Dear Readers,

Welcome to the December 2019 edition of PARC’s National Prisoner Resource Directory. We hope this Directory assists you with information and contacts you may need.

You may notice that some organizations aren’t where you are used to seeing them – that's because the Directory has undergone a major re-organization this year. Instead of listing many organizations by state, they are now arranged by subject matter, so be sure to note for whom each organization provides services. We have also dedicated an entire section to innocence projects, which are now alphabetical rather than by state of service. We have also added a table of contents for the first time. Let us know what you think of the changes!

We are continually disappointed to be the target of attacks by certain states and individual institutions that refuse to deliver our directory to prisoners. We stand by your right to access knowledge! The PARC Directory is a rehabilitative publication and does not lawfully constitute contraband material under any state or federal regulations. Any attempt to prohibit distribution of our directory is an abuse of discretion by your facility. If you have any information about the PARC Resource Directory being rejected in your area, let us know.

We appreciate your evaluations sharing with us which organizations respond, which ones do not, and which have delays in response. New organizations have been added wherever we can, including new educational resources, reentry services, and books-to-prisoner organizations. Organizations like Amnesty International and the ACLU don’t answer individual mail due to organizational priorities and high volume of prisoner mail, but we choose to include them so you can inform them of abuse in a prison, or to request documents that may assist you in fighting your cases. We do not list pen pal resources, and instead, focus on social justice services.

As an all-volunteer organization, we do our best to respond to individual letters. We do not keep a database of prisoners who write us, so make note if you have written to us before. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to provide support over the phone, so please write to us with any questions. Our current focus is on maintaining and distributing the Directory free to all who request a copy.

We are entirely funded through small donations from individuals. We ask that you share this Directory with others, so that as many as possible may benefit from the information. If you believe the library in your prison would be willing to carry a copy or two of the PARC Directory, have them contact us. For any requests to vendors or for purchases, keep copies of all requests and orders for materials, magazines, books, so you can send again if need be. Please note that in newsprint, this Directory is 24 pages; if printed online, it is 26 pages, but it is the same content in both versions.

Much gratitude to our local partners, the Prison Literature Project, East Bay Prisoner Support, and the Tilted Scales Collective, as well as the other books-to-prisoner organizations across the country that send out our directory on request.

Thank you for building this community with us.

In solidarity toward justice,

PARC

PARC is not a law office or legal referral service. We cannot give legal advice. Please do not send original documents to us.
Amnesty International
5 Penn Plaza 16th Floor · New York, NY 10001
212-807-8400 · http://www.amnestyusa.org
Compiles information about prisoner torture, beatings, rape, etc. to include in reports about U.S. prison conditions; also works on police accountability and ending the death penalty. May not respond to individual letters.

Center for Constitutional Rights
666 Broadway · New York, NY 10012
212-614-6464 · http://ccrjustice.org
Non-profit legal and educational organization committed to the creative use of law as a positive force for social change and dedicated to advancing and protecting constitutional rights. CCR recently litigated the Ashker v Governor challenge to solitary confinement in CA. May not respond to individual letters.

Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE)
PO Box 2310 · Washington, DC 20013-2310
202-789-2126 · http://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. Serves people nationally.

Coalition for Prisoners’ Rights Newsletter
PO Box 1911 · Santa Fe, NM 87504
http://realcostofprisons.org/coalition.html
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.

Critical Resistance
1904 Franklin Street, Suite 504 · Oakland, CA 94612
510-444-0484 · http://www.criticalresistance.org
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, printed in both English and Spanish, which is free to prisoners. Previous editions of The Abolitionist are available online at: https://abolitionistpaper.wordpress.com/.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums
1100 H Street NW, Suite 1000 · Washington, DC 20005
202-822-6700 · http://www.famm.org
Nonprofit organization fighting for fair and proportionate sentencing laws that allow judicial discretion; improved prison conditions; and an increase in compassionate release. 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) · http://www.beheardcc.org
All volunteer 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 respond quickly to letters. Nationwide.

The materials contained in this resource directory are presented to aid in the rehabilitation of prisoners, as per federal and state laws. This 26-page resource directory has been published by the Prison Activist Resource Center, PO Box 70447, Oakland, CA, 94612. If included, please mail back the evaluation form with any updates.
Just Detention International
3325 Wilshire Bl, Suite 340 Ms. Cynthia Totten, Esq., Bar #199266 · Los Angeles, CA 90010
213-384-1400 · http://www.justdetention.org

JDI is a health and human rights organization that seeks to end sexual abuse and exploitation in all forms of detention. It publishes a Resource Guide listing service providers in all 50 states that can help incarcerated survivors, as well as a Survivor Packet, which includes Hope for Healing, with contact information for local rape crisis centers and legal aid organizations; and a letter of hope from another prisoner rape survivor. Prisoners may communicate confidentially with JDI using legal mail at the above address. Serves people nationally.

Lewisburg Prison Project
115 Fairley Circle, Suite 110 Spring Run Professional Park · Lewisburg, PA 17837
570-523-1104 · http://www.lewispunishmentprisonproject.org

LPP counsels and assists prisoners serving time in the Middle District of PA (federal prisons in Allenwood, Lewisburg, McKean, and Schuylkill; 11 PA state prisons, and 34 local county jails). 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.

