and Spanish.

AmfAR AIDS Research

120 Wall Street, 13th floor
NY, NY 10005-3908
V: 212-806-1600 or 1-800-39-AMFAR
F: 212-806-1601 <http://www.amfar.org>

Conducts AIDS research and provides written information in English and Spanish.

Center for Disease Control's National Prevention Information Network

P.O. Box 6003 Rockville MD 20849
1-800-458-5231 F: 1-888-282-7681

cdcinfo@cdc.gov <http://www.cdcnpin.org>

Provides info, publications, and technical assistance on HIV/AIDS, STDs, and TB. Spanish-speaking services available.

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NEW! Greater Than AIDS

Greaterthan.org; comments@greaterthan.org
Responds to the AIDS crisis in the United States, in particular the severe and disproportionate epidemic among Black Americans. Publishes newsletters and information.

Harm Reduction Coalition

22 W. 27th St., 5th floor, New York, NY 10001
V: 212-213-6376 <http://www.harmreduction.org>
hrc@harmreduction.org
A national advocacy and capacity-building organization promoting the dignity of individual impacted by drug use. Publishes brochures, manuals, has publications in Spanish. Provides overdose education to jails in CA.

Hepatitis C Support Project, HCV ADVOCATE

P.O. Box 427037, San Francisco, CA 94142-7037
<http://www.hcvadvocate.org>
Publishes monthly patient newsletter. Fact sheets on Hep C available in five languages.

UPDATED! Hepatitis Prison Coalition

Hepatitis Education Project
911 Western Avenue, Suite 302
Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 732-0311
<http://www.hcvinprison.org>
hepinfo@hepeducation.org
Provides hepatitis and blood borne infection classes in all WA State prisons. Links prisoners with medical care upon release. Their newsletter, HEP News, is free to prisoners subject to available funding.

Infectious Diseases in Corrections Report

146 Clifford Street Providence, RI 02903
V: 401-453-2068
<http://www.idcronline.org> jdcrme@gmail.com
Publication edited and written by prison health care providers discussing HIV/AIDS and hepatitis care for incarcerated people.

Latino Commission on AIDS

24 West 25th St., 9th Fl.
New York NY 10010
V: 212-675-3288 F: 212-675-3466
<http://www.latinoaids.org>
Provides education and training for treatment for all those in need with the HIV virus. Offers written information and resources in Spanish.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

3803 N. Fairfax Dr. #100, Arlington, VA 22203
V: (703) 524-7600 F: (703) 524-9094
800-950-NAMI www.nami.org
Seeks equitable services for people with severe mental illnesses. Promotes treatment alternative to criminalization of people with severe brain disorders.

National Minority AIDS Council

1931 13th Street NW
Washington DC 20009-4432
V: 202-483-6622 F: 202-483-1135
<http://www.nmac.org>
Develops leadership in communities of color to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS. Has a free online resource library. Helps community and faith-based organizations, correctional facilities and health departments evaluate, improve and implement effective discharge planning for HIV positive inmates and former inmates.

UPDATED! National Prison Hospice Association

11 S. Angell St. #303; Providence, RI 02906
<http://www.npha.org>; npha@npha.org
NPHA helps to develop and implement hospices and better end-of-life care for terminally ill prisoners and their families. Publishes a newsletter.

Prison Health News

c/o The Institute for Community Justice
21 S. 12th Street 7th floor, Philadelphia PA 19107
<http://community-justice.org/projects/phn/>
Quarterly newsletter published by former prisoners about prisoners' and ex-prisoners' health.

NEW! Prison Law Office

General Delivery, San Quentin, CA 94964
V: 510-280-2621
www.prisonlaw.com
Litigates and monitors class action lawsuits regarding medical care, mental health care, and disabled access for prisoners in CA only. Also distributes self-help legal material on a number of topics. Write with your concerns.

Project Inform

1375 Mission Street
San Francisco CA 94103-2621
V: 415-558-8669 F: 415-558-0684

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www.projectinform.org
Provides HIV and AIDS hotline at 800-822-7422
and publications on HIV. Se habla español.

San Francisco AIDS Foundation

1035 Market St. #400
San Francisco, CA 94103
feedback@sfaf.org www.sfaf.org
V: 415-487-3000
HIV/AIDS hotline at 800-367-AIDS for CA
prisoners only. Publishes "BETA,"
available in Spanish and English.

