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PARC National Prisoner Resource Directory

Greetings,

June 2018

Welcome to the June 2018 edition of PARC's National Prisoner Resource Directory. We have updated information on organizations that are new to us, and on ones that have sometimes been found unresponsive after being listed. Our categories relating to books and magazine sellers are now in the section labeled Books and Magazines and Vendors and Publishers. Higher Education is a section by itself, listing colleges that offer distance learning. State specific sections also carry local and state-based educational opportunities.

Occasionally, organizations no longer reply to letters, but we continue to list them for informational purposes, or because they may have resources on line that could be downloaded and mailed to you. Several of these groups are noted in the directory.

The heat in the Southern states in the summer is a major cause of death, and certainly great suffering. A lawsuit regarding air conditioning in the Pack Unit at Navasota TX, has resulted in a federal order to supply an air conditioning system by May 2020, but already men are being transferred to cooler quarters. The federal lawsuit cited conditions described as heat so intense as to cause cruel and unusual punishment (Cole et al v. Collier #4:14-cv-01698 USDC, SD Texas). A U.S. District Judge declared that the state had shown "deliberate indifference." This decision could extend to prisoners statewide and hopefully will lead to cooler air well beyond Texas.

As many of you are well aware, solitary confinement is still an overused form of torture across the country. There is some positive news on this front, though, both locally and internationally. In California, as a result of the settlement in Ashker v. Governor Brown (#4:09-cv-05796, USDC ND Cal), more than 2,800 men were released from solitary units by the CDCR Departmental Review Board between 2015-2017. Most were sent to general population; although this is not much better in many cases, as permanent "lockdowns" are the new norm. And in December 2017, courts of appeal in two Canadian provinces ruled that the current practice of administrative segregation (solitary confinement) is unconstitutional. Both courts granted a 12-month suspension to permit the Canadian Parliament sufficient time to adjust an administrative model and additional safeguards that address the consequent psychological harms.

The next major hurdle for so many who spent decades in solitary is the parole board. We in California are working to replace Parole Board Commissioners who are not former law enforcement personnel, and to end the use of confidential informants both for disciplinary hearings and in parole proceedings. Parole Boards are often working in the dark without a lot of oversight. Let's bring it to the front!

As an all-volunteer organization, we do our best to respond to individual letters, but our current focus is on maintaining and distributing the directory free to all who request a copy. We do not keep a database of the prisoners with whom we correspond. We do not list pen pal resources, as those are available through other sources or groups listed in the directory. We graciously accept your support and enthusiasm. To those on the outside, feel free to copy and distribute this directory. We hope the directory assists you with information and contacts you may need.

WE ARE NOT A LAW OFFICE OR A LEGAL REFERRAL SERVICE.
WE CAN NOT GIVE LEGAL ADVICE.

In Solidarity towards Justice Always, **PARC**

NATIONWIDE ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES**ACLU National Prison Project**

915 15th Street NW, 7th Floor · Washington, DC 20005

202-393-4930 · www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights

The ACLU National Prison Project (NPP) handles class action lawsuits to ensure that conditions of confinement in prisons, jails, and other places of detention are constitutional. The NPP does not handle cases on behalf of individual prisoners and does not assist individual prisoners with their criminal cases or post-conviction matters. The NPP no longer responds to letters for copies of resource materials, and instead makes these materials available only through their website.

Adopt An Inmate

PO Box 1543 · Veneta, OR 97487

971-236-7897 · adoptaninmate.org

Adopt an Inmate is a nonprofit volunteer organization that seeks to create extended family for inmates by matching them with adopters. Their website is a comprehensive source of tools and resources needed to advocate for inmates. They welcome stories, poems, artwork, and book reviews by both inmates and their advocates. Their blog page features a rotating "Welcome" banner provided by inmates. Include a pre-addressed stamped envelope to submit an inmate name for adoption, or artwork (including a "welcome" banner), stories, poems or book reviews.

AFSC Prison Watch Project

89 Market St, 6th Floor · Newark, NJ 07102 · 215-241-7000

afsc.org/new-york-new-jersey-healing-justice-and-prison-watch

The AFSC Prison Watch Project has published the Fifth Edition of the *Survivors Manual: Surviving in Solitary*, by Bonnie Kerness (2012, 94 pages), which is free to prisoners and \$3 for all others. This 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.

All of Us or None

1540 Market St, Suite 490 · San Francisco, CA 94102

415-255-7036 x337 · www.allofusomone.org

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 do not answer letters from prisoners, but rather are active in several local and national campaigns, including BAN THE BOX, a movement to end job discrimination based on felony convictions.

Amnesty International

5 Penn Plaza, 16th Floor · New York, NY 10001

212-807-8400 · www.amnestyusa.org

Amnesty International compiles information about prisoner torture, beatings, rape, etc. to include in reports about U.S. prison conditions; also works on death penalty issues. May not respond to letters.

Center for Constitutional Rights

666 Broadway · New York, NY 10012

212-614-6464 · ccrjustice.org

The Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) is a 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 litigated the *Ashker v Governor* challenge to solitary confinement in CA. May not respond to letters.

Center on Wrongful Convictions

357 E Chicago Ave, Suite 800 · Chicago, IL 60611-3069

312-503-8576 · www.law.northwestern.edu/wrongfulconvictions

The Center on Wrongful Convictions 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.

Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth

Northwestern University School of Law

375 E Chicago Ave · Chicago, IL 60611-3069 · 312-503-8576

www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/wrongfulconvictionsyouth/

The Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth (CWCY) is the only innocence project in the country that focuses exclusively on individuals who were convicted or accused of crimes when they were adolescents or younger. The CWCY is dedicated to identifying, investigating, and litigating credible innocence claims of wrongfully convicted young people and preventing future wrongful convictions.

Centurion Ministries, Inc.

1000 Herrontown Rd · Princeton, NJ 08540

609-921-0334 · www.centurionministries.org

Centurion Ministries is an advocacy and investigative organization that considers cases of factual innocence primarily in murder and rape cases carrying life or death sentences, but other cases of factual innocence may be considered. They do not take on accidental death, self-defense cases, or cases where the defendant had any involvement in the crime. Prisoners fitting the above criteria may send a letter (four pages or less) outlining the facts of the case, with a summary including the following points: what you were convicted of; brief description of the crime; why were you arrested and taken to trial; what evidence was used to convict you; and what evidence there is that points toward your innocence.

Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE)

PO Box 2310 · Washington, DC 20013-2310

202-789-2126 · www.curenational.org

CURE organizes prisoners, their families and other concerned citizens to achieve reforms in the criminal-justice system, and has a presence in 24 states. Write for complete listing or addresses of state chapters.

Coalition for Prisoners' Rights Newsletter

PO Box 1911 · Santa Fe, NM 87504

realcostofprisons.org/coalition.html

Coalition for Prisoners' Rights publishes a monthly newsletter with news about prisoners nationwide and is free to prisoners who send an SASE. They also have a variety of prisoner resource lists available. Back issues from 2009 are online at realcostofprisons.org/coalition.html.

Critical Resistance

1904 Franklin Street, Suite 504 · Oakland, CA 94612

510-444-0484 · www.criticalresistance.org

Critical Resistance (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*," once a year, which is free to prisoners.

CURE Life-Long

665 West Willis St, Suite B-1 · Detroit, MI 48201

313-442-3629

Publishes a quarterly newspaper covering prisoners with sentences of 25 years to life. Prisoner's rate is \$5 per year.

Equal Justice Initiative

122 Commerce Street · Montgomery, AL 36104

334-269-1803 · www.eji.org/deathpenalty/innocence

The Equal Justice Initiative 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.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums

1100 H Street NW, Suite 1000 · Washington, DC 20005

202-822-6700 · www.famm.org

FAMM is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization fighting for fair and proportionate sentencing laws that allow judicial discretion while maintaining public safety, and primarily advocates for state and federal sentencing reform. May not respond to letters.

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

PO Box 1160 · Washington, DC 20013

202-455-8076 (voice) 202-436-9278 (videophone) · www.behearddc.org

HEARD is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that provides advocacy services for deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind inmates across the nation.

HEARD's mission is to promote equal access to the justice and legal system for deaf defendants, detainees, prisoners, and returned citizens. HEARD created and maintains the only national database of deaf and deaf-blind prisoners and is the only organization that focuses on correcting and preventing wrongful conviction of deaf people. May not timely respond to letters.

Innocence Project

40 Worth St, Suite 701 · New York, NY 10013

212-364-5340 · www.innocenceproject.org

The Innocence Project only accepts cases on post-conviction appeal in which DNA testing can prove innocence. If the case does not involve biological evidence or DNA, check to see if there is another program that provides broader legal and investigative assistance. Will not take cases in AZ, CA, IL, MI, OH, WA, or WI.

Just Detention International

3325 Wilshire Bl, Suite 340 · Los Angeles, CA 90010

213-384-1400 · www.justdetention.org

Formerly called Stop Prisoner Rape, JDI seeks to end sexual violence against prisoners. JDI provides information and advocacy on sexual abuse and exploitation of prisoners including support and advice for victims and targets of both sexes including information on psychological and health consequences, legal action, and survivor options. Prisoners may communicate confidentially with SPR using legal mail, addressing correspondence to Ms. Cynthia Totten, Esq., Bar #199266, at the above address. JDI also publishes a *Resource Guide for Survivors of Sexual Abuse Behind Bars*, which offers resources for survivors who are still incarcerated, those who have been released, and loved ones on the outside who are searching for ways to help.

Lewisburg Prison Project

PO Box 128 · Lewisburg, PA 17837

570-523-1104 · www.lewisburgprisonproject.org

The Lewisburg Prison Project (LPP) counsels and assists prisoners who write to LPP when prisoners encounter treatment perceived as illegal or unfair. Their geographic coverage area includes four federal institutions (Allenwood, Lewisburg, McKean, and Schuylkill), 11 PA state prisons, and 34 county jails in the middle district of PA. LPP also distributes publications to prisoners nationwide at a nominal fee. A partial list of their Legal Bulletins includes the following titles: Legal Research, Religious Rights, First Amendment, Access to Courts, Exhausting Administrative Remedies, Disciplinary Hearings, Racial/Religious Discrimination, Assaults, and Medical Rights. LPP also distributes the *Prisoners' Rights Handbook* (2009, 142 pages) as well as other legal information by mail. Send an SASE for full list of available publications.

Medill Justice Project

Northwestern University 1845 Sheridan Rd · Evanston, IL 60208

847-491-5840 · www.medilljusticeproject.org

The Medill Justice Project investigates potentially wrongful murder convictions. To be considered, a case must meet all of the following criteria: The crime must have taken place in the United States; the charges must include murder; the case must have been heard by the state appellate court and the conviction must have been affirmed; and the prisoner must be claiming actual innocence.

NAACP Legal Defense Fund

40 Rector St · New York, NY 10006

212-965-2200 · www.naacpldf.org

NAACP Legal Defense Fund is a non-profit law firm which deals only with cases of obvious race discrimination and affecting broad classes of people. They also handle a small number of capital defense and life without parole cases. May not timely respond to letters.

National Jericho Movement

PO Box 2164 · Chesterfield, VA 23832

www.thejerichomovement.com

National Jericho Movement is a political prisoner support group working to free all Political Prisoners. May not respond to letters.

National Lawyers Guild Prison Law Project

132 Nassau St, Rm 922 · New York, NY 10038

212-679-5100 · www.nlg.org/prison-law-project

The NLG helps publish the Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook on bringing civil rights claims alleging violation of constitutional rights in prison or jail. NLG does not provide lawyers or legal assistance, but does provide free membership for jailhouse lawyers. May not timely respond to letters.

Navajo Nation Corrections Project

PO Drawer 709 · Window Rock, AZ 86515 · 928-871-7555

A pioneer in the realm of prisoner advocacy, the Navajo Nation Corrections Project promotes Native inmates' dignity and recovery through access to civil rights and culturally appropriate religious rites.

Prison Legal News

PO Box 1151 · Lake Worth, FL 33460

561-360-2523 · www.prisonlegalnews.org

Prison Legal News (PLN) 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; write for a copy of their book list.

Prisoner Visitation and Support

1501 Cherry St · Philadelphia, PA 19102

215-241-7117 · www.prisonervisitation.org

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS) is a nationwide visitation that has 300 volunteers across the U.S. who visit federal and military prisoners only. Their goal is to visit any federal or military prisoner who wishes to receive a visit with special priority paid to prisoners on death row, in solitary confinement, or those who are serving long sentences. The PVS volunteers visit once a month, with limited visiting services for Spanish speaking prisoners.

Solitary Watch

PO Box 11374 · Washington, DC 20008

solitarywatch.com

Solitary Watch works to expose and oppose the use of solitary confinement in U.S. prisons and jails, and offers a free quarterly newsletter to prisoners. Solitary Watch also welcomes submissions of writing by those currently or formerly serving time in solitary. May not respond to letters.

Student Insurgent

1228 University St, Eugene, OR 97403

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/The-Student-Insurgent-163402883698395>

541-346-3716

Quarterly magazine (Fall/Winter/Spring only) dedicated to providing a free and truthful forum for students to express themselves. Sent free of charge to incarcerated persons, from whom the Student Insurgent wants to hear and welcomes submissions of writing, poetry, and art.

The Center for Children of Incarcerated Parents

PO Box 41-286 · Eagle Rock, CA 90041

626-449-2470 · www.e-ccip.org

The CCIP provides services in four components. (1) The Information component includes publications and audio-visual materials free of charge to prisoners, their children and their families; and provides advice to groups of incarcerated parents and family members. (2) The Educational component provides materials and holds parent education training for parents in the criminal justice system. A correspondence course in parent education is offered to incarcerated parents. (3) The Family Reunification component has about 60 service projects to help prisoners and their children maintain a relationship. (4) The Therapeutic Component provides therapy for incarcerated mothers and their infants and young children. They also publish the following materials: *Information for Families*; a *CCIP brochure*; *The Booklist for Children of Prisoners*; *The CCIP Family Contracts Package*; *What About the Kids? An Information Sheet for Arrested Parents*; *Selecting a Temporary Caregiver for Your Child*; and *When Incarcerated Parents Lose Contract with Their Children*.

The Exoneration Project

311 North Aberdeen St, Suite 2E · Chicago, IL 60607

312-789-4955 · www.exonerationproject.org

The Exoneration Project reviews 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 plead 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.

The Sentencing Project

1705 DeSales Street NW, 8th Floor · Washington, DC 20036
202-628-0871 · 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 excellent reports on topics related to sentencing policy, racial disparities, drug policy, juvenile justice and voting rights. Does not

Wisconsin Innocence Project

University of Wisconsin Madison
975 Bascom Mall · Madison, WI 53706-1399

608-265-1160 · <https://law.wisc.edu/fjr/clinicals/ip/representation.html>
The Wisconsin Innocence Project (WIP) is a clinical legal education program at the University of Wisconsin Law School. WIP seeks to exonerate the innocent, educate students and reform the criminal justice system by identifying and remedying the causes of wrongful convictions. WIP reviews cases where the applicant claims to be actually innocent of the crime(s) for which he or she has been convicted. In order to challenge a conviction, there must be 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 previous 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.