National Center on Institutions and Alternatives
7222 Ambassador Road · Baltimore, MD 21203
(410) 265-1490 · http://www.ncianet.org

Provides sentencing advocacy, capital case mitigation services, parole release advocacy, institutional designation and transfer, and release planning. NCIA provides services to clients after sentencing, helping them with the adjustment to confinement, assisting them with designation to and placement in the least restrictive facility available. In the Federal system especially, they research questions and provide advice regarding the Bureau of Prisons, the administrative remedy process, intensive confinement, RDAP, pre-release programming, home confinement and related issues.

National Jericho Movement
PO Box 2164 · Chesterfield, VA 23832
https://www.thejerichomovement.com

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

National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated
405-7 Cooper St. Room 103 NRCCFI at Rutgers–Camden · Camden, NJ 08102
(856) 225-2718 · https://nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu/
NRCCFI is the oldest and largest organization in the U.S. focused on children and families of the incarcerated and programs that serve them. Has a library of resources downloadable from its website; publishes fact sheets and a directory listing programs in the United States and around the world that offer services specifically for children and families of the incarcerated.

Prisoner Visitation and Support
PO Box 58068 · Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-241-7117 · http://www.prisonervisitation.org

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS) is a volunteer visitation program to federal and military prisons across the U.S. 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. Serves federal and military prisoners only.

Root & Rebound
1730 Franklin St, Suite 300 · Oakland, CA 94612
510-279-4662 · http://www.rootandrebound.org/roadmap

Mostly focused on services for released Californians in reentry, but has a number of publications to plan for reentry, including the 100 page Reentry Planning Toolkit. The toolkit is not intended to give legal advice, but rather general legal information about people’s rights in reentry. Also publishes a 1211 page manual, the Roadmap to Reentry legal guide. Now also has developed resources in Minnesota, Hawai’i and Connecticut, and have pending projects in South Carolina. Serves mostly Californians.

Solitary Watch
PO Box 11374 · Washington, DC 20008 · https://solitarywatch.org/

Solitary Watch works to expose and oppose the use of solitary confinement in U.S. prisons and jails, and offers a free quarterly newsletter to prisoners. Solitary Watch also welcomes submissions of writing by those currently or formerly serving time in solitary. In Sept. 2017, published an anthology called Hell is a Very Small Place, although it does not sell the book directly. May not respond timely to letters. Serves people nationally.

The Sentencing Project
1705 DeSales Street NW, 8th Floor · Washington, DC 20036
202-628-0871 · http://www.sentenceproject.org

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

Vegetarian Resource Group
PO Box 1463 · Baltimore, MD 21203
410-386-8343 · http://www.vrg.org

The Vegetarian Resource Group is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public on vegetarianism and the interrelated issues of health, nutrition, ecology, ethics, and world hunger. In addition to publishing the Vegetarian Journal, VRG produces and sells cookbooks, other books, pamphlets, and article reprints. Serves people nationwide.

LEGAL RESOURCES
Abolitionist Law Center
PO Box 8654 · Pittsburgh, PA 15221
http://abolitionistlawcenter.org

The ALC is a public interest law firm inspired by the struggle of political and politicized prisoners, and organized for the purpose of abolishing class and race based mass incarceration in the United States. To accomplish this goal, the ALC engages in litigation on
Florida. cases such as habeas corpus petitions. Only serves people in involving mistreatment while incarcerated, or involving the conditions persons currently or areas impacting the poor and disenfranchised. This includes cases for rights, housing discrimination, disability discrimination, and other conducts civil rights litigation and advocacy in the areas of prisoners' Miami, FL 33131
100 SE Second St, Suite 3750
Florida Justice Institute
Wisconsin Law students work under an experienced family law 608 53706
· Madison, WI
University of Wisconsin Law School 975 Bascom Mall
608-262-1002 · http://www.law.wisc.edu/jfr/flip
Wisconsin Law students work under an experienced family law attorney and clinical professor to represent incarcerated parents and others in their family law matters including divorce, paternity actions, child support, child placement, visitation, guardianship, etc. They also provide pro se information and forms. Only serves individuals in Wisconsin prisons.

Family Law Project
University of Wisconsin Law School 975 Bascom Mall · Madison, WI 53706
608-262-1002 · http://www.law.wisc.edu/jfr/flip

Florida Justice Institute
100 SE Second St, Suite 3750 · Miami, FL 33131-2309
305-358-2081 · http://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. Does not assist with criminal law cases or postconviction cases such as habeas corpus petitions. Only serves people in Florida.

Florida Legal Services
PO Box 533986 · Orlando, FL 32853
407-801-4350 · http://floridalegal.org/our-projects
The Florida Institutional Legal Services Project at Florida Legal Services focuses on systemic reform litigation, community lawyering, and policy advocacy to protect the rights of adults and youth who are incarcerated in prisons, jails, and juvenile justice facilities throughout Florida. The FILS Project publishes the Florida Manual for Incarcerated Parents (2008), which may be downloaded from their website or obtained by writing to the above address. Also has reentry information packets available online that include a list of resources for each county in FL to assist individuals who are returning to their communities from institutions. Only serves people in Florida.

Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project
6 Everett Street Harvard Law School, Ste. 5107 · Cambridge, MA 02138
617-495-3127 (Toll free hotline) · http://clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap
The Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project is a law student clinic providing service to indigent inmates, including advocacy for those charged with violating prison regulations, people appearing before Parole Board and disciplinary hearings, and research assistance for domestic post-conviction. Because this program is university-affiliated, it may not be staffed during transitional periods in the academic schedule. Collect calls accepted. Provides administrative advocacy, not litigation; they do not take on any direct legal representation. Serves people in Massachusetts.