Test Positive Aware Network

5537 North Broadway St. Chicago IL 60640
V: 1-888-872-6448 or 773-989-9400
F: 773-989-9494
<http://www.tpan.com> tpan@tpan.com
HIV/AIDS publication "Positively Aware," is a
national journal covering HIV/AIDS treatment,
research, news, and profiles of people living with
HIV. One issue focusing on HIV and the prison
system every few years. Does not offer pen pal or
dating services. Free to those living with HIV and
all prisoners, \$30/yr for HIV-negative people.

WORLD (Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases)

414 13th Street, 2nd floor
Oakland, CA 94612
V: 510-986-0340 F: 510-986-0341
<http://www.womenhiv.org>

Provides information and educational support for
women and families infected and affected by HIV
and AIDS. Some Spanish resources available

LEGAL RESOURCES: FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL**A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual**

Columbia Human Rights Law Review
Attn: JLM Order
435 W. 116th St. New York NY 10027
V: 212-854-1601 F: 212-854-7946
www3.law.columbia.edu/hrlr/ejlm.php
www.jailhouselaw.org

The 9th edition of A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual is
\$30 if shipped directly to prisoners; \$105 for all
others. It is also available for **free** downloaded
from website. Topics include habeas corpus,
PLRA, civil rights claims (Section 1983),
disciplinary proceedings, AIDS, immigration, and
parole. 8th edition of the Immigration & Consular

Access supplement available. The Spanish
Jailhouse version (not updated since 2005) is
\$15 for prisoners; \$30 for all others. Please
send check or money order to above address.
JLM also accepts postage stamps as payment.
PLEASE NOTE: We cannot provide legal advice
to prisoners; if you would like to order the JLM
but are unable to purchase one, please inquire
with your prison law library to see if they will order
one.

Blackstone Career Institute

1011 Brookside Road, Suite 300
PO box 3717
Allentown, PA 18106-3717
V: 610-967-3323 or 1-800-826-9228
F: 610-967-3126

<http://www.blackstone.edu>
info@blackstone.edu

Offers a well-known correspondence program
in law. The oldest school of its kind in the U.S.,
prisoners make up a sizeable percentage of
students enrolled.

Centro Legal De La Raza

3022 International Blvd, suite 410
Oakland, CA 94601 V: (510) 437-1554
Centrolegal.org/en/services/advocacy.html
Provides many services for immigrants, and helps
with detention cases.

Center for Constitutional Rights

666 Broadway, NY, NY 10012
www.jailhouselaw.org www.ccr-ny.org
Publishes *The Jailhouse Lawyer's Handbook*
and *Women's Appendix*, self-help guide for filing
Section 1983 claims in federal court against
prison conditions and/or abuse by guards. FREE
correctional Association of New York
2090 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd, suite 200
NY, NY 10027
V: 212-254-5700 F: 212-473-2807
<http://correctionalassociation.org>

Have four working projects: the Public Policy
Project, the Women in Prison Project, the Prison
Visiting Project, and the Juvenile Justice Project.

The Innocence Project (National)

100 5th Ave, 3rd floor, NY, NY 10011
212-364-5340 info@innocenceproject.org
www.innocenceproject.org
A national litigation and public policy organization
dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted
people through DNA testing. Will investigate

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and work to re-open your case ONLY if you are innocent. All cases for consideration should be mailed with a brief factual summary of the case and a list of the evidence used against the defendant. Write for the address of the Innocence Project in your state.

La Raza Centro Legal Inc.

Attn: Detention Project
474 Valencia St. Ste. 295
San Francisco, CA 94103
V: 415-575-3500 F: 415-255-7593
<http://www.lrci.org>

Resources and possible legal referrals for ICE detainees in Northern California. We are not able to help with criminal or other civil matters. Services in Español.

Legal Action Center

225 Varick St, 4th Floor, NY, NY 10014
1-800-223-4044 F: 212-675-0286
www.lac.org

Non-profit organization providing free legal services to formerly incarcerated people, recovering alcoholics, substance abusers, and people with HIV.

Legal Aid Society Prisoner's Rights Project

199 Water Street NY, NY 10038
V: 212-577-3300 F: 212-509-8761

Priority is to address guard brutality and sexual abuse, other unsafe physical conditions, disability discrimination, lack of mental health and medical care, and lack of educational programs for young prisoners. Habla Espanol

Legal Publications in Spanish, Inc.**Publicaciones Legales en Espanol, Inc.**

P.O. Box 623 Palisades Park, NJ 07650
V: 1-800-432-0004 to order or for questions
www.Publeg.com

A primary source of key translated materials for the legal community.

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

1540 Market St. Ste. 490
San Francisco CA 94102
V: 415-255-7036

<http://www.prisonerswithchildren.org>

Legal services are provided in California only, but some general information is available.