PRISON WRITING / ARTS PROGRAMS

Pen Prison Writing Program

Pen American Center 588 Broadway, Suite 303 · New York, NY 10012
212-334-1660 · <https://pen.org/about/programs/prison-writing>
Founded in 1971, the PEN Prison Writing Program believes in the restorative, rehabilitative power of writing and provides hundreds of prisoners across the country with skilled writing teachers and audiences for their work. It provides a place for prisoners to express themselves freely and encourages the use of the written word as a legitimate form of power. PEN's Prison Writing Program sponsors an annual writing contest, publishes the free book Handbook for Writers In Prison, provides one-on-one mentoring to prisoners, conducts workshops, and seeks to promote prisoners' work publicly through literary publications and readings.

PrisonArte.com

c/o SG Sales & Marketing · PO Box 1773 · Avondale, AZ 85323
623-478-5294 · www.prisonarte.com

The PrisonArte website was originally started to assist artists who worked with the website owner's husband at the same facility in which he is serving a 25-year sentence. The website has now been opened up to other artists throughout the U.S. PrisonArte's application process is crucial to get to know the artist and add them to their website and introduce the artist to the world. PrisonArte wants people to want to buy art from YOU. They offer this online venue by collecting a very small fee on each sale. When PrisonArte ships a piece to a customer, they are able to guarantee the quality as well as cover any expense if a customer decides they are unhappy and want to return it. To obtain the 7-page prison artist application packet, a pre-addressed stamped envelope (one Forever stamp) must be included.

The American Prison Writing Archive

198 College Hill Rd · Clinton, NY 13323
315-859-4125 · www.dhinitiative.org/projects/apwa

The American Prison Writing Archive is an in-progress, internet-based, digital archive of non-fiction essays that offers the public first-hand testimony to the living and working conditions experienced by prisoners, prison employees, and prison volunteers. Anyone who lives, works, or volunteers

inside American prisons can contribute work to the APWA. They seek authors who write with the authority that only first-person experience can bring. Non-fiction essays, based on first-hand experience, should be limited to 5,000 words (15 double-spaced pages). Clearly hand-written pages are also welcome. They charge no fees and read all writing submitted. A permissions-questionnaire MUST accompany all submissions.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES

ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project

125 Broad St, 18th Floor · New York, NY 10004-2400
212-549-2633 · www.aclu.org/reproductive-freedom

The ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project advocates for pregnant women while incarcerated to receive the reproductive health services that are needed. Prisoners can write to them for a "Know Your Rights" fact sheet.

Action Committee for Women in Prison

769 Northwestern Dr · Claremont, CA 91711
626-710-7543 · <https://acwip.wordpress.com>

The Action Committee for Women in Prison advocates for the humane and compassionate treatment of all incarcerated women everywhere, and works for the release of all women who are unjustly imprisoned, including individual women prisoners who pose no danger to society. They also strive to reduce the over reliance on incarceration by shifting the focus from punishment to rehabilitation and restorative justice. The group was started by Gloria Killian, who was exonerated in 2002 and released from prison after serving more than 16 years on a sentence of 32 years-to-life for a crime she did not commit.

Center on Wrongful Convictions - Women's Project

Center on Wrongful Convictions, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law 375 E Chicago Ave · Chicago, IL 60611-3069 · 312-503-8576
www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/wrongfulconvictions/womensproject
The Center of Wrongful Convictions Women's Project monitors potential cases of wrongfully convicted women across the country, facilitates the sharing of information about such cases, and educates the public about relevant issues. They consider cases in which the person seeking assistance must be in no way responsible for the crimes of which she was convicted, and the trial must be completed and have resulted in a conviction and sentence.

Chicago Books to Women in Prison

c/o RFUMC · 4511 N Hermitage Ave · Chicago, IL 60640
www.chicagobwp.org

Chicago Books to Women in Prison is an all-volunteer, donation-funded 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that distributes paperback books (including Spanish books) free of charge to incarcerated women nationwide, including transwomen in men's prisons. They do not send books to jails outside of Cook County, IL. They send three books in a package. Please provide several options of genre or subject matter.

Hastings Women's Law Journal

UC Hastings College of Law
200 McAllister St · San Francisco, CA 94102-4707
415-581-8952 · hastingswomenslj.org/submissions

Since 1989, the Hastings Women's Law Journal has provided a forum for voices outside the traditional scope of legal academic scholarship. They offer and maintain an inclusive space for feminism, race theory, queer theory, multi-culturalism, animal rights, disability rights, language rights, international human rights, criminal defendants' rights and human rights of people in prison, among others. They are seeking submissions from women in prison about their experiences. Write them for further info.

Justice Now

1322 Webster St, Suite 210 · Oakland, CA 94612
510-839-7654 · www.justicenowprisonabolition.org
Justice Now focuses on the needs of women prisoners. They work on alternative sentencing; document human rights abuses in prison; provide legal services around women's healthcare access, and offer assistance with compassionate release. Their collect call line (for women inside) is 510-832-4357, 1pm-4pm, Tuesday-Friday.

National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

125 S 9th St, Suite 302 · Philadelphia, PA 19107

215-351-0010 (collect calls) or 800-903-0111 x3 · www.ncdbw.org

The Clearinghouse assists defense teams on cases involving domestic violence survivors charged with crimes related to their abuse. They do not provide direct legal representation or advice or any social services, but rather provides information and resources to defense teams at any stage of the legal process in an effort to increase the likelihood of a better – and more just – outcome. A very small nonprofit organization, they do what they can to answer requests for assistance promptly, but responding to letters may take a long time, so it's best to call. They accept collect calls from incarcerated battered women, and have Spanish-speakers on staff (personas que hablan español en el personal).

Women's Prison Book Project

c/o Boneshaker Books

2002 23rd Ave South · Minneapolis, MN 55404

612-871-7110 · www.wpbp.org

The Women's Prison Book Project (WPBP) provides women and transgender persons in prison with free reading materials covering a wide range of topics from law and education (dictionaries, GED, etc.) to fiction, politics, history, and women's health. Women prisoners only and no jail requests. WPBP also has a free resource guide for women and trans prisoners and a newsletter which publishes prisoner articles. Ofrecen materiales de lectura en Español.

LGBT ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES**Black and Pink**

614 Columbia Rd · Dorchester, MA 02125

617-519-4387 · www.blackandpink.org

Black and Pink is a volunteer organization that lists LGBTQ 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 Prison Industrial Complex as a whole. May not timely respond to letters. In addition to Mass headquarters, has chapters in Boise, Buffalo, Chicago, Denver, New Orleans, NYC, San Diego, and San Francisco.

East Bay Prisoner Support

PO Box 22449 · Oakland, CA 94609

www.eastbayprisonersupport.wordpress.com

Sends free anarchist and other literature to prisoners in CA, AZ, NM, TX, UT and NV. Sends zines to queer, trans and women prisoners in any state. Write to receive a catalog.

GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)

30 Winter St, Suite 800 · Boston, MA 02108

617-426-1350 · 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 handles legal issues involving GLBTQ and HIV positive prisoners. Will refer out non-New England prison issues. Also has a New England centered resource guide.

Hearts on a Wire

William Way Center

1315 Spruce Street · Philadelphia, PA 19107

<https://www.scribd.com/user/78046739/Hearts-on-a-Wire>

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.

Lambda Legal

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

212-809-8585 · 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.

Lesbian and Gay Insurrection

3543 18th St #26 · San Francisco, CA 94110

510-434-1304 · www.lagai.org

LAGAI is a grassroots organization doing direct action and education for radical social change from a queer perspective. Produces the bimonthly newspaper "ULTRAVIOLET," which is free to prisoners.

LGBT Books to Prisoners

c/o Social Justice Center Incubator

1202 Williamson St #1 · Madison, WI 53703 <https://lgbtbookstoprisoners.org>

Volunteer run organization that sends books and other educational materials, free of charge, to LGBT-identified people in prison across the US. Will send books in Spanish if available (enviar libros en Español si está disponible).

Prisoner Correspondence Project

QPIRG Concordia · c/o Concordia University

1455 de Maisonneuve Ouest · Montréal, QC H3G 1M8

514-848-7583 · www.prisonerresponseproject.com

PCP is a collectively run solidarity project based out of Montreal, Quebec. It coordinates a direct-correspondence program for gay, lesbian, intersex, transsexual, transgender, gendervariant, two-spirit, bisexual and queer inmates in Canada and the United States, linking them with people who are a part of these same communities outside of prison. Letters to PCP in Canada cost \$1.15 in US postage. Has pen pals who speak/write French.

The Transformative Justice Law Project

203 N Lasalle, Suite 2100 · Chicago, IL 60640

312-558-1472 · www.tjlp.org

TJLP is a collective of radical lawyers, social workers, activists, and community organizers who are deeply committed to prison abolition, transformative justice, and gender self-determination. They provide free, zealous, life-affirming, and gender-affirming holistic criminal legal services to low-income and street based transgender and gender non-conforming people in Illinois (only) who are targeted by the criminal legal system.

Transgender Law Center

PO Box 70976 · Oakland, CA 94612-0976

510-380-8229 (accepts collect calls) · transgenderlawcenter.org

Transgender Law Center's Detention Project works to end the abuses transgender and gender nonconforming (TGNC) people experience in prisons, jails, immigration detention, state hospitals, and other forms of detention, and at the hands of law enforcement. Write them concerning TGNC issues, or to obtain copies of their list of available reports and publications including *Safety Inside: Problems Faced by Transgender Prisoners and Common Sense Solutions to Them*, and *Advocating for Yourself While in Custody in California*. To learn more about the Detention Project, please contact Detention Project Director, Flor Bermudez.. Detention Project direct line: 510-380-8229 (Inmates and detainees can call Transgender Law Center collect at this line). Hay publicaciones en Español.

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

370 Turk St #370 · San Francisco, CA 94102

415-554-8491 · www.tgijp.org

The TGI Justice Project works primarily with transgender prisoners and formerly incarcerated transgender people in California, and sends out their "Stiletto Prison Newsletter" and their very informative 72-page "Still We Rise-Prison Resource Guide" to all TGI prisoners. TGI also supports TGI prisoners being released to the San Francisco Bay Area, and are part of a broader movement fighting for racial and social justice. They answer letters regularly, but expect delay.

Tranzmission Prison Books Project

PO Box 1874 · Asheville, NC 28802

610-507-9086 · tranzmission.org/prison-project.html

Tranzmission Prison Project is a queer- and trans-powered prison abolition organization that provides free literature and resources for incarcerated

members of the LGBTQ community. Also publishes a queer-friendly National Prison Resource List.

DEATH PENALTY RESOURCES

Campaign to End the Death Penalty

PO Box 25730 · Chicago, IL 60625
773-955-4841 · www.nodeathpenalty.org

A national grassroots abolitionist organization that works with prisoners, family members and organizers. Their publication "*The New Abolitionist*," is now available only online.

Death Penalty Information Center

1015 18th St NW, Suite 704 · Washington, DC 20036
202-289-2275 · 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 a current list of their publications.

National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

1620 L St NW, Suite 250 · Washington, DC 20036
202-331-4090 · www.ncadp.org

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

The Other Death Penalty Project

PO Box 1486 · Lancaster, CA 93584
www.theotherdeathpenalty.org

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. The Project cannot respond by mail to each letter received. Instead, outside family and friends may print out materials from the website and mail them in.

HEALTH RESOURCES

Hepatitis C Support Project

HCV ADVOCATE · PO Box 15144

Sacramento, CA 95813 · www.hcvadvocate.org

HCSP's mission is to provide unbiased information, support, and advocacy to all communities affected by HCV. They offer 12 separate fact sheets on HepC, available on request

Prison Health News

1207 Chestnut St, 2nd Fl · Philadelphia, PA 19107 · 215-525-0460 X 417
www.fight.org/programs-and-services/prison-health-news

Prison Health News is a quarterly newsletter and health resource. Their newsletter is published four times a year for people in prison and strives to lift up the voices, experience and expertise of currently and formerly incarcerated people. They respond to all types of health questions from people in prisons and jails everywhere in the United States. Write to them for a free subscription or with health questions. Past issues are online.

Prison Yoga Project

PO Box 415 · Bolinas, CA 94924 · <https://prisonyoga.org>

Prison Yoga Project offers two free yoga manuals written especially for people in prison. A Path for Healing and Recovery offers physical practices (asana), breathing practices (pranayama) and meditation (dyhana) to improve mental, emotional and physical well-being. The book also serves as a powerful resource for anyone trying to break free of negative behavioral patterns. A *Woman's Practice: Healing from the Heart* offers a simple and clear guide for women, whether who wish to use yoga to help heal themselves from trauma, stress or addiction.

NATIONWIDE AND REGIONAL BOOK PROGRAMS

Antioch College Books to Prisoners Project

One Morgan Place · Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387

New group committed to developing discourse and action related to incarceration and the criminal "justice" system. They provide free books and zines to incarcerated persons in the US.

Appalachian Prison Book Project

PO Box 601 · Morgantown, WV 26507

www.aprisonbookproject.wordpress.com

The Appalachian Prison Book Project provides books to prisoners in the Appalachian region only; KY, MD, OH, TN, VA, & WV.

Books Through Bars

4722 Baltimore Ave · Philadelphia, 19143

215-727-8170 · www.booksthroughbars.org

Sends free books to individual prisoners only in DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA, VA, & WV. Request by topic (not exact title or author), and provide several areas of interest if possible.

Books to Prisoners

c/o Left Bank Books · 92 Pike St, Box A · Seattle, WA 98101

206-527-3339 · www.bookstoprisoners.net

Books to Prisoners provides free books to prisoners nationwide. Request by subject; very few religious or legal materials. They do not ship to prisons that require all books sent be new. No male California requests.

DC Books to Prisoners

PO Box 34190 · Washington, DC 20043

dcbookstoprisoners.org

Request reading material by prioritized subjects and list prison restrictions if known. Books shipped to all states except CA, CT, FL, IL, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, VT, WA, & WI

Louisiana Books 2 Prisoners

1631 Elysian Fields #117 · New Orleans, LA 70117

www.lab2p.wordpress.com

Provides free books to women prisoners in any state, as well as to male prisoners in these four states only: AL, AR, MS, and LA. Letters from Louisiana and women prisoners are given priority.

Midwest Books to Prisoners

c/o Quimbys Bookstore ·

1321 N Milwaukee Ave, PMB # 460

Chicago, IL 60622 · 312-842-7390 · midwestb2p.com

Provides books to prisoners in the following states: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, ND, SD & WI.

Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project

PO Box 1324 · Bloomington, IN 47402

812-727-0155 · www.pagestoprisoners.org

Midwest Pages to Prisoners provides free books to prisoners in these nine Midwest states only: IA, IN, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, OK, & SD.

NYC Books Through Bars

c/o Bluestockings Bookstore · 172 Allen St · New York, NY 10002

www.booksthroughbarsnyc.org

Specializes in political and history books, as well as literary fiction and other educational books with a priority for NY prisoners. Fills requests from all states except AL, FL, LA, MA, MI, MS, NC, PA, OH & WI.

Prison Book Program · c/o Lucy Parsons Bookstore

1306 Hancock St, Suite 100 · Quincy, MA 02169

617-423-3298 · www.prisonbookprogram.org

Sends books to prisoners in all states except CA, IL, MD, MI, NV, and TX. Offers a free 6-page "*National Prisoner Resource List*," and a free resource list for LGBTQ. No book orders sent to jails.

Prisoners Literature Project

c/o Bound Together Bookstore

1369 Haight St · San Francisco, CA 94117

415-672-7858 · www.prisonlit.org

The Prisoners Literature Project is an all-volunteer grassroots organization that sends free books to prisoners across the U.S (except Texas). Request types of books, not specific titles.

Providence Books Through Bars

42 Lenox Ave · Providence, RI 02907-1910

401-356-0388 · www.providencebtb.org

Providence Books Through Bars is a volunteer grassroots book program that fills requests for books from prisoners nationwide. Books may be requested by subject.

The Prison Library Project

915-C W Foothill Bl, PMB 128 · Claremont, CA 91711-3356

909-626-3066 · www.prisonlibraryproject.org

The Prison Library Project provides educational books, self-help, personal/spiritual growth, wellness, general fiction and non-fiction. Does not send books to county jails or city jails; nor to prisons in HA, ME, MI, MS, NE, NV, VA, or WI.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES - VENDORS AND PUBLISHERS**Edward R. Hamilton Books**

PO Box 15 · Falls Village, 06031-0015

www.hamiltonbook.com

Vendor of overstock and bargain books, some hardbound and others paperbound (type of binding listed in catalogs). Sends out free book catalogs, organized by the following subject areas: Arts & Education; Fiction; Healthy Living; History; Home & Garden; Biography; Cookbooks; Military History; Craft/Needlecrafts; Science & Nature; & Bargain Books.

Freebird Publishers

PO Box 541 · North Dighton, MA 02764

888-712-1987 or 774-406-8682 · www.FreebirdPublishers.com

Freebird Publishers offers prisoner publications including titles such as *Inmate Shopper*, *Cell Chef Cookbook*, *Life With A Record*, *Start Thinking Outside Prison*, and other books, guides, newsletters, collectible artwork photos, greeting cards, and niche items created for and by incarcerated individuals. Send for their packet of color brochures, and include a pre-addresses stamped envelope for faster service.

Haymarket Books

PO Box 180165 · Chicago, IL 60618

773-583-7884 · www.haymarketbooks.org

Haymarket Books is a radical book distributor and publisher. 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. Write for a copy of their catalog (discounts for prisoners).

Inmate Magazine Service

PO Box 2063 · Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549

855-936-4674 · www.inmatemagazineservice.com

Magazine subscription service for prisoners. Offers specials such as 3 full year subscriptions for \$15 and 6 for \$20. Write for their order form.

InmateMags.com

1207 N 200th, #108 · Seattle, WA 98133

206-322-6397 877-324-7323 · www.inmatemags.com

InmateMags.com provides single issues and monthly subscriptions for almost 2000 different magazines. Send \$3, or ten 49¢ or Forever stamps for their full 56-page catalog. With it you'll receive a \$3 coupon good for \$3 off your first order. Orders may also be called in or placed online by family or friends, who can also establish deposit accounts for prisoners who may then directly submit orders by mail.

Pathfinder Press

PO Box 162767 · Atlanta, GA 30321-2767

404-669-0600 (voice mail only) · www.pathfinderpress.com Pathfinder Press carries books on the works of revolutionary and working class leaders, in English, Spanish, French, Farsi, Arabic, Swedish, Greek, Chinese, Russian, and Indonesian. Prisoners receive a 50% discount off the cover price, with a flat rate of \$2.75 for shipping and handling per order (one or more titles). Write for a free catalog.

PM Press

PO Box 23912 · Oakland, CA 94623

510-658-3906 · www.pmpress.org

PM Press carries counter-culture, anti-prison, and similar titles including *The Prison-Industrial Complex and the Global Economy*, *The Debt Resisters' Operations Manual*, and *Until the Rulers Obey*. Prisoners receive a 50% discount. Write for a free catalog.

Prison Publications

PO Box 174 · Thompson, CT 06277

860-928-4055 · www.prisonpublications.com

Prison Publications has been serving prisoner's book and magazine needs in jails and prisons for almost 8 years. They offer gently used books and discounted magazine subscriptions, with over 800 titles from which to select. To obtain a copy of their book/magazine catalog, write them directly, or have one ordered from their website.

San Quentin News

1 Main St · San Quentin, CA 94964 · sanquentinnews.com

San Quentin News is a 20-page monthly newsletter written, edited, and produced by prisoners incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison. The SQ News encourages prisoners, staff, or others outside the institution to submit articles, poems, artwork and letters to the editor for possible inclusion. To receive a copy through the mail, send \$1.61 in postage. This process should be repeated every month for each new edition.

The Angolite

Louisiana State Penitentiary · Angola, LA 70712

The Angolite is published and edited by prisoners at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, LA. Subscriptions are \$20 per year.

The Prison Mirror · c/o Pat Pawlak

970 Pickett St N · Bayport, MN 55003-1490 · 651-779-2700

www.doc.state.mn.us/PAGES/index.php/facilities/adult-facilities/stillwater/ *The Prison Mirror* is published monthly by and for the men of the Minnesota Stillwater Correctional Facility. Subscriptions are \$12. The Prison Mirror was founded in 1887 and is the oldest continuously published prison newspaper in the United States.

Tightwad Magazine

PO Box 1941 (PARC) · Buford, GA 30515

Tightwad Magazine offers a list of discounted magazines and subscriptions for prisoners, and a catalog of gifts for their loved ones. Write for a copy and mention PARC for an extra bonus coupon. Sending a pre-addressed stamped envelope speeds delivery.

NEWSLETTERS AND MAGAZINES**Denver Anarchist Black Cross**

PO Box 11236 · Denver, CO 80211

<https://denverabc.wordpress.com>

The Denver Anarchist Black Cross exists to contribute to the defense of social movements, both internally and externally, working against oppression everywhere. Questions, concerns, comments, ideas, and/or wishes to collaborate or participate, please contact Denver ABC at the above address.

Maoist Internationalist Ministry of Prisons

PO Box 40799 · San Francisco, CA 94140

www.prisoncensorship.info

Maoist Internationalist Ministry of Prisons (MIM) is a revolutionary antiimperialist group fighting criminal injustice, helping prisoners to organize and educate themselves. Sends books to prisoners, and offers prisoners a free subscription to their newspaper *Under Lock & Key*.

News & Letters

228 South Wabash, Suite 230 · Chicago, IL 60604

312-431-8242 · www.newsandletters.org

News & Letters is a Marxist-Humanist newspaper published by the News and Letters Committees, an organization of Marxist-Humanists who stand for the abolition of capitalism, whether in its private property or state property form. It is published bi-monthly, and features articles by prisoners and others on the prison struggle. Free to prisoners.

Prisoner Express

Cornell University · 127 Anabel Taylor Hall · Ithaca, NY 14853

607-255-6486 · www.prisonerexpress.org

Prisoner Express promotes rehabilitation by offering inmates information, education and the opportunity for creative self-expression in a public forum. Their semi-annual newsletter contains a description of various projects including poetry, essay writing, art, math, history, book club and chess programs. Prisoner Express also offers distance learning programs as well as a prisoner art program. Some of their distance learning programs include World History, a US History reading group, and a Math Education module.

Slingshot Magazine

PO Box 3051 · Berkeley, 94703

510-540-0751 x3 · slingshot.tao.ca/about.html

Slingshot is a quarterly, independent, radical newspaper published in the East Bay since 1988 by the Slingshot Collective. Subscriptions are free to USA prisoners. Accepts submissions of articles, artwork, calendar items, spots to add to the radical contact list, suggestions for distribution, and thoughts about what they should be doing next.

South Chicago ABC Zine Distro

PO Box 721 · Homewood, IL 60430

www.chicagoabc.org/justice_zines.htm

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. Also offers zines for women prisoners. English only.

HIGHER EDUCATION**Adams State University Prison College Program**

Office of Extended Studies, Attn: Jim Bullington

208 Edgemont Bl, Suite 3000 · Alamosa, CO 81101 · 303-241-0550

https://www.adams.edu/extended_studies/undergrad/prisoncollegeprogram.php

Adams State University has a long history of offering print-based correspondence courses to incarcerated students in all states. The following undergraduate correspondence courses are offered: Anthropology, Art, Business, Counseling, Criminal Justice, Economics, Education, English, Geology, Health Care Administration, History, History/Government, Philosophy, Human Performance & Physical Education, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Women's Studies. In addition, the following graduate degrees are available: Associate of Arts-Business emphasis, Associate of Science-Business emphasis, Bachelor of Arts-Business Administration, Bachelor of Science-Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts-Sociology, Bachelor of Arts-English/Liberal Arts, Bachelor of Arts-Interdisciplinary Studies, Bachelor of Arts-Political Science, and Bachelor of Arts-History. Write for their packet of information.

Blackstone Career Institute

PO Box 3717 · Allentown, 18106-0717

610-871-0031 or 800-826-9228

<https://blackstone.edu/paralegal-courses-inmate-information>

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 is reasonably priced, 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.

Ohio University Correctional Education

Haning Hall 102 1 Ohio University · Athens, OH 45701

800-444-2420 · <https://www.ohio.edu/ecampus/print/correctional>

Since 1974, Ohio University's Correctional Education has provided an opportunity for incarcerated students in all states to study through print-based courses, to earn college credit, and work toward an Ohio University degree. Degrees offered: Associate in Applied Business, Associate in Arts, Associate in Individualized Studies, Associate in Science, Bachelor of

Specialized Studies, and Bachelor of Technical and Applied Studies. Write for a copy of the Student Inquiry Packet.

Ohio University Southern - Legal Studies

Continuing Education

1804 Liberty Ave · Ironton, OH 45638 · 740-533-4588

<https://www.ohio.edu/ecampus/print/certificate.html#anchor>

Ohio University Southern provides the following noncredit Legal Studies Certificate Courses to incarcerated students in all states, in a text-based format: Paralegal Certificate; Advanced Paralegal Certificate (requires the Paralegal Certificate); Alternative Dispute Resolution; Legal Investigation; Legal Secretary; and Victim Advocacy.

Upper Iowa University

Center for Distance Education

PO Box 1857 · Fayette, IA 52142 · 563-425-5784 or 800-553-4150 ·

www.uiu.edu/online/self-paced/courses.html

Upper Iowa University offers a Self-Paced Degree Program, with courses in paper format that can be completed at a distance. The Self-Paced Paper Format is structured around written assignments and proctored exams. Associate Degrees offered: General Business, Liberal Arts, Psychology. Bachelor of Science Degrees offered: Business Administration, Management, Psychology, Public Administration (law and fire science areas), and Social Science. Undergraduate Minors offered: Management and Psychology.

REHABILITATION / NONVIOLENCE PROGRAMS**CURE-SORT**

PO Box 1022 · Norman, OK 73070-1022

405-639-7262 · www.cure-sort.org

CURE-SORT (Sex Offenders Restored through Treatment) has information, resources, contacts, and support to individuals, families, defense attorneys, 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).

Narcotics Anonymous

PO Box 9999 · Van Nuys, CA 91409

818-773-9999 · 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*. También ofrece literatura en Español, incluyendo *Entre Rejas*.

RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS / SPIRITUAL RESOURCES**Aleph Institute**

9540 Collins Ave · Surfside, FL 33154-7127

305-864-5553 · aleph-institute.org

The Aleph Institute is a non-profit Jewish organization dedicated to assisting and caring for the wellbeing of members of specific populations that are isolated from the regular community, including prisoners and people institutionalized or at risk of incarceration due to mental illness or addictions. Aleph addresses their religious, educational, and spiritual needs, advocates and lobbies for their civil and religious rights, and provides support to their families at home left to fend for themselves. Jewish prisoners may write to receive free books, regular monthly literature, holiday offerings, and family programs.

Anthroposophical Prison Outreach Project

1923 Geddes Ave · Ann Arbor, MI 48104

734-662-9355 x38 · www.anthroposophy.org

Do you, as a prisoner, feel that there must be some meaning in your prison experience that is still to be discovered? Or that you can give it meaning? If so, you might be interested in Anthroposophy – the path from the spirit in man to the spirit in the universe. Anthroposophy embraces a spiritual view of the human being and cosmos, but its emphasis is on knowing, not faith. It is a path in which the human heart and hand, and especially our capacity for thinking, are essential. You may write to receive an initial package of literature containing a booklet titled *Self-Development In The Penitentiary*, as well as other articles and meditation exercises.

Compassion Works For All

PO Box 7708 · Little Rock, AR 72217-7708

www.compassionworksforall.org

Provides monthly Dharma Friends newsletters, and also 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.

Islamic Society of North America

PO Box 38 · Plainfield, IN 46168

317-839-8157 · www.isna.net

Sends Qurans and other introductory books on Islamic study to prison libraries and inmates. Ability to send books depends on the prison's policies. No catalog available; write to receive books.

Jewish Prisoner Services International

PO Box 85840 · Seattle, WA 98145-1840

206-985-0577 · 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. They are limited to assisting Jewish prisoners and their families only.

Paul Brunton Philosophic Foundation Prison Project

4936 NYS Route 414 · Burdett, NY 14818

dharmacompanions.wordpress.com/

Offers nonsectarian books *What is Karma?* and *Meditations for People in Crisis*, free to US prisoners.

Prison Ashram Project

Human Kindness · Foundation PO Box 61619 · Durham, NC 27715

919-383-5160 · www.humankindness.org/prison-ashram-project

The Human Kindness Foundation's (HKF) Prison-Ashram Project sends free books to inmates all over the world, with most of their materials written by the late Bo Lozoff. HKF stresses 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 for their newsletter and list of available books.

Prison Mindfulness Institute

PO Box 206 · South Deerfield, MA 01373

401-941-0791 · prisonmindfulness.org

The PMI's mission is to provide prisoners, prison staff and prison volunteers, with the most effective, evidence-based tools for rehabilitation, self-transformation, and personal & professional development. Their dual focus is on transforming individual lives as well as transforming the corrections system as a whole in order to mitigate its extremely destructive impact on families, communities and the overall social capital of our society. PMI also publishes a variety of prisoner support literature including their *Guide to Prison Survival*.