Legal Action Center
225 Varick St, 4th Floor · New York, NY 10014
212-243-1313 or Toll-free at 800-223-4044 · http://www.lac.org
The Legal Action Center'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. Serves New York state only.

Legal Aid Society Prisoner's Rights Project
199 Water St., 6th Floor · Manhattan, NY 10038
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. Serves prisoners in New York state only.

Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners
Mitchell Hamline School of Law: Legal Practice Center 875 Summit Ave · St Paul, MN 55105
651-290-6413 or 1-888-962-5529 · http://mitchellhamline.edu/clinics/lamp-legal-assistance-to-minnesota-prisoners
Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners (LAMP) provides civil representation to indigent persons incarcerated in Minnesota. Students at the Mitchell Hamline School of Law represent clients from interview through any trial. Cases include domestic relations, imprisonment-related matters (institutional grievances, parole, and detainers), and the full range of other civil problems including debtor-creditor, wills, contracts, torts, and civil rights issues. LAMP does not handle criminal appeals. Serves people in Minnesota only.
Legal Services for Prisoners with Children
4400 Market Street · Oakland, CA 94608
415-255-7036 · http://www.prisonerswithchildren.org

LSGPC publishes manuals, reports, fact sheets and pamphlets for CA prisoners in the following areas: Family Matters (guardianship, visitation, pregnancy); Reentry Services; Prison Conditions (isolation and other), and Divorce Issues. They also publish A Manual on SSI/SSDI for Prisoners and Their Advocates. Serves California only.

NAACP Legal Defense Fund
40 Rector St 5th floor · New York, NY 10006
(212)-965-2200 · http://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 respond to individual letters.

National Lawyers Guild Prison Law Project
132 Nassau St, Rm 922 · New York, NY 10038
212-679-5100 · https://www.nlg.org/jailhouse-lawyers-handbook/

The NLG helps publish the Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook (JLH) 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, which includes ability to vote on national resolutions and to receive the quarterly publication, Guild Notes. If writing in for a copy of the JLH, donations of $2 to cover postage are greatly appreciated. JLH is also downloadable online. Serves people nationally.

North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services
PO Box 25397 · Raleigh, NC 27611
919-858-2200 · http://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. Serves people in North Carolina only.

Northeastern University Prisoners' Rights Clinic
416 Huntington Ave c/o Northeastern Univ. School of Law · Boston, MA 02116 · 617-373-3628 http://www.northeastern.edu/law/experience/clinics/prisoners-rights.html

This Northeastern University program represents state prisoners in Eastern Mass. through a student clinic with free legal assistance on a variety of serious criminal issues, including disciplinary charges, parole applications, parole revocation and more. Because this program is university-affiliated, it may not be staffed during transitional periods in the academic schedule. Serves people in Mass only.

Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project
The Cast Iron Building 718 Arch St, Suite 304 South · Philadelphia, PA 19106
215-925-2966 · http://www.pailp.org

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

People's Law Office
1180 N Milwaukee Ave · Chicago, IL 60642-4019
773-235-0070 · http://www.peopleslawoffice.com

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. Serves people in Illinois.

Prison Justice League
PO Box 49988 · Austin, TX 78765
(512) 815-2053 · https://justdetention.org/service/prison-justice-league/

The Prison Justice League (PJL) works to improve conditions in Texas prisons through litigation, advocacy, and by empowering our members. PJLaddresses the needs of prisoners in Texas, challenges institutions of punishment and holds them accountable for their actions, and serves as a voice for prisoners and communities most affected by the criminal justice system. Runs prisoners civil rights clinic with University of Texas Austin law school. Serves people in Texas only.

Prison Law Office
General Delivery · San Quentin, CA 94964
510-280-2621 · http://www.prisonlaw.com

The Prison Law Office litigates and monitors California and Arizona class action lawsuits regarding medical care, mental health care, and disabled access for prisonersy. Also has extensive set of legal informational handouts. Write with your specific questions and they will send you a packet if they have one that applies. Se habla Español. Serves Californians and Arizonans only.

Prison Legal News
PO Box 1151 · Lake Worth, FL 33460
561-360-2523 · http://www.prisonlegalnews.org

Prison Legal News (PLN) is a project of the Human Rights Defense Center. It is a 72-page monthly journal covering prison related news, summaries of recent case-law decisions affecting prisoners, and analysis from across the country. A one-year subscription is $30 for prisoners, $35 for individuals and $90 for lawyers and institutions. Single copies of current or back issues are $5. PLN also sells many books related to prison issues; write for a copy of their book list - see PARC's recommendations at the back of this directory! Serves nationally.

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York
41 State St, Suite M112 · Albany, NY 12207
518-445-6053 · http://www.plsny.org

PLS NY 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 subscription request with prisoner’s name, DIN number, and facility to: Pro Se, 114 Prospect Street, Ithaca, NY 14850. Past issues of Pro Se from 2002-2016 are downloadable from their website. Serves New York state only.

**Prisoners’ Rights Office**
This section of the Vermont Office of the Defender General handles prisoners’ rights cases. Serves people in Vermont only.