Lewisburg Prison Project

434 Market Street, Suite 307
Lewisburg, PA 17837
V: 570-523-1104

www.eg.bucknell.edu/~mligare/LPP.html

Publishes a number of low-cost materials for prisoners, including "legal Bulletins", "Prisoner's Guide to Federal Parole", and "Due Process Standards for Administrative Detention." Provides direct legal service to all federal prisoners in Central Pennsylvania, including those at USP Allenwood and USP Lewisburg. Send SASE for publication and price list.

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)--National Office

634 S. Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90014
V: 213-629-2512 www.maldef.org

Has regional offices in GA, IL, TX, CA, and DC. Largest Latino legal civil rights organization. Write for more info. Provides referrals. Best to use the online contact form.

NAACP Legal Defense Fund Inc.

99 Hudson St. #1600, New York NY 10013
V: 212-965-2200

www.naacpldf.org

Non-profit law firm which deals only with cases of obvious race discrimination and affecting broad classes of people. Handles small # of capital defense & life w/o parole cases.

National Center for Youth Law

405 14th St, 15th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612
email: info@youthlaw.org

www.youthlaw.org

Provides information, referrals, technical assistance, or written materials; Serves as co-counsel in cases affecting a large number of children and families. Assists lawyers who are directly representing at-risk or incarcerated youth. Publishes *Youth Law News*.

National Lawyer's Guild Prison Law Project

132 Nassau Street # 922
New York, NY 10038
V: 212-679-5100 F: 212-679-2811

<http://www.nlg.org>

Published a 2005 Jailhouse Lawyers handbook, free for prisoners, on bringing Section 1983 claims alleging that constitutional rights have been violated in prison. Cannot provide lawyers. Offers \$8 membership for jailhouse lawyers.

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Nolo Press

950 Parker St. Berkeley, CA 94710
 V: 510-704-2248 or 1-(800) 728-3555
 F: 1-(800) 645-0895

cs@nolo.com <http://www.nolo.com>.

Has free legal documents online and Publishes "Legal Research", which gives step-by-step instructions in finding legal information such as how to find and research a case; read statutes; and make requests under FOIA. Certain documents cost money.

The Paralegal Institute

18275 North 59th Avenue
 Suite 186, Building N Glendale, AZ 85308
 V: (800) 354-1254 F: (602) 212-0502

info@theparalegalinstitute.edu
www.theparalegalinstitute.edu

Associate degree program. Accredited by Distance Education Training Council. Registered with National Association of Legal Assistants.

People's Law Office

1180 North Milwaukee Avenue
 Chicago, IL 60642-4019
 (773) 235-0070 www.peopleslawoffice.com

Fight for justice for people who have been tortured or physically abused, wrongfully arrested or convicted, unfairly sentenced to death, or targeted as a result of their political beliefs or organizing efforts on behalf of movements struggling for justice and liberation.

Prisoner Legal Services**San Francisco Sheriff's Department**

555 7th St. 2nd fl., Room 201
 San Francisco, CA 94103
 V: 415-558-2472

Provides legal information, assistance and advocacy to prisoners in the San Francisco County Jail system. Limited information available in Spanish.

Prisoner's Rights Research Project

U of Illinois College of Law
 504 E Pennsylvania Ave, Champaign, IL 61820
 Student run organization that offers legal research on specific questions regarding issues of Illinois or Federal law only. Does NOT accept any legal documents, court transcripts; does NOT give legal advice or representation.

Prisoner Self Help Legal Clinic

Seaton Hall University School of Law
 One Newark Center Newark NJ 07102
 V: 888-415-7271

Supports prisoners' efforts at self-litigation with educational resources. Provides services in Spanish and English.

The School of Paralegal Studies**Professional Career Development Institute**

430 Technology Parkway
 Norcross, GA 30092-3406
 V: 1-800-957-5412

www.ashworthcollege.edu
info@ashworthcollege.edu

Offers a correspondence course.

Southern Poverty Law Center

400 Washington Ave, Montgomery, AL 36104
 334-956-8200 www.splcenter.org

Publishes *Protecting Your Health and Safety* (cost \$10, includes shipping), written for prisoners. Legal defense of rights to medical care, safety, living conditions.