Rock of Ages Prison Ministry

c/o Prisoners Bible Institute ·

PO Box 2308 · Cleveland, TN 37320

423-479-3243 · www.roapm.com

Offers ministry outreach to prisons, schools, and the military as well as a New Testament correspondence study course through their Prisoners Bible Institute. Operates internationally.

Set Free Prison Ministries

PO Box 5440 · Riverside, CA 92517

909-787-9907 · www.setfreeprisonministries.org

Provides Bible study courses in English and Spanish to inmates and their family, free of charge, all throughout the United States. Their curriculum consists of Bible courses from the Navigators in Colorado Springs, Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and Emmaus Correspondence School in Iowa.

SYDA Foundation Yoga Prison Project

PO Box 99140 · Emeryville, CA 94662

510-898-2700 · www.siddhayoga.org/syda-foundation/prison-project

The Prison Project is dedicated to disseminating the Siddha Yoga teachings and practices to incarcerated individuals. Sends free monthly newsletter and the *Siddha Yoga Home Study Course* to prisoners.

STATE BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES**ALABAMA****Aid to Inmate Mothers**

PO Box 986 · Montgomery, AL 36101-0986

334-262-2245 · www.inmatemoms.org

Aid to Inmate Mothers provides services to Alabama's incarcerated women with emphasis on enhancing personal growth and strengthening the bonds between inmate mothers and their children.

Georgia Innocence Project

2645 N Decatur Rd · Decatur, GA 30033

404-373-4433 · ga-innocenceproject.org

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Georgia and Alabama; DNA and non-DNA cases; will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases; no sentence requirements.

Prison Books Collective

PO Box 625 · Carrboro, NC 27510

919-443-9238 · <https://prisonbooks.info>

The Prison Books Collective is a Chapel Hill, NC-based anti-prison group that sends books to prisoners in Alabama and North Carolina only, maintains an extensive radical 'zine catalog, widely distributes a monthly poster promoting political prisoner support, and publishes prisoners' art and writing.

The Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project

203 Spidle Hall · Auburn, AL 36849

334-844-8946 · www.humsci.auburn.edu/apap

This program is administered by Auburn University and dedicated to bringing educational opportunities to prisoners in Alabama. It provides a quality education to the adult prison population, and builds a relationship with learning that will continue to grow for the rest of their lives.

ALASKA**Alaska Innocence Project**

PO Box 201656 · Anchorage, AK 99520-1656

907-279-0454 · www.alaskainnocence.org

The Alaska Innocence Project provides legal, educational, and charitable services to identify and exonerate individuals who have been wrongfully convicted in the state of Alaska.

ARIZONA**Arizona Justice Project**

Arizona State University, MC 4420

411 N Central Ave, Suite 600 · Phoenix, AZ 85004-2139

602-496-0286 · www.azjusticeproject.org

The Arizona Justice Project 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.

Middle Ground Prison Reform

139 E Encanto Dr · Tempe, AZ 85281

480-966-8116 · 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.

Read Between the Bars

PO Box 1589 c/o Daily Planet Publishing · Tucson, AZ 85702

www.readbetweenthebars.com

Read Between the Bars is a grassroots collective in Tucson that originated in March 2007. They focus on getting free books directly into the hands of incarcerated women and men in the state of Arizona.

ARKANSAS**Midwest Innocence Project**

605 47th St, Suite 222 · Kansas City, MO 64112

816-221-2166 · www.themip.org

Accepts cases of actual innocence in AR, IA, KS, MO, and NE; must have more than 10 years left to serve on his/her sentence, and/or the applicant must register as a sex offender; is not currently represented by an attorney; and has NOT received the death penalty.

CALIFORNIA**California Coalition for Women Prisoners**

1540 Market St, Suite 490 · San Francisco, CA 94102

415-255-7036 ext. 4 · www.womenprisoners.org

CCWP is a grassroots social justice organization, with members inside and outside prison, that challenges the institutional violence imposed on women, transgender people, and communities of color by the prison industrial complex. CCWP also visits women prisoners in CA and produces a newsletter *The Fire Inside*, free to women prisoners.

California Families to Abolish Solitary Confinement

Chuco's Justice Center · 1137 E Redondo Blvd · Inglewood, CA 90302

714-290-9077 / 213-746-4343 · www.solitarywatch.com/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, with short-term goals to reduce the use of solitary confinement and to insist on due process and fairness. CFASC supports the five core demands put forth by the Pelican Bay Hunger Strikers.

California Innocence Project

California Western School of Law

225 Cedar St · San Diego, CA 92101

619-525-1485 · californiainnocenceproject.org

The California Innocence Project (CIP) only accepts cases 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. The CIP does not limit its review process 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 in support of the claim.

California Lifer Newsletter

PO Box 277 · Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

916-402-3750 · www.lifesupportalliance.org

California Lifer Newsletter (CLN) is a comprehensive newsletter published six times per year, 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. Subscriptions to CLN for prisoners are \$35 (or 100 stamps) per year (back issues are \$7 or 25 stamps each); for non-prisoners the subscription rate is \$90 per year.

California Prison Focus

1904 Franklin St, Suite 507 · Oakland, CA 94612

510-836-7222 · www.prisonfocus.org

California Prison Focus (CPF) is a human rights and civil rights group that investigates conditions in the California SHUs (control/isolation units), organizes and advocates for prisoners' rights, and provides self-help legal materials. Their quarterly newspaper, *Prison Focus*, is distributed free to SHU prisoners, \$6 a year to other prisoners, and \$20 a year to former prisoners, their family members, activists, and friends of CPF.

California's Parole Suitability Hearing Support

PO Box 1373 · Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 · 805-6-CAPSHS

Community guidance and support for California's incarcerated and their loved ones specifically in preparing for upcoming Parole Suitability Hearings. Members will review hearing transcripts from past parole board hearings and provide suggestions on how to improve performance before the Board.

Center for Health Justice

900 Avila St, Suite 301 · Los Angeles, CA 90012

213-229-0985 · www.centerforhealthjustice.org

CHJ serves prisoners in the Los Angeles County Jails and throughout CA, and provides a free national prisoner HIV prevention & treatment hotline service that accepts collect calls from inmates during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8 to 3pm, PT). Their hotline provides general HIV treatment and prevention information, support for callers who are ill or newly diagnosed HIV+, and advocacy support regarding medical care, medications, or other health related issues inside the jails and prisons across the country. CHJ also provides the following publications for prisoners: *HepC Inside* and *HIV Inside*. Write for further information about their services or to obtain copies of their publications.

Centerforce

PO Box 415 · San Quentin, CA 94964

415-456-9980 · www.centerforce1.org

Centerforce is one of few agencies in the U.S. to offer a continuum of services for individuals and families during incarceration, reentry and after release. They are headquartered in San Quentin and provide direct services to prisoners in Santa Rita Jail and four state prisons. In addition, Centerforce provides direct services to communities and families of the incarcerated in Oakland, San Francisco, the Bay Area Counties, and Fresno and Madera Counties. Centerforce also specializes in providing health and family supportive services to incarcerated men and women and those reentering their communities of origin after incarceration. May not respond to letters.

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

3075 Adeline St, Suite 210 · Berkeley, CA 94703

510-644-2555 · www.dredf.org

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

Federal Receiver - J. Clark Kelso

California Prison Receivership · PO Box 588500 · Elk Grove, CA 95758

916-691-3000 · www.cphcs.ca.gov/receiver.aspx

In 2002, California settled a class-action lawsuit by agreeing to reform their medical care system, and the federal court appointed a federal Receiver to oversee the reform process. The receiver's job is to bring the level of medical care in California prisons to a standard which no longer violates the U.S. Constitution. Prisoner patients under the control of the CDCR and their families may write to the above address with concerns about health care issues (except for mental health, dental, or substance abuse and treatment).

Friends Committee on Legislation of California

1225 8th St, Suite 220 · Sacramento, CA 95814-4809

916-443-3734 · 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. They publish a free quarterly periodical, the FCLCA Newsletter, which keeps track of pending legislation.

Friends Outside

7272 Murray Dr · Stockton, CA 95204

209-955-0701 · www.friendsoutside.org

Friends Outside provides services and support to visitors at each California State Prison, and are located outside the prison walls but on prison grounds (usually adjacent to the visitor parking lots). Visitor Centers provide childcare, transportation, information and resources, and a restful and

welcoming place to stop for a moment before and after visits. May not respond to letters.

Innocence Matters

PO Box 1098 · Torrance, CA 90505

310-755-2518 · www.innocencematters.org

A very small number of post-conviction cases are accepted where Innocence Matters assumes the role of the lead lawyer, but only if the following criteria are met: the defendant is indigent; the accused is factually innocent and willing to submit to and pass a polygraph exam; case originates in Los Angeles County; he or she has already been rejected by a California Innocence Project; and Innocence Matters is not already at capacity. To be considered for Direct Post-Conviction Representation, send a letter to the above address.

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

1540 Market St, Suite 490

San Francisco, CA 94102

415-255-7036 · 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 Proposition 47. They also publish *A Manual on SSI/SSDI for Prisoners and Their Advocates*.

Loyola Law School's Project for the Innocent

Alarcón Advocacy Center

919 Albany St · Los Angeles, CA 90015

213-736-8141

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

Loyola Law School's Project for the Innocent is dedicated to the exoneration of the wrongfully convicted. If after a thorough investigation of a case, a true claim of innocence is provable, clinic students will help draft a habeas petition so that the case can be litigated in court. The Project is only able to represent inmates from the state of California who claim factual innocence, have exhausted all their appeals, and are no longer represented by an attorney.

Northern California Innocence Project

Santa Clara University School of Law

900 Lafayette St, Suite 105 · Santa Clara, CA 95050

408-554-4790 · law.scu.edu/ncip

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Northern and Central CA; DNA and non-DNA; case three or more years left to serve. The applicant must have been convicted in CA state court of a serious felony or a three-strikes sentence. Will consider shaken baby syndrome, police misconduct, ineffective counsel, fire investigation, firearms and fingerprint analysis, false confessions, prosecutorial misconduct, and death penalty issues.

Prison Law Office

General Delivery · San Quentin, CA 94964

510-280-2621 · www.prisonlaw.com

The Prison law Office litigates and monitors class action lawsuits regarding medical care, mental health care, and disabled access for prisoners in California only. Also distributes self-help legal material on a number of topics. Write for list of available publications.

Prison University Project

PO Box 492 · San Quentin, CA 94964

415-455-8088 · www.prisonuniversityproject.org

The mission of the Prison University Project is to provide excellent higher education programs to people incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison; to create a replicable model for such programs; and to stimulate public awareness and meaningful dialogue about higher education and criminal justice in California. The central goals of the College Program at San Quentin are to educate and challenge students intellectually; to prepare them to lead thoughtful and productive lives inside and outside of prison; to provide them with skills needed to obtain meaningful employment and

economic stability post-release; and to prepare them to become providers, leaders, and examples for their families and communities.

Prisoner Reentry Network

PO Box 7155 · Oakland, CA 94612

www.prisonerreentrynetwork.org

Prisoner Reentry Network (PRN) is dedicated to promoting successful transitions from incarceration to the community, and is located in Oakland, CA. Write for their list of reentry resources. PRN also provides free copies of the Veterans Administration's *Guidebook for Incarcerated California Veterans*.

Project AVARY

PO Box 150088 · San Rafael, CA 94915-0088

415-382-8799 · www.projectavary.org

Project AVARY offers long-term support and enrichment for children and youth in the San Francisco Bay Area with a parent in prison or jail. The program services include a summer camp, monthly outings, leadership training, and family support. Write for further details.

Project Rebound

San Francisco State University

1650 Holloway Ave, T-138 · San Francisco, CA 94132-1722

415-405-0954 · asi.sfsu.edu/programs/project-rebound

Project Rebound is a program to help formerly incarcerated students prepare, apply, enroll and graduate with a degree from SF State University. The program offers academic and financial counseling, peer mentoring and tutoring, and career placement. Must be formerly incarcerated; off or on parole or probation, and living in or paroling to the SF Bay Area. Write to SF State for program information.

In 2016, Project Rebound expanded statewide and is now in place at the following California State Universities:

Project Rebound | CSU Bakersfield | 9001 Stockdale Hwy | Bakersfield, CA 93311 | 661-654-3782

www.csub.edu/admissionsandaidd/student_support_programs

Project Rebound | CSU Fresno | 5241 N Maple Ave | McLane Hall, H Wing, Rm 187 | Fresno, CA 93740 | 559-278-2313

www.fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/projectrebound/index.html

Project Rebound | CSU Fullerton | 800 N State College Blvd | Fullerton, CA 92831 | 657-278-7859 | www.fullerton.edu/rebound

Project Rebound | CSU Los Angeles | Center for Engagement | 5151 State University Dr | Los Angeles, CA 90032 | 323-343-3380 |

www.calstatela.edu/engagement/project-rebound

Project Rebound | CSU Sacramento | 6000 J St, MS 6085 | Sacramento, CA 95819 | 916-278-6794 | csus.edu/student/projectrebound

Project Rebound | CSU San Bernardino | 5500 University Parkway, FOB-242 | San Bernardino, CA 92407 | 909-537-4351 |

<https://www.csusb.edu/project-rebound>

Project Rebound | San Diego State University | 5500 Campanile Dr, PSFA 153 | San Diego, CA | 619-594-2367 |

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/projectrebounddsu>

Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco

880 Bryant St, Rm 200 · San Francisco, CA 94103

415-241-4254 · sfgov.org/reentry

The SF Reentry Council publishes a 216-page reentry resource guide entitled *Getting Out and Staying Out*, for prisoners returning to the San Francisco Bay area. Write to the above address for a free copy.

Root & Rebound

1730 Franklin St, Suite 300 · Oakland, CA 94612

510-279-4662 · www.rootandrebound.org/roadmap

Publishes the *Roadmap to Reentry* legal guide, a 1200+ page manual written in clear, understandable language that helps people prepare for, identify, understand, and navigate reentry barriers. The guide identifies important things to do prior to release and provides a list of social service and legal resources across the state of California. *Roadmap to Reentry* covers ID & voting, parole & probation, housing, public benefits, court ordered debt, employment, family & children, education, understanding and

cleaning up a criminal record, and legal aid & community resources. The guide is free to persons currently or formerly incarcerated in CA.

Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos

1817 Soquel Ave · Santa Cruz, CA 95062
831-457-8208 · 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.

Sentencing and Justice Reform Advocacy (SJRA) Advocate

PO Box 71 · Olivehurst, CA 95961

530-329-8566 · www.sjra1.com

SJRA Advocate contains useful and timely information on California prisoner and prison issues. Prisoners may obtain six issues (one year) of *SJRA Advocate* for \$12 (or 25 Forever stamps), or four stamps for a single issue. For all others the cost is \$15 for six issues.