**Prisoners’ Legal Services of Massachusetts**
50 Federal Street, 4th Floor · Boston, MA 02110 617-482-2773 x104 · [http://www.plsma.org/](http://www.plsma.org/)
Prisoners’ Legal Services provides legal representation and administrative advocacy in civil (non-criminal) matters related to prisoners' treatment in Massachusetts prisons and jails, and upon release on parole. Only serves indigent or poor, current or former Mass prisoners in issues including inadequate medical or mental health care, assaults or violence by staff, unsafe or inhumane conditions in Mass jails or prisons, arbitrary use of isolation, and/or unfair denial or revocation of parole. Serves people in Mass. only.

**Promise of Justice Initiative**
1024 Elyssian Fields · New Orleans, LA 70116 504-529-5955 · [https://promiseofjustice.org/](https://promiseofjustice.org/)
Legal services nonprofit that advocates for humane, faire, and equal treatment of individuals in jails and prison. Has a prison conditions project fighting to end the death penalty and solitary confinement in Louisiana prisons. Has litigated issues including medical care at Angola, inhuman heat, and conditions in Baton Rouge Parish prison. Serves people in Louisiana only.

**Southern Center for Human Rights**
83 Poplar St NW · Atlanta, GA 30303-2122 404-688-1202 · [http://www.schr.org](http://www.schr.org)
SCHR provides legal representation to people facing the death penalty in Georgia and Alabama only, as well as in cases of unconstitutional conditions of confinement. SCHR also publishes the Georgia Parole Handbook and the Gerogie Prison Advocacy Handbook, which helps explain the hierarchy in the GDC and how to maneuver within in 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. Both handbooks are available for download. Serves people in Georgia and Alabama only.

**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 California and across the country. Mostly works on three strikes cases out of California. Expect delay or no response if they cannot serve you.

**Texas Civil Rights Project**
1405 Montopolis Drive · Austin, TX 78741 · 512-474-5073 [https://texascivilrightsproject.org/our-work/criminal-justice-reform/](https://texascivilrightsproject.org/our-work/criminal-justice-reform/)
The Texas Civil Rights Project works on criminal justice reform with projects including ending solitary confinement in Texas, challenging debtor’s prison practices, ending torturous heat conditions, and improving mental health. Does not provide individual representation. Serves Texans only.

**The MacArthur Justice Center**
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law 375 E Chicago Ave · Chicago, IL 60611 312-503-1271 · [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/macarthur](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/macarthur)
The MacArthur Justice Center is a nonprofit law firm with locations in Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Washington D.C. It takes on cases regarding police misconduct, solitary confinement, wrongful convictions, and class actions around prison conditions and parole. Now also a law clinic at Northwestern law school. Write to Chicago address for other locations. Serves nationwide but expect delay or form response.

**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. Requests should have specific case cites, docket numbers or article titles, and are limited to one per month and a maximum of 50 pages. Only serves people in LA state prisons or jails; no federal prisoner requests.

**Uptown People's Law Center**
4413 N Sheridan · Chicago, IL 60640 773-769-1411 · [http://www.uplccicag.org](http://www.uplccicag.org)
The Uptown People’s Law Center (UPLC) is the only group in Illinois that actively represents prisoners in both class action matters as well as individual cases due to unconstitutional prison conditions. UPLC does not take criminal appeals. 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. Also offers advice to other attorneys in prisoner rights matters. UPLC does not represent individuals in criminal appeals. Serves people in Illinois only.

**US Department of Justice**
Civil Rights Division, Special Litigation Section, Office of the Assistant Attorney General 950 Pennsylvania Ave NW · Washington, DC 20503 202-514-6255 · [https://www.justice.gov/crt/special-litigation-section](https://www.justice.gov/crt/special-litigation-section)
The Special Litigation Section works to protect civil rights in the following areas: 1) the rights of people in state or local institutions, including: jails, prisons, juvenile detention facilities, and health care facilities for persons with disabilities; 2) the rights of individuals with disabilities to receive services in their communities rather than in institutions; 3) the rights of people who interact with state or local police or sheriffs' departments; 4) the rights of youth involved in the juvenile justice system; 5) the rights of people to have safe access to reproductive health care clinics; and 6) the rights of people to practice their religion while confined in institutions. Usually responds with a form letter.

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DEATH PENALTY RESOURCES

Death Penalty Information Center
1701 K Street NW Suite 205 · Washington, DC 20006
202-289-2275 · http://deathpenaltyinfo.org

DPIC focuses on disseminating studies and reports related to the death penalty to the news media and general public covering subjects such as race, innocence, politization, costs of the death penalty, and more. Most of their publications are freely downloadable from their website, or available for a small fee in printed format. Request a copy of their “Resource Order Form,” and also a current list of their publications.

National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
80 M St. SE · Washington, DC 20003
703-957-8198 · http://www.ncadp.org

National advocacy organization with research and information about death penalty use in each state. Does not offer legal resources. May not respond to individual letters.

INNOCENCE PROJECTS

Alaska Innocence Project
P.O. Box 201656 · Anchorage, AK 99520 · 907-279-0454
All cases for consideration by AKIP should be submitted by mail to the address above with a brief factual summary of the case and a list of the evidence which might be available to prove innocence. No other documents should be submitted for initial review. AKIP does not accept telephone or e-mail applications.