Special Litigation Section

US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division
 Special Litigation Section, PHB
 950 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Wash. DC 20530
 for FEDEX: 601 D Street NW, Wash. DC 20004
www.usdoj.gov/crt/split

Enforces federal civil rights statutes regarding conditions of institutional confinement; law enforcement misconduct; freedom of religion

PAROLE/PRE-RELEASE INFORMATION**Convicts for Christ, Inc.**

3651 NW 2nd St, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311
 954-797-9758

Provides religious/spiritual counseling, emergency residential assistance and referrals, including family unification support, NA, AA, other social services. Also offers one-on-one mail counseling.

Fortune Society

29-76 N Boulevard, Long Island City, NY 11101
 V: 212-691-7554 F: 347-510-3451

www.fortunesociety.org

Prisoner re-entry advocacy and support for prisoners in NY

Justice Watch

1120 Garden St. Cincinnati, OH 45214
 V: 513-241-0490

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<http://www.justicewatchinc.org/contact.html>

Works to eliminate classism and racism from prisons and opposes death penalty. Operates Garden Street Transitional House for parolees. Publishes quarterly newsletter.

Northern California Service League

40 Boardman Place, San Francisco, CA 94103

V: 415-863-2323 [http://](http://www.norcalseviceleague.org)

www.norcalseviceleague.org

NCSL provides pre-release counseling and post-release referrals in SF Bay Area. **Palladia Inc**
2006 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10035 Tel
212-979-8800 Fax 212-979-0100

www.palladiainc.org

Social services, transitional housing, treatment centers in NYC

Project Rebound c/o Associated Students Inc.

San Francisco State University.

1650 Holloway Avenue, M-102, San Francisco, CA 94132. Phone: (415) 338-2321

<http://asi.sfsu.edu>

SFSU program for formerly incarcerated people to enroll in college.

St. Patrick Friary

102 Seymore St. Buffalo, NY 14210

V: 716-856-6131

Group counseling provided at Attica, Wyoming, Collins, Orleans, Albion, Groveland, Gowanda and Rochester prisons. Post-release services include housing for parolees and job training.

Supportive Housing and Innovative Partnerships

1405 W. Grove PO Box 8803 Boise, ID 83707
(208) 331-0900

Clean and sober housing, therapeutic community program, alternative to sentencing, life skills program, drop-in recovery center.

Programs are only available in Boise Idaho.

PUBLICATIONS AND MAGAZINES

Allied Resistance

c/o Kansas Mutual Aid, PO Box 442438
Lawrence, KS 66044

Monthly publication of prisoner revolutionaries dedicated to build a movement for a just and sustainable future. \$1 or 4 stamp donation suggested. Ask for info about prisoner labor unions.

South Chicago ABC Zine Distro

P.O. Box 721 Homewood, IL 60430

Offers a wide variety of political zines at low cost to prisoners. Specializes in helping get the truth out of the gulags, in zine form. Supports prisoner initiatives such as prison labor unions. Offers zines for women prisoners. English only.

The Angolite

c/o Cashier's Office, Louisiana State Penitentiary
Angola, LA 70712

Magazine produced by prisoners at Angola prison in LA. Considered excellent prison journalism. Subs are \$20 a year.

Anti-Racist Action LA/PART: Publication of People Against Racist Terror

P.O. Box 1055 Culver City, CA 90232-1055

V: 310-495-0299

ARA opposes all forms of racism and colonialism, opposes police brutality and supports political prisoners. Publishes quarterly "Turning the Tide."

Asheville Global Report

P.O. Box 1504 Asheville NC 28802

20 Battery Park, #515 Flat Iron Building

V: 828-236-3103

www.agrnews.org

Winner of ten Project Censored awards, and a great source of weekly independent news.

The Graduate Group

P.O. Box 370351

W. Hartford, CT 06137-0351

860-233-2330

<http://www.graduategroup.com>

Publishes several prisoner self-help books including *A Guide to Successful Plea Bargaining* and *Opportunity for Newly Released Offenders*.

Mennonite Central Committee, US Office of Crime and Justice

PO Box 500 Akron PA 17501 717-859-3889

Free publications for prisoners, families

Justice: Denied

P.O. Box 68911 Seattle, Washington 98168

www.justicedenied.org V: 206-335-4254

Magazine for the wrongfully convicted publishes prisoners' stories only.

Ohio University College Program for the

Incarcerated

Haning Hall 222, Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701 www.ohiou.edu/adultlearning/incarc.htm
College degree correspondence program. Write for more info and costs.

"Outlook on Justice" Publication of Criminal Justice Program of the American Friends Service Committee

2161 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140
V: 617-661-6130 ext. 120
A newsletter of the AFSC (Quakers), \$2/year for prisoners.