Stanford Justice Advocacy Project

Stanford Law School · 559 Nathan Abbott Way · Stanford, CA 94305

650-736-7757 · <https://law.stanford.edu/stanford-justice-advocacy-project>

The Stanford Justice Advocacy Project represents inmates serving unjust prison sentences for minor crimes, assists released prisoners successfully reentering their communities, and advocates for fairer and more effective criminal justice policies in CA and across the country.

The Insight Prison Project

PO Box 29 · San Quentin, CA 94964

415-459-9800 · www.insightprisonproject.org

IPP facilitates restorative justice programming within 19 prisons in California and 25 total nationwide. IPP facilitates the process of healing and integration through the development of insight and learning how to effectively process difficult emotions, both of which often lead to an awakening to one's true self. The IPP curriculum is designed for incarcerated populations to develop insight, practice new skills while in classes, and then integrate these skills into all aspects of their lives outside of group meetings and after leaving prison. Insight is the power of having a clear or deep perception of a situation: understanding clearly. IPP's method for creating insight begins with awareness or self-awareness, a practice that when engaged in literally increases one's consciousness. IPP uses three fundamental approaches for developing self-awareness.

COLORADO

Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition

1212 Mariposa St, Suite 6 · Denver, CO 80204

303-825-0122 · www.ccjrc.org

CCJRC publishes prisoner information guides, a free quarterly newsletter, and a 200-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 total cost is \$13 (\$10 + \$3 S&H).

Korey Wise Innocence Project at Colorado Law

University of Colorado Law School · Wolf Law Building, 404 UCB Boulder, CO 80309-0404 · 303-492-8126

www.colorado.edu/law/academics/clinics/korey-wise-innocence-project

The Korey Wise Innocence Project (KWIP) 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 arising in Colorado will be accepted (state and federal). Write for a copy of the KWIP evaluation criteria.

Unchained Books

PO Box 784 · Fort Collins, CO 80522

unchainedbooks.wordpress.com

Unchained Books is a small group in Fort Collins, CO committed to prisoner support. Their primary focus is collecting donated books and making them available free to people imprisoned in Colorado. Individual prisoners request books based on subject areas and they fill requests as best as the inventory allows.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Innocence Project

Division of Public Defender Services · 82275 Silas Deane Hwy

Rocky Hill, CT 06067 · 860-509-6400 · www.ct.gov/ocpd/cwp

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Connecticut; DNA and non-DNA cases. Sentence must include at least a ten year period of incarceration and be no less than five years from estimated release date. There must be some new evidence in the case which would establish innocence.

Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization

Yale Law School · PO Box 209090 · New Haven, CT 06520

203-432-4800 · <https://law.yale.edu/clinics/mass-incarceration>

Offers limited legal services to CT federal and state prisoners, including parole-related litigation, post-conviction, habeas corpus, prison conditions, and direct referrals. Publishes *Connecticut Prisoners' Rights*, which includes a guide to resources for prisoners and ex-offenders, \$4 if able to pay. Because this program is university-affiliated, it may not be staffed during transitional periods in the academic schedule.

New England Innocence Project

120 Tremont St, Suite 735 · Boston, MA 02108

617-830-7685 · 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.

DELAWARE

Office of the Public Defender

820 N French St, 3rd Floor · Wilmington, DE 19801

302-577-5200 · ods.delaware.gov

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Delaware; DNA cases only.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

George Washington University Law School

2000 H St NW · Washington, DC 20052

202-994-4586 · www.exonerate.org

Accepts cases of actual innocence in state or federal courts in DC, MD, and VA; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements; arson and shaken baby syndrome cases; may consider child abuse cases.

Office on Returning Citizen Affairs

2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE, Suite 100

Washington, DC 20020 · 202-715-7670

<https://orca.dc.gov/page/commission-re-entry-and-returning-citizen-affairs>

The Mayor's Office on Returning Citizen Affairs mission is to provide zealous advocacy, high-quality services, and up-to-date useful information for the empowerment of previously incarcerated persons in order to create a productive and supportive environment where persons may thrive, prosper and contribute to the social, political and economic development of self, family, and community. Publishes a 13-page guide, *DC Reentry Resources*.

FLORIDA

Florida Institutional Legal Services

14260 West Newberry Road #412 · Newberry, FL 32669

407-801-4350 · floridalegal.org/our-projects

FILS serves people who are institutionalized in Florida. FILS publishes the *Florida Parental Rights Manual for Incarcerated Parents and their Families* (2008) 106 pages, which is available for download from their website or may be obtained by writing the above address.

Florida Justice Institute

100 SE Second St, Suite 3750 · Miami, FL 33131-2309

305-358-2081 · www.floridajusticeinstitute.org

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. They do not assist with criminal law cases or habeas corpus petitions.

Innocence Project of Florida

1100 E Park Avenue · Tallahassee, FL 32301

850-561-6767 · www.floridainnocence.org

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Florida; DNA and Non-DNA Cases including arson and shaken baby syndrome cases. No sentence requirements. Does not accept federal cases or cases on direct appeal.

Prison Book Project

c/o Open Books Bookstore

1040 N Guillemard St · Pensacola, FL 32501

850-453-6774 · www.openbookspcola.org

The Prison Book Project currently sends around 10,000 books each year to indigent prisoners in Florida prisons, and serves approximately 2,600 prisoners each year.

University of Miami Law Innocence Clinic

1311 Miller Drive · Coral Gables, FL 33146

305-284-2339 · 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.

GEORGIA

Forever Family, Inc.

387 Joseph Lowery Bl, 2nd Floor, Suite A · Atlanta, GA 30310

404-223-1200 · www.foreverfam.org

Forever Family is an advocacy group for incarcerated parents which provides helpful information for all parents in prison who have children, but can only provide social services in the Atlanta area.

Georgia Innocence Project

2645 N Decatur Rd · Decatur, GA 30033

<https://www.georgiainnocenceproject.org>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Georgia and Alabama; DNA and non-DNA cases; will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases; no sentence requirements.

Southern Center for Human Rights

83 Poplar St NW · Atlanta, GA 30303-2122

404-688-1202 · www.schr.org

The Southern Center for Human Rights provides legal representation to people facing the death penalty in Georgia and Alabama only, and also publishes a Parolee Handbook, which serves as a guide the parole consideration process for people in Georgia's prisons. SCHR also publishes *The Georgia Advocacy Handbook*, a 46 page manual which helps explain the hierarchy in the GDC and how to maneuver within it. Through this handbook families and friends of people incarcerated in Georgia will learn how to become advocates and implement appropriate and effective steps to resolve problems inside Georgia prisons.

HAWAII

Community Alliance on Prisons

PO Box 37158 · Honolulu, HI 96837-0158

808-927-1214 · caphawaii.wordpress.com

A coalition that focuses on alternatives to incarceration, prison reform legislative issues, community education, and effective interventions for Hawaii's non-violent offenders. CAP's goal is to educate the community on best practices and proven strategies for criminal justice and to involve the greater community in these issues.

Hawai'i Innocence Project

University of Hawai'i School of Law

2515 Dole St · Honolulu, HI 96822

808-956-6547 · www.innocenceprojecthawaii.org

Accepts cases from prisoners who are currently incarcerated, serving a lengthy sentence, convicted in Hawai'i, have a credible claim of factual innocence of the crime(s), and evidence potentially exists which could support the claim of factual innocence.

ILLINOIS

Chicago Innocence Center

205 West Monroe St, Suite 315 · Chicago, IL 60606

312-263-6213 · www.chicagoinnocencecenter.org

As investigative journalists, the Chicago Innocence Center primarily explores and exposes cases involving murder (but not exclusively) in which the inmate is facing life in prison or (outside but nearby Illinois) the death penalty. For CIC to consider the case the inmate must claim actual innocence, not, for example, self-defense or 'I was there but didn't do it.' They seek cases of "pure innocence." Unlike law-based innocence projects, CIC only looks into cases where there is no DNA evidence available. To have the CIC consider a case, please contact them.

Education Justice Project

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

403 East Healey St., MC-423 · Champaign, IL 61820

217-300-5150 · www.educationjustice.net

The Education Justice Project (EJP) publishes *Mapping Your Future: A Guide to Successful Reentry* (2016-17 Ed), a 188-page reentry guide which is free for Illinois prisoners. The guide identifies things to do prior to release and provides a list of resources for after release. The EJP also offers college level classes, writing programs, and reading groups for students incarcerated at Danville Correctional Center.

Illinois Innocence Project

University of Illinois at Springfield,

Institute for Legal and Policy Studies

One University Plaza, MS PAC 451 · Springfield, IL 62703-5407

217-206-6569 · www.uis.edu/innocenceproject

Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Illinois; DNA and non-DNA cases; eight or more years left to serve. The prisoner must be seeking to establish his/her actual innocence of the crime(s). The following factors are considered: absence of physical evidence, reliability of eyewitnesses, identification of alternative suspects, police or prosecutorial misconduct and inconsistency of the nature of the crime as compared to the background of the prisoner.

John Howard Association of Illinois

PO Box 10042 · Chicago, IL 60610-0042

312-291-9237 · www.thejha.org

The John Howard Association (JHA) is the only independent prison monitor in Illinois, and visits over a dozen prisons per year. They then write reports about prison conditions which are provided to prisoners and the public upon request. JHA also advocates for reforms like sentencing credits and more resources for prison programs. Write for further details or to request copies of statutes, court decisions, forms, IDOC rules, etc.

People's Law Office

1180 N Milwaukee Ave · Chicago, IL 60642-4019

773-235-0070 · www.peopleslawoffice.com

The People's Law Office fights for justice for people in Illinois 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.

The MacArthur Justice Center

Northwestern University School of Law

375 E Chicago Ave · Chicago, IL 60611

312-503-1271 · www.law.northwestern.edu/macarthur

The MacArthur Justice Center provides free legal representation to the indigent in the Chicago, Illinois area. They focus on wrongful convictions, fight police corruption, and address death penalty issues, to help ensure all individuals receive fair and equal treatment within the legal system, regardless of income, background or status.

Uptown People's Law Center

4413 N Sheridan · Chicago, IL 60640

773-769-1411 · www.uplcchicago.org

The Uptown People's Law Center (UPLC) leverages the law to improve conditions in Illinois prisons. UPLC has nine pending class action cases against the Illinois Department of Corrections, including lawsuits about solitary confinement, mental health treatment, and healthcare. Illinois prisoners are encouraged to write to UPLC explaining any rights violations they have experienced, as UPLC uses these letters to track trends and inform its lawsuits. UPLC also provides prisoners with referrals to law firms under certain circumstances.

Urbana-Champaign Books to Prisoners Project

PO Box 515 · Urbana, IL 61803

708-782-4608 · 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 in Illinois as well as through two county jail libraries in Illinois.

INDIANA

McKinney Wrongful Conviction Clinic

Indiana University McKinney School of Law

530 W New York St, Rm 111 · Indianapolis, IN 46202-3225

317-274-5551

<https://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/practice/clinics/clinics-wrongful-conviction.html>

Students represent indigent clients seeking relief from wrongful Indiana convictions in state post-conviction and/or federal habeas corpus proceedings. State cases are accepted in cooperation with the Office of the State Public Defender. Accepts cases of actual innocence; DNA and Non-DNA Cases; will consider arson, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and child abuse cases.

Oakland City University Prison Ministries Projects

138 N Lucretia St · Oakland City, IN 47660

812-749-1224 · www.oak.edu/about-ocu/prison-ministries.php

Educational opportunities offered to inmates in the following Indiana facilities: Branchville Correctional Facility, Madison Correctional Facility, Miami Correctional Facility, Rockville Correctional Facility, Newcastle Correctional Facility and Indiana Women's Prison. Degrees Offered: Associates and Bachelor's Degrees. Programs Offered: Associate in Applied Science in Culinary Arts, Food Service Mgmt, Heating/Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Welding, Horticulture, Computer Technology, Business Administration, Human Services.

IOWA

Innocence Project of Iowa

19 South 7th St · Estherville, IA 51334

www.iowainnocence.org

Cases that the organization is most likely to accept include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: cases wherein scientific evidence may be used to exonerate the prisoner of the crime; cases that arise out of mistaken eyewitness identification; cases that arise out of false confessions; cases that arise out of police, prosecutorial, or judicial neglect or misconduct; cases that arise out of unreliable scientific methods, tests, or procedures; cases that arise out of false witness testimony; and cases that arise out of egregious defense counsel neglect or misconduct.

Midwest Innocence Project

605 W 47th St, Suite 222 · Kansas City, MO 64113

816-221-2166 · www.themip.org

Accepts cases of actual innocence in AR, IA, KS, MO, and NE; must have more than 10 years left to serve on his/her sentence, and/or the applicant must register as a sex offender; is not currently represented by an attorney; and has NOT received the death penalty.

KANSAS

Lansing Correctional Facility Program

Donnelly College · 8 North 18th St · Kansas City, KS 66102

913-621-8730

www.donnelly.edu/programs/lansing-correctional-program.cfm

Donnelly College offers an on-site Associate Degree program to prisoners at the Lansing Correctional Facility in Lansing, Kansas. As a Catholic institution, this program has a Christian aim to assist prisoners and directly complements the school's founding mission "to provide education and community services with personal concern for the needs and abilities of each student, especially those who might not otherwise be served."

Midwest Innocence Project

605 47th St, Suite 222 · Kansas City, MO 64112

816-221-2166 · www.themip.org

Accepts cases of actual innocence in AR, IA, KS, MO, and NE; have more than 10 years left to serve on his/her sentence, and/or the applicant must register as a sex offender; is not currently represented by an attorney; and has NOT received the death penalty.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Innocence Project

Department of Public Advocacy

100 Fair Oaks Lane, Suite 301 · Frankfort, KY 40601

502-564-3948 · dpa.ky.gov/who_we_are/KIP/Pages/KIP.aspx

In order to qualify for services from the Kentucky Innocence Project, prospective clients should meet the following criteria: a Kentucky conviction & incarceration; a minimum ten-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.

LOUISIANA

Friends and Family of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children

1600 Oretha C. Haley Blvd · New Orleans, LA 70113

504-708-8376 · www.ffc.org

Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children is a grassroots membership-based organization working to transform the systems that put children at risk of prison. Through empowerment, leadership development, and training they strive to keep children from going to prison and support those who have and their families. From the street level to the state level, from meeting rooms to the state capitol, they are working to build a society based on the principles of racial justice, human rights, and full participation through our tireless fight for justice for youth.

Innocence Project New Orleans

4051 Ulloa Street · New Orleans, LA 70119

504-943-1902 · www.ip-no.org

Accepts cases of factual innocence from Louisiana; 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.

Tulane University Law Library

6329 Freret Street · New Orleans, LA 70118

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

MAINE

Maine State Prison College Program

807 Cushing Rd · Warren, ME 04864

207-273-5300

prisonstudiesproject.org/2011/08/maine-state-prison-college-program
Program sponsored by University College at Rockland College offers Associates and Bachelor's Degrees.