Arizona Justice Project
Arizona State University, MC 4420 411 N Central Ave, Suite 600 · Phoenix, AZ 85004-2139 · 602-496-0286 · http://www.azjusticeproject.org
Accepts both DNA and non-DNA cases and represents indigent Arizona prisoners whose claims of innocence have gone unheeded. They also conduct post-conviction DNA testing in cases of forcible rape, murder, and non-negligent homicide cases, shaken baby syndrome and arson and other cases where the testing might demonstrate actual innocence. Serves people in Arizona only.

California Innocence Project
California Western School of Law 225 Cedar St · San Diego, CA 92101
619-525-1485 · http://californiainnocenceproject.org
Accepts cases only where the conviction occurred in the following Southern California counties: Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura (for all other CA counties, see the Northern California Innocence Project). In addition to DNA cases, they also review cases that may involve witness recantations, changes in science, government misconduct, or ineffective assistance of counsel – so long as there is evidence of innocence to support the claim. Serves people convicted in Southern California counties only.

Center on Wrongful Convictions
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law 357 E Chicago Ave · Chicago, IL 60611-3069 · 312-503-8576
http://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 a 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. Serves women nationally.

Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law 375 E Chicago Ave · Chicago, IL 60611-3069 · 312-503-8576
http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/wrongfulconvictionsyouth/
The CWY 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. They are dedicated to identifying, investigating, and litigating credible innocence claims of wrongfully convicted young people and preventing future wrongful convictions.

Centurion Ministries, Inc.
Attn: Case Development Manager 1000 Herrontown Rd · Princeton, NJ 08540 · 609-921-0334 · http://www.centurionministries.org
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 they were convicted of; brief description of the crime; why they were arrested and taken to trial; what evidence was used to convict; and what evidence there is that points toward innocence.

Chicago Innocence Center
3917 Freed Drive · Stockton, CA 95202
312-263-6213 · http://www.chicagoinnocencecenter.org
As investigative journalists, the Chicago Innocence Center primarily explores and exposes cases primarily involving murder (but not exclusively) in which the a person is facing life in prison or 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.’ We 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.

Committee for Public Counsel Services Innocence Program
21 McGrath Hwy · Somerville, MA 02143
617-209-6666 · https://www.publiccounsel.net/cp/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. Write for questionnaire. Do not send original documents. Serves individuals in Massachusetts only.

**Connecticut Innocence Project**
Division of Public Defender Services 82275 Silas Deane Hwy · Rocky Hill, CT 06067 · 860-509-6400 · [http://www.ct.gov/ocpd/cwp](http://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. Serves individuals in Connecticut only.

**Georgia Innocence Project**
1458 Church Street, Suite F · Decatur, GA 30030
(404) 373-4433 · [https://www.georgiainnocenceproject.org/](https://www.georgiainnocenceproject.org/)
Accepts cases of actual innocence in Georgia; DNA and non-DNA cases; you must have at least five years left on your sentence to serve in prison, or you must be on the Georgia Sex Offender Registry. Serves Georgia Only.

**Hawaii Innocence Project**
University of Hawai'i School of Law 2515 Dole St · Honolulu, HI 96822
808-956-6547 · [https://www.hawaiiinnocenceproject.org/](https://www.hawaiiinnocenceproject.org/)
Accepts applications from prisoners who were wrongfully convicted in Hawaii and have a credible claim of factual innocence of the crime(s) they were convicted. Serves Hawaii Only.

**Idaho Innocence Project**
1910 University Dr c/o Biology Department, Boise State University · Boise, ID 83725-1515 · 208-426-4207 · [http://innocenceproject.boisestate.edu](http://innocenceproject.boisestate.edu)
Idaho prisoners with at least 5 years remaining on their sentence must write a letter directly for assistance, clearly stating his or her innocence. The project accepts only post-conviction cases from prisoners who do not currently have legal counsel. They will respond to the letter and let the prisoner know if any further information is needed before making a decision about their case. Do not send any legal documents or originals. Serves Idaho Only.

**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 · [http://www.uis.edu/innocenceproject](http://www.uis.edu/innocenceproject)
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Illinois only; DNA and non-DNA cases; must have 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 eye witnesses, identification of alternative suspects, police or prosecutorial misconduct and inconsistency of the nature of the crime as compared to the background of the prisoner. Case must no longer be in appeal and person must not have other counsel. Serves Illinois Only.

**Innocence and Justice Clinic**
Wake Forest University Law School: Attn: Innocence & Justice Clinic P.O. Box 7206 · Winston-Salem, NC 27109
336-758-6111 · [http://innocence-clinic.law.wfu.edu](http://innocence-clinic.law.wfu.edu)
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in North Carolina; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements. Only serves individuals convicted in North Carolina.

**Innocence and Justice Project**
Univ of New Mexico School of Law 1117 Stanford NE, MSCII 6070 · Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001
505-277-1415 · [http://lawschool.unm.edu/ijp](http://lawschool.unm.edu/ijp)
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in New Mexico; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements. Serves New Mexico only.

**Innocence Matters**
PO Box 1098 · Torrance, CA 90505
310-755-2518 · [http://www.innocencematters.org](http://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. Only serves people convicted in LA County.