Prisoners' Guerilla Handbook to Correspondence Programs in the US & Canada by Jon Marc Taylor

C/o Prison Legal News
2400 Northwest 80th street, Suite 148
Seattle, WA 98117
www.biddle-audenreed.com/guerrilla.html
212 program profiles, listing tuition rates, time limits, courses offered, degree programs, accreditation, and much more. "Any prisoner seeking to begin or continue their education behind bars will find this to be an invaluable road map."--Paul Wright, PLN, \$24.95 & \$2 S/H.

SUNY Binghamton Prisoner Support Group/ OFF! Magazine

C/o OFF! Editor, OCC
SUNY Binghamton, Binghamton, NY 13902
V: 607-777-2050
A small grassroots group that works directly with prisoners based on their individual needs. Offers legal materials, correspondence, literature, produces the OFF! magazine and welcomes submissions of art and writings for that publication.

Thomson West

610 Opperman Dr, Eagan, MN 55123
West.thomson.com
Books on legal topics: *Criminal Law in a Nutshell*, *Prisoners and the Law*, *Rights of Prisoners* and more all for sale. Write for list of all publications.

Zine World

PO Box 330156, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-0156
Reader's Guide to the Underground Press. An extensive guide to zine culture, reviews zines and

other DIY publications.

REHABILITATION/NONVIOLENCE PROGRAMS

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office

Grand Central Station, PO Box 459, NY, NY 10163 (212) 870-3400

Free information, local phone lines, meetings in most communities.

Assoc. for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers

4900 SW Griffith Dr, #274, Beaverton, OR 97005

V: (503) 643-1023 F: (503) 643-5084

atsa@atsa.com www.atsa.com

Newsletter for members only. Provides treatment referrals.

Community Alliance on Prisons

76 North King St. Ste. 203
Honolulu HI 96817 V: 808-533-3454

http://www.lifeofthelandhawaii.org/Community_Alliance_on_Prisons.html

A coalition that focuses on alternatives to incarceration, prison reform legislative issues, community education, and effective interventions for Hawaii's non-violent offenders.

The Insight Prison Project

805 Fourth Street. Suite 3

San Rafael, CA 94901

V/f: 415-459-9800

<http://www.insightprisonproject.org>

Communication training in nonviolence in correctional facilities; expanding to include postrelease training.

ISO of SAA, Inc.

PO Box 70949 Houston, TX 77270

1-800-477-8191 www.sexaa.org

Sex Addicts Anonymous

Mettanokit Outreach

Attn: Medicine Story

173 Merriam Hill Road Greenville, NH 03048

V: 603-878-2310

Native American circles in 9 prisons in New England. Booklet describing the program and post-prison group called Ending Violent Crime.

Pathfinders of Oregon

Po Box 3257 Gresham, Oregon 97030

503-286-0600

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<http://www.pathfindersoforegon.org/>

Pathfinders are a cognitive restructuring/skills building process/ it was designed to transform criminally deviant behavior into responsible conduct. FOR OREGON PRISONERS ONLY.

Project Return of Louisiana Inc.

V: 504-452-5585

Call for updated address. This organization was displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Provides a prison aftercare program, 90 day residential, and addresses transitional issues such as anger management, substance abuse, academic enhancement, computer skills, job readiness.

Prison Dharma Network

11 South Angell St. #303 Providence RI 02906

V: 401-941-0791 info@prisondharmanetwork.org

www.prisondharmanetwork.org

Mission is to provide prisoners, and those who work with them, with the most effective contemplative tools for self-transformation and rehabilitation. Provides books and educational materials.

Narcotics Anonymous

PO Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409

Free info; quarterly recovery-oriented newsletter, free to incarcerated addicts. www.na.org

The Safer Society Foundation

P.O. Box 340 Brandon, VT 05733-0340

V: 802-247-3132

www.saferociety.org

A national research advocacy, and referral center on the prevention and treatment of sexual abuse. Provides treatment referrals to sex offenders approaching parole. Publishes adult sex-offender workbooks and other related titles for purchase. Spanish workbooks presently only available for youth (although those are available to adults if they wish.) No collect calls.

Sex Abuse Treatment Alliance

PO Box 761 Milwaukee, WI 53201

517-482-2085

www.satasort.org

info, resources, contacts, and support to individuals, families, defense attorneys, treatment providers, and professionals who work with issues of sexual abuse and its prevention.

Triune Arts

1804 Bedell Road RR #5 Kemptville, Ontario Canada K0G 1J0 www.triune.ca

Educational resource for restorative justice programs: intended to raise public awareness of an alternative to the existing justice system's approach, to provide training and to encourage citizens to participate in community justice programs.

RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Alavi Foundation

500 5th Ave., 23rd Floor, Ste. 2320

New York, NY 10110

Alavifoundation.org

Free Koran and other Islamic Books for inmates.

American Bible Society

1865 Broadway New York NY 10023-7505

V: 1-800-32-BIBLE

<http://www.americanbible.org>

Free bibles including large print and study guides. They can arrange with a chaplain to have books sent if necessary. Will send books in Spanish upon request.

BAUS Books Circulation

The Buddhist Association of the United States

Attn: Book Circulation Department

3070 Albany Crescent, Bronx, NY 10463

Buddhist books, only \$1-2 postage fees. Write for list of books.

Dharma Friends Prison Outreach

Project, Compassion Works for All

PO Box 7708, Little Rock, AR 72217-7708

<http://dharmafriendsprisonoutreachproject.com/>

Free newsletter and donated books, guidance for those leaving prison or other transitions

Dharma Seeds Foundation

PO Box 61175, Oklahoma City, OK, 73146-1175

<http://prisondharma.org>

dharmaseeds@prisondharma.org

Non-profit organization that produces a newspaper about meditation with a Catholic and Zen focus to those in jail, incarcerated within state or federal prisons. All subscriptions are free of charge to those incarcerated.

Human Kindness Foundation

Prison Ashram Project

P.O. Box 61619 Durham, NC 27715

V: 919-383-5160

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<http://www.humankindness.org/project.html>

Sends free interfaith spiritual books in English or Spanish to prisoners, prison workers, and others who cannot afford them. Books by Bo Lozoff.

Inside Dharma

PO Box 220721, Kirkwood, MO 63122

www.insidedharma.net

Bi-monthly Buddhist newsletter for prisoners. Focus on Missouri prisons. Clothing for men coming out of prison is available as well as a directory for homeless and people coming out of prison for the St. Louis area.

International Association of Sufism Prison Project

PO Box 2382, San Rafael, California 94912

415-472-6959 www.ias.org

A program of the IAS; also runs the Sufi Women Organization Prison Program. Correspondence opportunities and a quarterly newsletter.

International Bible Society

1820 Jet Stream Dr, Colorado Springs, CO

80921-3696

Inmates can receive free on the inside Bible (English or Spanish) and a booklet for women or men. No large print inmate bibles.

Islamic Center

2551 Mass Ave NW, Washington, DC 2008

Free Koran and study guides. Will send through chaplain.

Islamic Center of Springfield Missouri

2151 East Division St, Springfield, MO, 65803

Provides free Qur'ans and will write letters to prison authorities and to politicians about conditions in prisons for prisoners in Missouri and adjacent states.

Jewish Prisoner Services International

PO Box 85840, Seattle, WA 98145-1840

Emergency Collect phone: 206-528-0363

www.jewishprisonerservices.org

'Chaplaincy and social services organization for Jewish prisoners, their family members and releasees only. Will provide Jewish religious materials, including Hebrew texts.

Islamic Education Center

2551 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Washington DC 20008

V: 202-332-8343 F: 202-234-5035

<http://www.theislamiccenter.com>

Free Koran and beginner or advanced study guides. Can do return mail care of the chaplain. Information in Arabic and English.

Prison Fellowship

P.O. Box 1550 Merrifield, VA 22116-1550

V: 1-877-478-0100 www.prisonfellowship.org

Prison Fellowship partners with local churches across the country to minister to prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families. Publishes a variety of prisoner support literature including the Prison Survival Guide

Rock of Ages Prison Ministry

Prisoners Bible Institute

P.O. Box 2308 Cleveland, TN 37320

V: 423-479-3243

Free King James Bible, correspondence course. Offers New Testament study course through the PBI.

Set My Way Free, Inc

221 North Hogan Street, No. 141

Jacksonville, Florida 32202 877-344-8035

setmywayfree8@gmail.com

A ministry assisting prisoners in proofreading pro se litigation papers and in writing parole plans for a small fee. We are NOT lawyers and can not give legal advice

SYDA Foundation Yoga Prison Project

PO Box 99140, Emeryville, CA 94662

Mails monthly free newsletter and the *Siddha Yoga® Home Study Course* to any inmate that requests it.

SOCIAL SUPPORT**AGENCIES****Better People**

4310 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Portland OR 97211

V: 503-281-2663

www.betterpeople.org

Better People's mission is to dramatically reduce recidivism in Multnomah County and other areas.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums

1612 K St. NW, Suite 700

Washington DC 20006

V: 202-822-6700 F: 202-822-6704

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<http://www.famm.org>

Chapters in almost 30 states. Write for newsletter and list of publications, including info on Booker and Fanfan decisions. Provides amicus briefs.