New England Innocence Project

120 Tremont St, Suite 735 · Boston, MA 02108

617-830-7685 · 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.

MARYLAND**Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project**

George Washington University Law School

2000 H St NW · Washington, DC 20052

202-994-4586 · www.exonerate.org

Accepts cases of actual innocence in state or federal courts in DC, MD, and VA; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements; arson and shaken baby syndrome cases; may consider child abuse cases.

University of Baltimore Innocence Project Clinic

1420 N Charles St · Baltimore, MD 21201

410-837-6543 · 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 exonerations. Accepts cases of actual innocence in Maryland; DNA and non-DNA cases.

MASSACHUSETTS**Boston University Prison Education Program**

808 Commonwealth Ave, Room 230 · Boston, MA 02215

617-353-3025 · sites.bu.edu/pep

Degrees Offered: Bachelor of Liberal Studies in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Programs include accounting, English composition, Latin, biology, sociology, marketing, acting, and language courses in Spanish, French, and Greek and more. Offered for prisoners incarcerated at MCI Norfolk (men's facility) and MCI Framingham (women's facility) only.

Coming Home Directory

Crime and Justice Institute at Community Resources for Justice

355 Boylston St · Boston, MA 02116

617-482-2520 · www.crj.org/cj

The *Coming Home Reentry Resource Directory* (2015) is a 129-page compilation of services available to ex-offenders returning to or living in communities in Greater Boston. The Directory presents important information for ex-offenders, corrections practitioners and policymakers, as well as those with an interest in accessing services for ex-offenders, including their families and friends, volunteers and other service providers.

Committee for Public Counsel Services Innocence Program

21 McGrath Hwy · Somerville, MA 02143

617-623-0591 · <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 actually 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.

Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project

Harvard Law School 108 Austin Hall · Cambridge, MA 02138

617-495-3127 · clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap

The Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project provides direct in-person service to indigent inmates, advocates for prisoners charged with violating prison regulations, represents prisoners at the Parole Board and disciplinary hearings, provides research assistance for domestic post-conviction, reviews civil rights arguments, and offers other services to prisoners. Because this program is university-affiliated, it may not be staffed during transitional periods in the academic schedule.

New England Innocence Project

120 Tremont St, Suite 735 · Boston, MA 02108

617-830-7685 · 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.

Northeastern University Prisoners' Rights Clinic

Northeastern University School of Law

360 Huntington Ave · Boston, MA 02115 · 617-373-3628

www.northeastern.edu/law/experience/clinics/prisoners-rights.html

This Northeastern University program represents state prisoners in Eastern Mass. in parole revocation, disciplinary, and classification hearings. Because this program is university-affiliated, it may not be staffed during transitional periods in the academic schedule.

Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts

10 Winthrop Square, 3rd Fl · Boston, MA 02110

617-482-2773 x104 · www.plsma.org/

Prisoners' Legal Services promotes the safe, humane and lawful treatment of Massachusetts prisoners through civil rights litigation, administrative advocacy, client counseling, and outreach to policy makers and the public. Their litigation priority areas are: Health Care, including mental health care; Staff Assaults; Extreme Conditions of Confinement; and Segregation.

MICHIGAN**AFSC Michigan Criminal Justice Program**

124 Pearl St, Suite 607 · Ypsilanti, MI 48197

734-761-8283 · www.prisoneradvocacy.org

AFSC's Michigan Criminal Justice Program advocates for over 1,500 Michigan prisoners and their families each year, building an "advocacy network" throughout the state. The program encourages dialogue among prisoners and the general public, and works for humane reform of the criminal justice system and for the rights of prisoners. Michigan prisoners may contact the program at 734-761-9796.

Michigan Innocence Clinic

701 South State St · Ann Arbor, MI 48109 · 734-763-9353

www.law.umich.edu/clinical/innocenceclinic/Pages/default.aspx

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Michigan; non-DNA cases only; no sentence requirements. The prisoner must not be currently represented by counsel and the crime and conviction must have occurred in Michigan.

Prison Creative Arts Project

435 S State St 3187 Angell Hall · Ann Arbor, MI 48109

734-647-7673 · www.lsa.umich.edu/english/pcap

The Prison Creative Arts Project (PCAP) facilitates fine arts, creative writing, and theatre workshops in juvenile detention centers and prisons in Michigan. PCAP also organizes an annual art exhibit by Michigan prisoners, with all income going back to the artists. PCAP also publishes an annual journal of creative writing by Michigan prisoners.

WMU-Cooley Law School Innocence Project

300 South Capitol Ave · Lansing, MI 48901

517-371-5140 · www.cooley.edu/clinics/innocence_project.html

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Michigan; DNA cases only; must be in custody; no time requirement. As Innocence Project interns, students review case files, screen applications, investigate facts, conduct interviews, analyze cases, and represent innocent clients in court. Students assist assigned attorneys with research and pleadings for post-conviction proceedings.

MINNESOTA**Innocence Project of Minnesota**

1536 Hewitt Ave, MS-C1973 · St Paul, MN 55104

651-523-3152 · ipmn.org

The Minnesota Innocence Project investigates claims of wrongful conviction from prisoners convicted of crimes in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota where DNA or other overwhelming evidence of innocence is present.

Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners

Mitchell Hamline School of Law
875 Summit Ave · St Paul, MN 55105 · 651-290-6458
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 interview through any trial. Cases include domestic relations, imprisonment-related matters (institutional grievances, parole, and detainees), 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.

MISSISSIPPI**Innocence Project New Orleans**

4051 Ulloa Street · New Orleans, LA 70119
504-943-1902 · www.ip-no.org
Accepts cases of factual innocence from Louisiana or the following south Mississippi counties (Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Clarke, Copiah, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Wayne, Wilkinson); 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.

Mississippi Innocence Project

University of Mississippi School of Law
PO Box 1848 · University, MS 38677
662-915-5207 · innocenceproject.olemiss.edu
The Project currently accepts applications for legal representation from prisoners convicted in Mississippi who believe that they may have a claim of actual innocence. The Project only reviews cases from central and north Mississippi counties-excluding 30 south Mississippi counties served by the Innocence Project New Orleans (see LOUISIANA listing). The Project only accepts application requests directly from prisoners and only by mail.

Mississippi Reentry Guide

c/o Foundation for the Mid South · 134 E Amite St · Jackson, MS 39201
601-355-8167 · 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. Write to the above address for a copy.

MISSOURI**Midwest Innocence Project**

605 W 47th St, Suite 222 · Kansas City, MO 64113
816-221-2166 · www.themip.org
Accepts cases of actual innocence in AR, IA, KS, MO, and NE; must have more than 10 years left to serve on his/her sentence, and/or the applicant must register as a sex offender; is not currently represented by an attorney; and has NOT received the death penalty.

MONTANA**Montana Innocence Project**

PO Box 7607 · Missoula, MT 59807
406-544-6698 · 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.

NEBRASKA**Midwest Innocence Project**

605 W 47th St, Suite 222 · Kansas City, MO 64113
816-221-2166 · www.themip.org

Accepts cases of actual innocence in AR, IA, KS, MO, and NE; must have more than 10 years left to serve on his/her sentence, and/or the applicant must register as a sex offender; is not currently represented by an attorney; and has NOT received the death penalty.

Nebraska Innocence Project

PO Box 24183 · Omaha, NE 68124
402-341-7194 · www.nebraskainnocenceproject.org
Accepts cases of actual innocence in Nebraska; DNA cases only; will consider arson, shaken baby syndrome and child abuse cases (with DNA); no sentence requirements.

NEVADA**Rocky Mountain Innocence Center**

358 South 700 East, B235
Salt Lake City, UT 84102
801-355-1888 · 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.

NEW JERSEY**NJ Office of the Corrections Ombudsman**

PO Box 855 · Trenton, NJ 08625
609-633-2596 · www.state.nj.us/correctionsombudsman
The Office of the Corrections Ombudsman provides a mechanism for the continuing resolution of issues, problems or complaints of state sentenced prisoners within New Jersey's Correctional System regarding their living conditions and treatment. Prisoners in NJ institutions may call the Ombudsman toll-free at 555-555-5555.

The Last Resort Exoneration Project

Seton Hall University School of Law
One Newark Center · Newark, NJ 07102 · 973-642-8500
law.shu.edu/ProgramsCenters/PublicIntGovServ/ExonerationProject
The Last Resort Exoneration Project offers free (pro bono) investigative and legal services to the convicted innocent of New Jersey who have plausible and substantial claim of actual innocence, and are willing to cooperate with requests aimed at discovering the truth. If an applicant appears to us to have a legitimate basis for claiming that he or she is factually innocent, they will undertake an independent review of the facts of the case and all surrounding circumstances.

NEW HAMPSHIRE**Mettanokit Outreach**

Attn: Medicine Story
173 Merriam Hill Rd · Greenville, NH 03048
603-878-2310 · www.circleway.org
Mettanokit is a non-profit learning center and service organization working for a more human society based on the old values of cooperation and equality and the closeness and caring found in our elder tribal societies. Part of their program is offering Native circles in prisons, with 10 of these circles currently in New England prisons. Description of these may be found in the book *Ending Violent Crime*. Descriptions of the Native American traditions that provide an understanding for much of this work may be found in the book *Return to Creation*. Write for further information and list of books for sale.

New England Innocence Project

120 Tremont St, Suite 735
Boston, MA 02108
857-277-7685 · 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.

NEW MEXICO**Innocence and Justice Project**

1117 Stanford NE, MSCII 6070
University of New Mexico School of Law
Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001
505-277-2671 · lawschool.unm.edu/ijp
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in New Mexico; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

NEW YORK

Bard Prison Initiative

Bard College PO Box 5000 ·
Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000
845-758-7308 · bpi.bard.edu

The Bard Prison Initiative (BPI) creates the opportunity for incarcerated men and women at Bayview, Eastern, Elmira, Green Haven, and Woodbourne Correctional Facilities to earn a Bard College degree while serving their sentences. BPI enrolls nearly 300 incarcerated men and women across a full spectrum of academic disciplines, and offers over 60 courses each semester. People in select New York State prisons may apply and are selected based on their ambition and willingness to work hard. To apply, one must have a high school diploma or its equivalent. Admission to BPI is highly competitive - typically there are ten applications for each available spot. Many gain admission after more than one application. The admissions process involves both a written exam and a personal interview.

Connections 2017

The New York Public Library, Correctional Library Services
455 Fifth Ave, 6th floor · New York, NY 10016 · 212-592-7553
www.nypl.org/help/community-outreach/correctional-services
The NYPL's Correctional Library Services publishes *Connections 2017* (314 pages), an annual 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. A Spanish translation of the 2015 edition is available as a PDF file only. Spanish speakers who are incarcerated can request up to 40 printed pages at a time of *Conexiones 2015*, to be sent via mail. Aquí encontrará una traducción al español disponible como un archivo PDF. Personas que están encarceladas pueden solicitar hasta 40 páginas impresas de "*Conexiones 2015*" a la vez (que se enviarán por carta), escribiendo a: NYPL Correctional Services, 445 Fifth Ave, NY, NY 10016.

Cornell Prison Education Program

115 Day Hall · Ithaca, NY 14853
607-255-9091 · 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 inmates at Auburn Correctional Facility and Cayuga Correctional Facility.

Correctional Association of New York

2090 Adam Clayton Powell Bl, Suite 200 · New York, NY 10027
212-254-5700 · www.correctionalassociation.org
Founded in 1844, the Correctional Association of New York (CA) is an independent non-profit organization that advocates for a more humane and effective criminal justice system and a more just and equitable society. CA has several working projects, including the Coalition for Women Prisoners, the Drop the Rock Coalition (downsizing the prison system), Release Aging People in Prison Campaign, and the Juvenile Justice Coalition.

Edwin Gould Services for Children

Incarcerated Mothers Program
151 Lawrence St, 5th Floor · Brooklyn, NY 11201
212-437-3500 · egscf.org
Sponsors the Incarcerated Mothers Program, a specially designed preventive program that addresses the needs of mothers parenting their children from prison in New York with the goal of preventing foster care placement by assisting women and their children during and after the time of arrest; court; jail; and as they return to the community. IMP provides advocacy, foster care prevention, counseling, and vocational training, and also offers prison-based parenting groups serving fathers.

Fortune Society

29-76 Northern Bl · Long Island City, NY 11101
212-691-7554 · www.fortunesociety.org
The Fortune Society's vision is to create a world where all who are incarcerated or formerly incarcerated can become positive, contributing members of society. They do this through a holistic, one-stop model of service provision. Their continuum of care, informed and implemented by professionals with cultural backgrounds and life experiences similar to those of their clients, helps ensure each client's success. The Fortune Society serves approximately 4,500 men and women annually via three primary New York City-area locations: their service center in Long Island City, and both the Fortune Academy and Castle Gardens in West Harlem. Also publishes the Fortune News twice per year, which is free to those incarcerated in NY.

Hour Children

36-11 12th St · Long Island City, NY 11106
718-433-4724 · 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).

Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison

PO Box 862 · Ossining, NY 10562
914-941-0794 · www.hudsonlink.org
College courses are offered to prisoners at Fishkill, Sing Sing and Sullivan Correctional Facilities for Men and Taconic Correctional Facility for Women, with the following degrees offered: Associates Degree in Liberal Arts, Associate and Bachelor's Degrees in Behavioral Science, and Bachelor Degree in Organizational Management. And to ensure a successful transition to life after prison, Hudson Link partners with reentry organizations to provide supportive services for their alumni. The Hudson Link Alumni Office also provides job readiness skills including resume writing, job search assistance, interview attire, laptops, professional mentoring and internship opportunities.

Legal Action Center

225 Varick St, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10014
212-243-1313 · www.lac.org
The Legal Action Center's mission is to assist New York state residents to fight discrimination against those with histories of addiction, HIV/AIDS, or criminal records, and to advocate for sound public policies in these areas. Write for list of publications.

Legal Aid Society Prisoner's Rights Project

199 Water St · New York, NY 10038
212-577-3300 · www.legal-aid.org/en/civil/civilpractice/prisonersrightsproject.aspx
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 prisoners' criminal cases or sentences or matters related to parole.

New York State Prisoner Justice Coalition

33 Central Ave · Albany, NY 12210
518-434-4037 · www.nysprisonerjustice.org
Publishes the *NY State Prisoner Justice Network Directory*, a free 16-page directory of over 100 NY justice and prisoner support organizations.

Pace Post-Conviction Project

Pace University Law School
78 North Broadway · White Plains, NY 10603
914-422-4230 · lawweb.pace.edu/ijls/clinic.html
Law school students at Pace Univ. investigate cases of actual innocence from Westchester County and New York City; DNA and non-DNA cases.