**Innocence Project at the UVA School of Law**
University of Virginia School of Law 580 Massie Rd · Charlottesville, VA 22903 · 434-924-3732 · [http://www.innocenceprojectuva.org/contact](http://www.innocenceprojectuva.org/contact)
The Innocence Project at the UVA School of Law will consider accepting cases of wrongful convictions if three criteria are met: (1) the inmate must have been convicted of a crime in Virginia, (2) the conviction must be final, and (3) the inmate is actually innocent of the crime of which he or she was convicted. 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, send a letter requesting their application packet.

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

**Innocence Project of Florida**
1100 E Park Avenue · Tallahassee, FL 32301
850-561-6767 · [http://www.floridainnocence.org](http://www.floridainnocence.org)
Accepts cases of actual innocence in Florida; DNA and Non-DNA cases. No sentence requirements. Does not accept federal cases or cases on direct appeal. Also provides transitional and aftercare services to exonerees. Serves Florida only.

**Innocence Project of Iowa**
19 S, 7th St. · Estherville, IA 51334
[http://www.iowainnocence.org](http://www.iowainnocence.org)
The Innocence Project of Iowa reviews and litigates cases of wrongful conviction in Iowa. Cases that the organization is most likely to accept include: DNA evidence; mistaken eyewitness identification; false confessions; convictions due to police, prosecutorial, or judicial neglect or misconduct; unreliable scientific methods, tests, or procedures;
false witness testimony; and egregious defense counsel neglect or misconduct. Case must arise from Iowa. Write for a questionnaire.

**Innocence Project of Minnesota**
229 19th Avenue South, Suite 265 · Minneapolis, MN 55455
612-624-4779 · [https://www.lpmn.org](https://www.lpmn.org)
The Minnesota Innocence Project reviews wrongful convictions in cases where newly discovered evidence is identifiable and can provide clear and convincing proof of actual innocence. Actual innocence always means the defendant played no role in the commission of the crime. Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota only.

**Innocence Project of Texas**
300 Burnett St, Suite 160 · Ft. Worth, TX 76102
[https://innocencetexas.org/](https://innocencetexas.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. Only serves people convicted in Texas state court.

**Kentucky Innocence Project**
Department of Public Advocacy 5 Mill Creek Park · Frankfort, KY 40601
502-564-8006 · [http://dpagov.who_we_are/KIP/Pages/KIP.aspx](http://dpagov.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. Kentucky only.

**Korey Wise Innocence Project at Colorado Law**
University of Colorado Law School Wolf Law Building, 404 UCB · Boulder, CO 80309-0404 · 303-492-2640 · [http://www.colorado.edu/law/academics/clinics/korey-wise-innocence-project](http://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. Write for a copy of the evaluation criteria. Only Colorado cases arising in Colorado will be accepted (state and federal).

**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/experientiallearning/clinics/projectfortheinnocent](http://www.lls.edu/academics/experientiallearning/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. Serves California only.

**McKinney Wrongful Conviction Clinic**
Wrongful Conviction Clinic, Indiana Univ 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](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. Serves Indiana only.

**Medill Justice Project**
Northwestern University 1845 Sheridan Rd · Evanston, IL 60208
847-491-5840 · [http://www.medilljusticeproject.org](http://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.

**Michigan Innocence Clinic**
625 South State Street University of Michigan Law School · Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1215 · 734-764-1358 · [http://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/innocenceclinic/](http://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/innocenceclinic/)
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. Serves Michigan only.

**Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project**
2000 H Street, NW GW University Law School · Washington, DC 20052
202-994-4566 · [https://exonerate.org/](https://exonerate.org/)
The Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project provides pro bono investigative and legal assistance to prisoners convicted in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia who are actually innocent and whose innocence can be proven by DNA testing or by other newly discovered evidence. The prisoner must not be currently represented by another attorney in his or her criminal case, or have the right to appointed counsel in the case. Write for questionnaire. District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia only.

**Midwest Innocence Project**
3619 Broadway Blvd., Suite 2 · Kansas City, MO 64111
816-221-2166 · [http://www.themip.org](http://www.themip.org)
Accepts cases of actual innocence in AR, IA, KS, MO, and NE; applicant must have more than 10 years left to serve on their sentence; cannot be currently represented by another attorney; must have exhausted all appeals. Also reviews death penalty cases. Serves people in custody in AR, IA, KS, MO, and NE only.

**Mississippi Innocence Project**
Univ of Mississippi School of Law PO Box 1848 · University, MS 38677
662-915-5207 · [http://innocenceproject.olemiss.edu](http://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.

Montana Innocence Project
PO Box 7607 · Missoula, MT 59807-7607
(406) 243-6698 · http://www.mtinnocenceproject.org
Accepts DNA and non-DNA cases. Prisoners must have been convicted of a felony crime in a Montana state or federal court; must have completed trial, sentencing and direct appeals; must not currently be represented by an attorney. Priority is given to cases where convincing and corroborating evidence can establish actual innocence. Serves Montana only.

National Innocence Project
40 Worth St, Suite 701 · New York, NY 10013
212-364-5340 · http://www.innocenceproject.org
Works to exonerate the wrongly convicted through DNA testing and reforms to the criminal justice system to prevent future injustices. They accept only cases in which DNA testing can prove innocence. Write to request intake form. Does not accept cases in AZ, CA, IL, MI, OH, WI or Puerto Rico.

New England Innocence Project
120 Tremont St, Suite 735 · Boston, MA 02108
617-830-7685 · http://www.newenglandinnocence.org
Accepts cases of actual innocence in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT in which the prisoner has a claim of factual innocence; no time requirement DNA and non-DNA cases; will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases; may consider child abuse cases.