Families to Amend California's Three Strikes

3982 S. Figueroa St. #209 LA, CA 90037

V: 213-746-4844

<http://www.facts1.com>

FACTS works to amend California's Three Strikes law to target violent felonies only. Quarterly newsletter (by donation). Print return address exactly if you want a response. Flyers printed in English and Spanish.

International Community Corrections Association (ICCA)

8701 Georgia Ave, suite 402

Silver Spring, MC 20910

V: 301-585-6090 F: 301-585-6094

info@iccaweb.org <http://www.iccaweb.org>

Publishes the ICCA Journal on Community Corrections, as well as various newsletters. Also puts out a directory of residential programs every 3-4 years. Provides limited referrals.

NAACP National Prison Project

8 W. 26th St. Baltimore, MD 21218

<http://www.naacp.org/pages/criminal-justice-issues> V: 410-358-8900

Works on ex-felon re-enfranchisement and racial

disparities within the criminal justice system as well as provide the incarcerated with a vehicle of empowerment through the formation of Prison Branches.

Prison Place

www.prisonplace.com

Started by an ex-prisoner, this website is a place for friends and families of those on the inside to communicate and support each other.

The Sentencing Project

1705 DeSales St NW 8th Floor

Washington DC 20036

V: 202-628-0871 F: 202-628-1091

<http://www.sentencingproject.org>

staff@sentencingproject.org

Write for list of publications & prices. "Publications on drug policy, voting rights, juvenile justice, sentencing law and policy, racial disparities, and women prisoners." Free download on website.

Visions for Prisons Peace in Prison Project

P.O. Box 1631 Costa Mesa CA 92628

V: 714-556-8000

VFP sponsors volunteers around the world and offers prison volunteers training. They also promote a prison non-violence program. Offers a meditation instruction service in Spanish.

CHECK THESE OUT!

Prison Legal News

An independent monthly publication started by prisoners that reports, reviews, and analyzes news related to prisoner rights and prison issues. Focuses on state, federal, and international prison issues. PLN will mail an informational brochure, a calendar, and a bookmark at no charge to any prisoner in the US. Subscriptions are not free to prisoners but available at a reduced cost; please write for more information: **Prison Legal News, P.O.Box 2420, West Brattleboro, Vt 05303. 802-257-0342** www.prisonlegalnews.org

All of Us or None

All of Us or None is a national organizing initiative of prisoners and former prisoners to combat the many forms of discrimination that prisoners face upon release. They are active in several local and national campaigns, including BAN THE BOX, a movement to end job discrimination based on felony convictions.

*Have you ever been in juvenile hall, jail, prison, or INS detention? *Are you currently on probation or on parole?

*Are you having a hard time starting over or finding a job since your release from prison? *Have you or someone you know been denied housing or welfare due to a felony conviction? *Would you like to know more about your right to vote with a felony conviction? *Have you been denied custody of your children because of your felony conviction? *Has your juvenile record been used against you? We are working towards solutions to these problems.

Contact: All of Us or None, c/o Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, 1540 Market St. #490, San Francisco, CA 94102. 415-255-7036 ext. 337

<http://www.allofusornone.org>

TIGRA

TIGRA is an Oakland, CA-based social enterprise aiming to help remittance companies become more socially-, politically- and economically-responsible. TIGRA works to help immigrant communities around issues of economic empowerment, social justice and transnational grassroots development. Like immigrants, prisoners must receive funds through money transfers orchestrated by a predatory industry. Money transfer agencies charge 8-15% in fees, resulting in billions of lost money for low-income workers and their families. TIGRA works with community and ethnic associations to conduct the following survey; after 350 surveys are completed in one area, TIGRA demands that corporations reinvest in those communities. More information available in languages at www.transnationalaction.org

Send your name and contact information to TIGRA, and ask your friend/family member on the outside to send their name/address/phone/email address/organization affiliation to:

TIGRA, 900 Alice Street #320, Oakland, CA 94607

(510) 653-3415 tigra@transnationalaction.org

TOXIC SWEATSHOPS (this information is dated but still relevant for understanding the prison industrial complex as it continues to enslave and exploit workers for its factories)

As of December 2008:

- There were 1,610,446 people held in Federal or State prisons and 785,558 people in jails, for a total of 2, 396,000 people incarcerated in the United States.
- 7.3 million men and women were under correctional supervision of some kind, including probation, parole, Federal and State prisons, and local jails. That's one in every 31 adults.
- Men make up 93% of prisoners under state or federal jurisdiction, and women make up 7%.
- About 34% of all sentenced prisoners were white, 38% were black, and 20% were Hispanic.
- The imprisonment of Blacks in the United states is 3,161 men and 149 women per 100,000 persons in the U.S. For white prisoners, the rate is 487 men and 50 women per 100,000 persons. This means Black males were imprisoned at a rate six and half times higher than white males.
- In other words, Blacks represent 12.4% of the total U.S. population, but 39.4% of the U.S. prison population, and 41% of death row.
- 127,688 prisoners are being held in private facilities.
- As of January 1, 2009 there were 3,297 death row prisoners.
- During 2009, 11 states executed 52 inmates, 15 more than the number executed during 2008. Women are the fastest growing prison population in the United States, increasing over 500% since 1970.
- Black children are nearly nine times more likely to have an incarcerated parent in prison (7%), and Latino children (2.6%) are more than three times more likely, than white children (0.8%).
- About 64% of mothers in state prisons lived with their children before prison, compared to 44% of men. What happened to those children?
- Most correctional facilities unfairly target transgender people in prison by placing them in correctional facilities according to their birth sex and not according to the gender they identify with: transwomen are incarcerated in prisons that house men and transmen are incarcerated in prisons that house women.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau: factfinder.census.gov; Bureau of Justice Statistics: ojp.gov/bjs; Justice Now factsheet: "Prison Abolition is a Women's Issue:" www.jnow.org; Women in Prison Project, Correctional Association of New York: www.correctionalassociation.org; Prison Legal Services of New York: www.plnsy.org; Human Rights Watch: www.hrw.org

Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners

Approved U.N. Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held at Geneva in 1955, and approved by the Economic and Social Council by resolutions 663 C (XXIV) of 31 July 1957 and 2076 (LXII) of 13 May 1977.

<http://www.ohchr.org/english/law/index.htm>

Accommodations

*Cells for individuals should not be used to accommodate two or more persons overnight; dormitory facilities are

to be supervised at night.

Exercise and Sport

*If not employed in outdoor work, every prisoner shall have at least one hour of exercise in the open air, weather permitting.

*Young prisoners and others of suitable age and physique are to receive physical and recreational training.

Medical Services

*Pre-natal and post-natal care and treatment are to be provided by women's institutions; where nursing infants are allowed to remain with their mothers, a nursery staffed by qualified persons is needed.

*The medical officer shall see all sick prisoners daily, along with those who complain of illness or are referred to his/her attention.

*The medical officer is to report to the director on prisoners whose health is jeopardized by continued imprisonment and on the quality of the food, hygiene, bedding, clothing, and physical regimen of the prisoners.

Discipline and Punishment

*Cruel, inhuman, and/or degrading punishments, including corporal punishment and restriction to a dark cell, shall be prohibited.

Instruments of Restraint

*Handcuffs, straitjackets, and other instruments of restraint are never to be applied as a punishment, and irons and chains are not to be used as means of restraint.

Information to and Complaints by Prisoners

*Upon admission, prisoners shall be informed of the regulations they are to live by and of authorized channels for seeking information and making complaints.

*Prisoners are to have the right to make complaints to the director of the institution, as well as to the central prison administration and the judicial authority, in the proper form but without censorship as to substance, and they are to have the opportunity to speak directly to an inspector of prisons outside the presence of institutional staff members.

*Unless evidently frivolous, each complaint shall be replied to promptly.

Contacts with the Outside World

*Prisoners are to be allowed regular contact with family and friends, by both correspondence and personal visits.

Prisoners who are foreign nationals shall be allowed communication with diplomatic and consular representatives of their State, or a State or international authority that has taken charge of their interests.

*Prisoners are to be kept informed of current events and important items of news.

Books

*Every institution shall maintain for the use of prisoners a library with recreational and instructional books.

Guiding Principles

*The prison system must not aggravate unnecessarily the suffering inherent in a prisoner's loss of self-determination and liberty.

*Prisons should utilize all remedial, educational, medical, and spiritual forms of assistance to treat the prisoner's needs and facilitate his return to society as a law-abiding member.

*Government or private agencies should be available for the after care of released prisoners

Treatment

*Treatment of prisoners under sentence shall be directed to achieve the capacity for law-abiding and self-supporting lives, utilizing professional services whenever possible.

Education and Recreation

*The ongoing education of prisoners is to be facilitated, and schooling of illiterates and youthful prisoners is to be considered compulsory.

*Recreational and cultural activities are to be made available.