Prisoner Reentry Institute

John Jay College of Criminal Law
524 W 59th St, Rm 609B · New York, NY 10019

212-393-6435 · johnjaypri.org

The Prisoner Reentry Institute (PRI) of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice with the mission of supporting the successful reentry of justice-involved people back into communities. PRI regularly produces studies and publications made available for prisoners, including the *Guide to Continuing Your Education after Prison* (2015 Ed). PRI also offers higher education to prisoners in New York, such as its "Prison to College pipeline" program which offers college classes at Otisville Correctional Facility, and runs the New York Justice Corps, a higher education prep and work readiness program for justice-involved youth.

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York

41 State St, Suite M112 · Albany, NY 12207

518-445-6053 · www.plsny.org

PLSNY provides free legal services to New York State prisoners. Also publishes *Pro Se Newsletter* six times per year for prisoners in New York State prisons, providing information and analysis on recent developments in prison law. To subscribe, send a request with prisoner's name, DIN number, and facility to: Pro Se, 114 Prospect St, Ithaca, NY 14850. Past issues of Pro Se from 2002-2016 are downloadable from their website.

Reinvestigation Project

Office of the Appellate Defender

11 Park Place, Suite · 1601 New York, NY 10007

212-402-4100 · oadnyc.org/reinvestigation-project

Accepts cases of actual innocence for felony convictions in Manhattan and the Bronx. The client is assigned to OAD on appeal; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements. Cases are randomly assigned by the court, and consist of indigent defendants who were convicted in the Bronx and Manhattan. At this time, the Reinvestigation Project is not funded to accept cases that have not been assigned to the office on direct appeal.

Sylvia Rivera Law Project

147 West 24th St, 5th Floor · New York, NY 10011

212-337-8550 x303 · 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. Available only in NY and surrounding areas.

The Exoneration Initiative

233 Broadway, Suite 2370 · New York, NY 10279

212-965-9335 · exonerationinitiative.org

Accepts cases of actual innocence in New York; DNA and non-DNA cases (specializes in non-DNA); no sentence requirements.

The Osborne Association

809 Westchester Ave · Bronx, NY 10455

718-707-2600 · www.osborneny.org

The Osborne Association offers opportunities for individuals who have been in conflict with the law to transform their lives through innovative, effective, and replicable programs that serve the community by reducing crime and its human and economic costs. Services limited to New York prisoners and their families. Write for list of programs and services. The Osborne Association has three locations: in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Newburgh.

Women's Prison Association

110 Second Ave · New York, NY 10003

646-292-7742 · www.wpaonline.org

The Women's Prison Association (WPA) 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. Within these program areas, WPA offers Alternatives to Incarceration, Family Reunification Assistance and Family Support Services, Reentry Case Management, Assistance and Support, and Jail and Prison-Based Education and Pre-Release Services.

NORTH CAROLINA

Innocence and Justice Clinic

Wake Forest University Law School

1834 Wake Forest Rd · Winston-Salem, NC 27109

336-758-5430 · innocence-clinic.law.wfu.edu

Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in North Carolina; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence

PO Box 52446 · Durham, NC 27717-2446

919-489-3268 · www.nccai.org/

Accepts cases of actual innocence in North Carolina; DNA and non-DNA cases; will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases, and may consider child abuse cases; typically limit to those in custody, but exceptions are made.

North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission

Administrative Office of the Courts

PO Box 2448 · Raleigh, NC 27602

919-890-1580 · 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 retried again.

North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services

PO Box 25397 · Raleigh, NC 27611

919-856-2200 · www.ncpls.org/

NCPLS provides legal assistance to prisoners in the North Carolina Department of Correction ranging from advice about prisoner's legal rights to representation in litigation in state and federal court. Cases are accepted based on referrals from attorneys as well as direct requests from prisoners or individuals acting on behalf of prisoners incapable of requesting legal assistance. The organization is divided into three teams of attorneys and paralegals: Post-Conviction, Civil, and Support Services.

Prison Books Collective

PO Box 625 · Carrboro, NC 27510

919-443-9238 · <https://prisonbooks.info>

The Prison Books Collective is a Chapel Hill, NC-based anti-prison group that sends books to prisoners in Alabama and North Carolina only, maintains an extensive radical 'zine catalog, widely distributes a monthly poster promoting political prisoner support, and publishes prisoners' art and writing.

NORTH DAKOTA

Innocence Project of Minnesota

1536 Hewitt Ave, MS-C1973

St. Paul, MN 55104

651-523-3152 · ipmn.org

The Minnesota Innocence Project investigates claims of wrongful conviction from prisoners convicted of crimes in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota where DNA or other overwhelming evidence of innocence is present.

OHIO

Ashland University

401 College Ave · Ashland, OH 44805

419-289-4142

<https://www.ashland.edu/founders/programs/correctional-education>

Ashland University serves over 1,000 incarcerated students annually with college curriculum. The programs are offered to adult prisoners in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and juvenile prisoners in the Ohio Department of Youth Services. A recent emphasis has been placed on the development and delivery of online courses for the correctional programs which do not require live internet access.

Athens Books to Prisoners

30 1st St · Athens, OH 45701

athensbookstoprisoners.weebly.com

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

Ohio Innocence Project

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

513-556-0752 · www.law.uc.edu/oip

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

RedBird Books-to-Prisoners

PO Box 10599 · Columbus, OH 43201

redbirdprisonabolition.blogspot.com

RedBird Prison Abolition is a group of people in Columbus OH who want to see the prison system come to an end. The all-volunteer group has no budget, substantial funding or formal mission statement. Their activities are guided by correspondence with incarcerated people because prison abolition ought to begin with the needs of those most directly affected by the system. RedBird Books-to-Prisoners is a project of RedBird Prison Abolition, dedicated to providing Ohio prisoners with free books and reading materials. Send requests by subject.

Wrongful Conviction Project

Office of the Ohio Public Defender

250 East Broad St, Suite 1400 · Columbus, OH 43215

614-466-5394

opd.ohio.gov/Trial-Services/Wrongful-Conviction-Project

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Ohio; non-DNA cases only; prisoner is serving a lengthy prison term, and has exhausted the legal process.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Innocence Project

Oklahoma City University School of Law

800 N Harvey Ave · Oklahoma City, OK 73102

405-208-6161 · innocence.okcu.edu

The Oklahoma Innocence Project accepts cases of actual innocence in Oklahoma; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

OREGON

Oregon Innocence Project

PO Box 5248 · Portland, OR 97208

503-944-2270 · www.oregoninnocence.org

The Oregon Innocence Project's mission is to exonerate the innocent, educate and train law students, and promote legal reforms aimed at preventing wrongful convictions. They provide free legal assistance to inmates convicted in an Oregon court who assert factual innocence, and where there is the possibility of proving innocence.

Partnership for Safety & Justice

825 NE 20th Ave, Suite 250 · Portland, OR 97232

503-335-8449 · safetyandjustice.org

Advocacy group focused on changing public safety policy in Oregon only. Publishes newsletter and *Prisoner Support Directory for Oregon prisoners*.

Pathfinders of Oregon

PO Box 3257 · Gresham, OR 97030

503-892-5396 · www.pathfindersoforegon.org

Pathfinders of Oregon has several successful programs in prisons and the community, including the Center for Family Success, Children's Justice Alliance, Parenting Inside Out, Pathfinder Academy, and Living in Freedom Today, an alternative to incarceration program.

PENNSYLVANIA

Abolitionist Law Center

PO Box 8654 · Pittsburgh, PA 15221

412-654-9070 · abolitionistlawcenter.org

The Abolitionist Law Center (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.

AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania

1211 Chestnut St, Suite 600 · Philadelphia, PA 19107

215-587-9377 · www.aidslawpa.org

The AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania is a nonprofit public-interest law firm providing free legal assistance to people living with HIV and AIDS, including PA prisoners. English and Spanish spoken.

Book 'Em

c/o Thomas Merton Center · 5129 Penn Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15224

412-361-3022 x 4 · www.bookempgh.org

Book 'Em is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that sends free educational books and quality reading material to prisoners in Pennsylvania only. Prisoners may request books by subject.

Human Rights Coalition

4134 Lancaster Ave · Philadelphia, PA 19104

267-293-9169 · www.hrcoalition.com

The Human Rights Coalition (HRC) advocates for 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).

Pennsylvania Innocence Project

Temple University Beasley School of Law

1515 Market St, 3rd Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102

215-204-4255 · www.innocenceprojectpa.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.

Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project

The Cast Iron Building

718 Arch St, Suite 304 South

Philadelphia, PA 19106

215-925-2966 · www.pilp.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 following publications: *Prisoners' Rights Handbook*, 2013, 104 pages; *A Guide to Correctional Law Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States & the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit*, 104 pgs; 2013-2015 *Criminal Justice Advocacy & Support Directory*, 98 pages; *A Guide to Services for PA Inmates, Victims of Crime, and Their Families*; *How to Change Your Name - A Self-Help Guide*, 33 pages; *The Grandparents' Guide to Custody & Visitation in PA*; *Jailhouse Lawyer's Handbook*, 152 pages; and *Compassionate Release In Pennsylvania*.

Pennsylvania Prison Society

245 N Broad St, Suite 300 · Philadelphia, PA 19107-1518

215-564-4775 · www.prisonersociety.org

The Pennsylvania Prison Society was founded in 1787 to fight the harsh corporal punishments of the day, and has continued to fight against mistreatment and warehousing of prisoners for the past 230 years. Their present advocacy includes promoting prison visiting, and the publishing of *"Graterfriends,"* a monthly publication that allows prisoners and residents to voice their opinions and concerns about criminal justice issues (\$3.00 for an annual prisoner subscription). They also distribute several fact sheets, including the following pamphlets: *Programs & Services Flyer* (April 2016); *Ban The Box* (Feb 2016); *Expungement* (Feb 2016); *Obamacare & Medicaid* (July 2014); *Prisoner Reentry Network* (Spring 2014); *The Effects of Parental Incarceration on Children*; *Incarcerated Women: The Whole Truth*;

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); and Prisoner Voting Rights (PA).
Write for further information.

RHODE ISLAND

New England Innocence Project

120 Tremont St, Suite 735 · Boston, MA 02108

617-830-7685 · 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.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Palmetto Innocence Project

JM McCulloch Institute · PO Box 11623 · Columbia, SC 29211

803-779-0005

The purpose of the Palmetto Innocence Project is to provide charitable pro bono legal assistance to prisoners convicted of serious crimes in South Carolina where cognizable claims of actual innocence or contentions of

serious injustice in the criminal process exist.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Innocence Project of Minnesota

1536 Hewitt Ave, MS-C1973 · St. Paul, MN 55104

651-523-3152 · ipmn.org

The Minnesota Innocence Project investigates claims of wrongful conviction from prisoners convicted of crimes in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota where DNA or other overwhelming evidence of innocence is present.

South Dakota Prisoner Support Group

PO Box 3285 · Rapid City, SD 57709-3285

Their purpose is to provide support to prisoners in jails and prisons and their families, and to prevent abuse of incarcerated men, woman and children. Offers referrals, links, websites, information, news, as well as share their own experiences and problems, in regards to incarcerated family members/friends. No legal advice is given.

TENNESSEE

Project Return

806 4th Ave South · Nashville, TN 37210

615-327-9654 · 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.

TEXAS

Actual Innocence Clinic

University of Texas School of Law

727 E Dean Keeton St · Austin, TX 78705

512-471-1317 · <https://law.utexas.edu/clinics/actual-innocence>

Students at the University of Texas School of Law screen and investigate claims by inmates that they are actually innocent of the offenses for which they are incarcerated. The program accepts cases of actual innocence in Texas, including DNA and non-DNA cases, with no sentence requirements.

Disability Rights Texas

2222 West Braker Lane · Austin, TX 78758

512-454-4816 voice/TDD · www.drxt.org

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

Innocence Project of Texas

300 Burnett St, Suite 160 · Ft. Worth, TX 76102

806-744-6525 · www.ipoftexas.org

The Innocence Project of Texas can only review 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.

Inside Books Project

c/o 12th Street Books · 827 West 12th Street · Austin, TX 78701

512-655-3121 · www.insidebooksproject.com

Sends free books and literature to prisoners in Texas only. Also sends a very informative prisoner resource guide free to prisoners in all states. Send two stamps, or pre-addressed stamped envelope containing two stamps for a copy of their resource guide.

Prison Justice League

PO Box 49988 · Austin, TX 78765

512-387-0718 · prisonjusticeleague.org

The Prison Justice League (P JL) amplifies the voices of prisoners and their loved ones to end mass incarceration in Texas. They address the needs of prisoners in Texas, challenge institutions of punishment and hold them accountable for their actions, and serve as a voice for prisoners and the communities most affected by the criminal justice system. Texas prisoners can reach P JL by legal mail at: P JL, Special Legal Counsel Brian McGiverin, 2221 Hancock, Drive, Austin, TX 78756.

Texas Civil Rights Project

4920 N IH-35 · Austin, TX 78751 · 512-474-5073

www.texascivilrightsproject.org/programs-and-services/prisoners-rights

The Texas Civil Rights Project's Prisoners' Rights Program works to improve conditions in Texas prisons and jails through litigation and advocacy, concentrating on cases that will have broad impact by changing a policy or creating other systemic relief.

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

www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/centers/criminal_justice

The project only handles claims of actual innocence typically involving DNA evidence testing, mistaken identification, or that a crime never actually occurred. Thurgood Marshall law students work directly on the project and screen cases, obtain and review case histories, investigate facts, interview involved persons, write case time lines and summaries, perform case analyses, and prepare written case evaluations and pleadings.

Windham School District

PO Box 40 · Huntsville, TX 77342-0040

936-291-5303 · www.windhamschooldistrict.org

Windham School District (WSD) provides a variety of academic classes and Career and Technical Education to prisoners incarcerated in the TDCJ. In addition to WSD programs, the Continuing Education program offers college courses and recreational activities. WSD operates schools on 90 sites serving TDCJ, with Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's Degrees offered.

UTAH

Rocky Mountain Innocence Center

358 South 700 East, B235 · Salt Lake City, UT 84102

801-355-1888 · 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.

Utah Prisoner Advocate Network

PO Box 464 · Draper, UT 84020

utahprisoneradvocate.org

Utah Prisoner Advocate Network (UPAN) assists prisoners in the UDOC to solve issues with housing, medical, and other issues (no legal). They also assist families of inmates to learn how to navigate the system on their prison journeys. UPAN also publishes a monthly newsletter free to Utah prisoners. Family and friends are encouraged to visit the UPAN website (or email

UPAN), download the printable versions of their newsletters and send directly to the prisoner.

VERMONT

New England Innocence Project

120 Tremont St, Suite 735 · Boston, MA 02108

857-277-7858 · 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.

Prisoners' Rights Office

6 Baldwin St, 4th Floor · Montpelier, VT 05633-3301

802-828-3194 · defgen.vermont.gov/research/prisoners-rights-office

This section of the Vermont Office of the Defender General handles prisoners' rights cases.