North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence
PO Box 52446 · Durham, NC 27717-2446
919-489-3268 · http://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. Only serves individuals in North Carolina.

North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission
Administrative Office of the Courts PO Box 2448 · Raleigh, NC 27602
919-890-1580 · http://www.innocencecommission-nc.gov
The Commission 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. Only serves individuals in North Carolina.

Northern California Innocence Project
Santa Clara Univ School of Law 500 El Camino · Santa Clara, CA 95053
408-554-4790 · http://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.

Office of the Public Defender
820 N French St, 3rd Floor · Wilmington, DE 19801
302-577-5200 · http://ods.delaware.gov
Accepts cases of actual innocence in Delaware; DNA cases only.

Ohio Innocence Project
University of Cincinnati College of Law PO Box 210040 · Cincinnati, OH 45221-0040 · 513-556-0752 · http://www.law.uc.edu/oip
Accepts cases of actual innocence in Ohio; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements. Only serves prisoners in Ohio.

Oklahoma Innocence Project
Oklahoma City University School of Law 800 N Harvey Ave · Oklahoma City, OK 73102 · 405-208-6161 · http://www.okinnocence.com/
The Oklahoma Innocence Project accepts cases of actual innocence in Oklahoma; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements. Must have credible evidence of factual innocence. Only serves individuals convicted in Oklahoma state court.

Oregon Innocence Project
PO Box 5248 · Portland, OR 97208
503-944-2270 · http://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. Only serves individuals convicted in Oregon state courts.

Pace Post-Conviction Project
78 North Broadway Pace Univ Law School · White Plains, NY 10603
(914) 422-4253 · http://lawweb.pace.edu/jjls/clinic.html
Law school students at Pace University investigate cases of actual innocence; DNA and non-DNA cases. Only serves prisoners convicted in Westchester County and New York City.

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. Serves individuals in South Carolina only.

Pennsylvania Innocence Project
1515 Market St, 3rd Floor Temple University Beasley School of Law · Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-204-4255 · http://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. Only serves people convicted in Pennsylvania.

Reinvestigation Project
Office of the Appellate Defender 11 Park Place, Suite 1601 · New York, NY 10007 · 212-402-4100 · http://oadny.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.

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

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

The Exoneration Project
311 North Aberdeen St, Suite 2E · Chicago, IL 60607
312-789-4955 · http://www.exonerationproject.org
The Exoneration Project is a legal clinic at the University of Chicago Law School. It 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 Last Resort Exoneration Project
Seton Hall University School of Law One Newark Center · Newark, NJ 07102 · 973-642-8500 · https://law.shu.edu/exoneration-project/index.cfm
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.

Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project
Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Texas Southern University 3100 Cleburne St · Houston, TX 77004
713-313-1139 · http://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/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. Only serves individuals convicted in Texas.

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

University of Miami Law Innocence Clinic
1311 Miller Drive · Coral Gables, FL 33146
305-284-2339 · http://law.miami.edu/academics/clinics/innocence-clinic
The clinic handles cases involving innocent individuals incarcerated for a minimum of 10 years who have new evidence ranging from recanting witnesses to new witnesses discovered by students to prosecutorial misconduct and ineffective assistance of counsel. The clinic also accepts cases involving DNA evidence.

Washington Innocence Project
Univ of Washington School of Law PO Box 85110 · Seattle, WA 98145-1110
In order to qualify for representation, a prisoner must: Be wrongly convicted of crimes in Washington; be unable to afford counsel; no longer have the right to appointed counsel; have completed the direct appeals process; have at least three years of prison time remaining to be served; have a claim of actual innocence that can be proven through DNA testing or other newly discovered evidence; and have no involvement in the crime whatsoever. Must have been convicted in Washington state to qualify.

West Virginia Innocence Project
West Virginia University College of Law PO Box 6130 · Morgantown, WV 26505-6130 · 304-293-7294 · https://wvinnocenceproject.law.wvu.edu/
Accepts cases of actual innocence in West Virginia; DNA and non-DNA cases; three or more years left to serve; will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases. Serves those convicted in West Virginia only.

Wisconsin Innocence Project
University of Wisconsin Madison 975 Bascom Mall · Madison, WI 53706-1399 · 608-262-1002 · https://law.wisc.edu/lj/clinicals/ip/representation.html
The Wisconsin Innocence Project (WIP) is a clinic at the University of Wisconsin Law School. WIP reviews cases of actual innocence. Must be incarcerated in Wisconsin, have at least seven years left of your sentence, and have a significant chance that substantial new evidence may be found to support a claim of innocence. This newly discovered evidence (NDE) could be physical evidence that was not 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. Only serves prisoners in Wisconsin.

The materials contained in this resource directory are presented to aid in the rehabilitation of prisoners, as per federal and state laws. This 26-page resource directory has been published by the Prison Activist Resource Center, PO Box 70447, Oakland, CA, 94612. If included, please mail back the evaluation form with any updates.
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.

LGBT Books to Prisoners
1202 Williamson St #1 / Social Justice Center Incubator · 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 (except those in TX). Will send books in Spanish (enviar libros en Español). Serves all states except Texas.