VIRGINIA

Innocence Project at the UVA School of Law

University of Virginia School of Law

580 Massie Rd · Charlottesville, VA 22901

434-924-3732 · www.innocenceprojectuva.org/contact

Consider accepting cases of wrongful convictions if three criteria are met: (1) inmate must have been convicted of a crime in VA, (2) the conviction must be final, and (3) inmate is actually innocent of the crime of which he or she was convicted. If those three criteria are met, their decision whether or not to accept the case will be based upon the likelihood of being able to prove innocence, the availability of legal remedies, and their current caseload. To be considered, request their application packet.

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

George Washington University Law School

Washington, DC 20052

202-994-4586 · www.exonerate.org

Accepts cases of actual innocence in state or federal courts in DC, MD, and VA; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements; arson and shaken baby syndrome cases; may consider child abuse cases.

WASHINGTON

Columbia Legal Services

Institutions Project · 101 Yesler Way, Suite 300 Seattle, WA 98104

206-382-3399 · www.columbialegal.org/advocacy/institutions-project

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.

Freedom Education Project Puget Sound

2311 N 45th St, #178 · Seattle, WA 98105

206-729-2480 · prisonstudiesproject.org/category/washington

The FEPPS program offers a rigorous college program inside the Washington Corrections Center for Women leading to an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree. The classes are taught by professors from the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma Community College, Evergreen State College, University of Washington, and Pacific Lutheran University.

Innocence Project Northwest

University of Washington School of Law

PO Box 85110 · Seattle, WA 98145-1110

206-616-8792 · www.ipnw.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.

Keeping the Faith: The Prison Project

The Pat Graney Company

PO Box 221009 · Seattle, WA 98122

206-329-3705 · www.patgraney.org/education.html

Keeping the Faith–The Prison Project serves women in Washington state prisons through dance, expository writing, visual art and performance. This program serves hundreds of women in prison as well as offering their incarcerated peers in the audience a chance to discuss topics relating to their own lives after each performance.

University Beyond Bars

PO Box 31525 · Seattle, WA 98103

425-339-8229 · www.universitybeyondbars.org

Prisoners who have earned their GEDs can choose from two educational pathways in UBB: a certificate pathway and a college pathway. The former offers a varied menu of not-for-credit courses; the latter offers college courses for credit through Seattle Central College, primarily at the associate degree level. UBB also offers gateway college preparatory courses in math and English and a twice monthly Arts & Lectures series open to all prisoners. The prisons served at present are the Washington State Reformatory and the Minimum Security Unit, at Monroe Complex.

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Innocence Project

West Virginia University College of Law

PO Box 6130 · Morgantown, WV 26505-6130

304-293-7294 · wvinnocenceproject.wvu.edu

Accepts cases of actual innocence in West Virginia; DNA and non-DNA cases; three or more years left to serve; will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases.

WISCONSIN

Family Law Project

University of Wisconsin Law School

975 Bascom Mall · Madison, WI 53706

608-262-1002 · www.law.wisc.edu/fjr/flp

Wisconsin Law students work under experienced family law attorneys to provide information and represent prison inmates and caregivers in their family law matters including divorces, paternity actions, child support modifications, child placement, visitation and guardianship.

Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project

Rainbow Books Store Cooperative

426 W Gilam St · Madison, WI 53703

608-257-6050 · www.peoplesbookscoop.org/books-to-prisoners

small, all-volunteer, non-profit organization that sends books free of charge to state and federal prisoners in Wisconsin. Request by subject.

Wisconsin Innocence Project

University of Wisconsin Madison

975 Bascom Mall · Madison, WI 53706-1399

608-265-1160 · <https://law.wisc.edu/fjr/clinicals/ip/representation.html>

See entry on page four, under NATIONWIDE ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES.

WYOMING

Rocky Mountain Innocence Center

358 South 700 East, B235 · Salt Lake City, UT 84102

801-355-1888 · rminnocence.org

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PARC Recommended Legal and Educational Books (all books are paperback)**A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual**

Columbia Human Rights Law Review, Attn: JLM Order · 435 West 116th Street · New York, NY 10027

212-854-1601 · www3.law.columbia.edu/hrlr/jlm

A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual (10th Ed, 2014, 1288 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. The additional Immigration & Consular Access Supplement (102 pages) contains information about the immigration law consequences of criminal convictions for people who are not U.S. Citizens. The JLM is \$30 if shipped directly to prisoners; \$105 for all others. The Supplement is \$5 for prisoners, \$22 for all others. Please note the JLM is available free by individual chapter if downloaded from the above-listed website by an outside source, printed out, and mailed to the prisoner. Prisoners may also directly order up to three chapters of the 9th Edition of JLM for free. Please note that the 9th Edition was published in 2011 and is not the most recent edition, thus it may contain information that is out of date and no longer accurate. To obtain the order form for the three free chapters, send a pre-addressed stamped envelope to the above address. The 11th edition of the JLM is due out later in 2017.

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

Wynword Press · PO Box 557 · Bonners Ferry, ID 83805

208-267-0817 · www.wynwordpress.com/shop/battling-the-administration

Battling the Administration (David J. Meister, April 2014, 566 pages, \$34.95 +\$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.

California State Prisoner's Handbook

440 Tesconi Circle ChromaGraphics · Santa Rosa, CA 95401

800-630-4104 · prisonlaw.com/resources/prisoner-handbook

California State Prisoners Handbook (Heather MacKay & Prison Law Office, 4th Ed, 2008, 1100 pages), is \$40 if shipped directly to prisoners or parolees, \$182 for all others (including the 2014 supplement). All orders include sales tax and shipping. The Handbook discusses in detail the laws governing prisoner rights and the policies and practices of the CDCR. The Handbook also includes numerous sample forms and model pleadings. The 17 chapters cover: Administrative Appeals, Rights of Prisoners, Classification and Transfers, Determinate Sentences, Time Credits and Release Dates, Life Prisoners, Disciplinary Violations and Segregation, Medical and Mental Health Care, Detainers and Extradition, Early and Temporary Releases and Special Prison Programs, Parole, MDO and SVP Commitments, Workers Compensation and Other Benefits, Immigration Issues for Noncitizen Prisoners, Writs of Habeas Corpus and Mandate, Federal Civil Rights and State Tort Law Actions, Direct Appeals of Convictions, Legal Research and Writing. PLEASE NOTE: This book is offered to prisoners and parolees at a special subsidized price. Those who are not a prisoner or parolee (or are not purchasing the book for shipping directly to a prisoner or parolee) must pay the regular price.

Federal Prison Handbook

Prison Legal News · PO Box 1151 · Lake Worth, FL 33460

561-360-2523 · <https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/store/products/federal-prison-handbook>

The *Federal Prison Handbook* (Christopher Zoukis, 2016, 491 pages, \$49.95 +\$6 S&H) is the definitive guide to surviving incarceration in a federal prison. This handbook teaches individuals facing incarceration, prisoners who are already inside, and their friends and family everything they need to know to protect themselves and their rights. The thorough information was compiled by someone who has first-hand experience with the federal prison system, as Zoukis is an advocate currently serving time at a federal prison. His insider's view of this unknown world guides inmates through the mental stresses of confinement. Importantly, this text provides detailed instructions on how prisoners can protect their rights. Importantly, this text provides detailed instructions on how prisoners can protect their rights. The author is a college-educated prisoner who has fought extensively to preserve his rights and the rights of other prisoners.

Georgetown Law Journal Annual Review of Criminal Procedure

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

202-662-9457 · <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/law-journals/subscribe/arcp/inmates.cfm>

The *Georgetown Law Journal Annual Review of Criminal Procedure* (ARCP) (46th Ed, July 2017, 1000+ pages) is \$25 if shipped directly to prisoners, \$85 for all others. The ARCP 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. Refunds are not available. Orders are shipped USPS, so please allow 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) and PA (6.0% or 7.0% if sent to Philadelphia or Allegheny County.)

Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook

National Lawyers Guild · 132 Nassau St, Rm 922 · New York, NY 10038

212-679-6018 · www.nlg.org/jailhouse-lawyers-handbook

The *Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook* (5th Ed, 2010, 158 pages, \$2) 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. To receive a paperback copy, mail \$2.00 in money order, stamps, or check to the above address. Please note the Handbook is available free if downloaded from their website (jailhouselaw.org/) by an outside source, printed out, and mailed to the prisoner. List of chapter headings: (1) Introduction; (2) Your Legal Options; (3) Your Rights in Prison; (4) Structuring Your Lawsuit; (5) How to Start Your Lawsuit; (6) Legal System & Research; (7) The Legal System and Legal Research; and 12 appendices. Donations of \$2 (or more) help offset postage and shipping and are greatly appreciated. Also available through PILP (see page 19).

Prison Education Guide

Prison Legal News · PO Box 1151 · Lake Worth, FL 33460

561-360-2523 · <https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/store/products/prison-education-guide>

Prison Education Guide (Christopher Zoukis, 2016, 280 pages, \$49.95 + \$6 S&H) is the most comprehensive guide to correspondence programs for prisoners available today. This exceptional book provides the reader with step-by-step instructions to find the right educational program, enroll in courses and complete classes to meet their academic goals. It is perfect for the incarcerated student who lacks Internet access or the ability to attend education classes in person. Prison Education Guide includes a detailed analysis of the quality, cost, and course offerings of all college correspondence programs available to prisoners. In a time when so many academic opportunities in prisons have been eliminated, this book is an invaluable reentry tool for prisoners who seek to further their education while incarcerated, and to help them prepare for life and work following their release.

Prisoners' Self Help Litigation Manual

Prison Legal News · PO Box 1151 · Lake Worth, FL 33460

561-360-2523 · <https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/store/products/prisoners-self-help-litigation-manual-4th-edition>

The Prisoners' Self-Help Litigation Manual (John Boston & Dan Manville, 4th Ed, 2010, 960 pages, \$39.95 + \$6 S&H) is an indispensable guide for prisoners and prisoner advocates seeking to understand the rights guaranteed to prisoners by law and how to protect those rights. Clear, comprehensive, practical advice provides prisoners with everything they need to know on conditions of confinement, civil liberties in prison, procedural due process, the legal system, how to litigate, conducting effective legal research, and writing legal documents. Written by two legal and penitentiary experts with intimate knowledge of prisoner's rights and legal aid work, authors John Boston and Daniel E. Manville strategically focus on federal constitutional law, providing prisoners and those wishing to assist them with the most important legal information.

Protecting Your Health and Safety: A Litigation Guide For Inmates

Prison Legal News · PO Box 1151 · Lake Worth, FL 33460

561-360-2523 · <https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/store/products/protecting-your-health-and-safety-a-litigation-guide-for-inmates>

Protecting Your Health & Safety (Robert E. Toone, 2nd Ed, 2009, 325 pages, \$10 + \$6 S&H) is an easy to read, plain language guide prisoners can use to identify and litigate federal civil rights claims against prison officials. Over 100 pages are dedicated to the different kinds of constitutional and statutory violations prisoners frequently encounter while incarcerated. Topics discussed include the First to Fourteenth Amendments, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Rehabilitation Act. Each issue, whether it may be First Amendment retaliation or a violation of the Equal Protection Clause, is addressed in laymen's terms and supported by case citations from federal district courts, federal courts of appeal, and the United States Supreme Court. Difficult concepts like deliberate indifference are simplified in just seven pages, giving you what you need to know to make out a cognizable Eighth Amendment claim. Another 130 pages discuss how to write a complaint, seek in forma pauperis status, ask for appointment of counsel, respond to motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment, conduct discovery, and even present your case at trial. Even procedural issues such as exhaustion of administrative remedies are addressed, helping to avoid dismissal at the pleading stage. A glossary of commonly used legal terms is also included, along with a directory listing where to file a federal civil rights suit in each judicial district.

The Disciplinary Self-Help Litigation Manual

Prison Legal News · PO Box 1151 · Lake Worth, FL 33460

561-360-2523 · <https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/store/products/disciplinary-self-help-litigation-manual>

The Disciplinary Self-Help Litigation Manual (Dan Manville, 2nd Ed, 2015, 368 pages, \$49.95 + \$6 S&H) is designed to inform prisoners of their rights when faced with the consequences of a disciplinary hearing. This authoritative and comprehensive work educates prisoners about their rights throughout this process and helps guide them at all stages, from administrative hearing through litigation. This invaluable how-to guide offers step by step information for both state and federal prisoners and includes a 50 state analysis of relevant case law.

The Habeas Citebook: Ineffective Assistance of Counsel

Prison Legal News · PO Box 1151 · Lake Worth, FL 33460

561-360-2523 · <https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/store/products/the-habeas-citebook-ineffective-assistance-of-counsel>

The Habeas Citebook (Brandon Sample, 2016, 275 pages, \$49.95 + \$6 S&H) is a much-needed tool for prisoners who are forced to seek relief on their own. The book is thorough, but simple and readable. It starts with a well-organized listing of hundreds of different types of ineffective assistance of counsel, set forth in the form of citations to court rulings - a novel approach that not only acts as a springboard for further research but also saves the prisoner countless hours of preliminary research. The book is also practical and useful. It provides invaluable resources, including templates and forms, that explain what, when, where and how to file for habeas relief. It contains readable summaries of the relevant laws and rules and plain-English explanations of some of the inherently mystifying concepts of habeas law, such as "procedural default" and "certificates of appealability" and the "AEDPA." It includes practical advice on what to do and what not to do on issues such as identifying and selecting the claims to be argued; seeking discovery and evidentiary hearings; and seeking the appointment of counsel. And the book consistently offers critical insights on winning court strategies.

Jailhouse Lawyers: Prisoners Defending Prisoners v. the U.S.A.

Prison Legal News · PO Box 1151 · Lake Worth, FL 33460 · 561-360-2523

www.prisonlegalnews.org/store/products/jailhouse-lawyers-prisoners-defending-prisoners-v-the-usa

In *Jailhouse Lawyers* (Mumia Abu-Jamal, 2009, 280 pages, \$16.95 + \$6 S&H), Prison Legal News columnist, award-winning journalist and death-row prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal presents the stories and reflections of fellow prisoners-turned-advocates who have learned to use the court system to represent other prisoners—many uneducated or illiterate—and in some cases, to win their freedom. In Mumia's words, "This is the story of law learned, not in the ivory towers of multi-billion-dollar endowed universities [but] in the bowels of the slave-ship, in the hidden, dank dungeons of America. It is law learned in a stew of bitterness, under the constant threat of violence, in places where millions of people live, but millions of others wish to ignore or forget. It is law written with stubs of pencils, or with four-inch-long rubberized flex-pens, with grit, glimmerings of brilliance, and with clear knowledge that retaliation is right outside the cell door. It is a different perspective on the law, written from the bottom, with a faint hope that a right may be wronged, an injustice redressed. It is Hard Law."

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.

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, or be allowed to keep in their possession without access by the prison administration, documents relating to their legal proceedings.