Prisoner Correspondence Project
QPIRG Concordia c/o Concordia University 1455 de Maisonneuve Ouest · Montréal, QC H3G 1M8 · https://prisonercorrespondenceproject.com/
The Prisoner Correspondence Project is a solidarity project for gay, lesbian, transsexual, transgender, gendervariant, two-spirit, intersex, bisexual and queer prisoners in Canada and the United States, linking them with people a part of these same communities outside of prison through a direct-correspondence program Letters to PCP in Canada cost $1.15 in US postage. Has pen pals who speak/write French. Serves people nationally.

Sinister Wisdom
2333 McIntosh Road · Dover, FL 33527
813- 502- 5549 · http://sinisterwisdom.org/
Publishes work by lesbians only - prose, poetry, essays, graphics, and book reviews. Free to women in prison. Nationwide.

Sylvia Rivera Law Project
147 West 24th Street, 5th Fl · New York, NY 10011
212-337-8550 x303 · http://www.srlp.org
Provides free legal services to released prisoners who are transgender, intersex, gender nonconforming people who are low-income, and/or people of color. They specialize in providing assistance on name changes, identity documents, public benefits, immigration, shelter and more. Serving individuals in New York area only.

The Transformative Justice Law Project
203 N Lasalle, Suite 2100 · Chicago, IL 60640
312-558-1472 · http://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. Serves people in Illinois only.

Transgender, Gender Variant, and Intersex (TGI) Justice Project
370 Turk St #370 · San Francisco, CA 94102
415-554-8491 · http://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 SF Bay Area, and are

WMU-Cooley Law School Innocence Project
300 South Capitol Ave · Lansing, MI 48901
517-371-5140 · https://www.cooley.edu/academics/experiential-learning/innocence-project
Accepts cases of actual innocence in Michigan; DNA cases only; must be in custody; no time requirement. The Cooley Innocence Project is part of the Innocence Network, which has been credited with the release of over 329 wrongly accused prisoners mainly through the use of DNA testing. 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. Click here for more information about the Cooley Innocence Project.

Wrongful Conviction Project - Ohio Public Defender
250 East Broad St, Suite 1400 Attn: Project Director, Joe Bodenhamer Columbus, OH 43215 · 614-466-5394 https://opd.ohio.gov/Trial-Services/Wrongful-Conviction-Project
Cases accepted for review: Cases of actual innocence in Ohio; non-DNA cases only; arson cases; Shaken Baby Syndrome cases; child sex abuse cases; all other claims of actual innocence. Only serves prisoners in Ohio.

LGBTQI-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS
Black and Pink
6223 Maple St #4600 · Omaha, NE 68104
(531) 600-9089 · http://www.blackandpink.org
Black and Pink is a volunteer organization that lists LGBTQ on a pen-pal website, a monthly newsletter of primarily queer/trans prisoner writing, and in some cases will advocate for specific prisoner needs while also working to abolish the Prison Industrial Complex as a whole. May not timely respond to letters. Serves individuals in CA, NM, CO, NE, WI, IL, NY, RI, and MA.

GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)
18 Tremont, Suite 950 · Boston, MA 02108
617-426-1350 · https://www.glad.org/
Through strategic litigation, public policy advocacy and education, GLAD works in New England and nationally to create a just society free of discrimination based on gender identity and expression, HIV status and sexual orientation. As part of this work, GLAD takes very select legal representation on behalf of LGBTQ prisoners. Has a victory in Sept. 2018 achieving transfer of a trans woman to a women’s prison in Maine. Also has a New England centered resource guide. Mostly serves people in New England.

Hearts on a Wire
1315 Spruce St. William Way Center · Philadelphia, PA 19107
http://heartsonawire.org
Hearts on a Wire is a grassroots organization working to address the needs of incarcerated transgender people in Pennsylvania prisons. They are a group of trans and gender variant people building a movement for gender self-determination, racial and economic justice, and an end to policing and imprisoning our communities. Offers a free newsletter to incarcerated and detained people. Write to be added to their mailing list.

Lambda Legal
120 Wall St, 19th Floor · New York, NY 10005-3919
212-809-8585 · https://www.lambdalegal.org/
part of a broader movement fighting for racial and social justice. Some services nationwide but more services for Californians. Expect delays in response to letters.

**Transgender Law Center**
PO Box 70976 Detention Project · Oakland, CA 94612-0976

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

**Tranzmission Prison Project**
PO Box 1874 Tranzmission Prison Project · Asheville, NC 28802
http://www.tranzmissionprisonproject.org/

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. Serves people nationwide.

**WOMEN’S ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES**

**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. May not respond to individual letters.

**Aid to Inmate Mothers**
PO Box 986 · Montgomery, AL 36101-0986
334-262-2245, 800-679-0246 · http://www.inmatemoms.org

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

**California Coalition for Women Prisoners**
4400 Market St · Oakland, CA 94608
L.A. Chapter – PO Box 291585, Los Angeles, CA 90029
415-255-7036, ext. 4 · http://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 (PIC). The struggle for racial and gender justice is central to dismantling the PIC and CCWP prioritizes the leadership of the people, families, and communities most impacted in building this movement. CCWP also visits women prisoners in CA and produces a newsletter "The Fire Inside," free to women prisoners. Serves individuals in California only.

**Chicago Books to Women in Prison**
c/o RFUMC 4511 N Hermitage Ave · Chicago, IL 60640
https://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 women in prisons nationwide, including transwomen in men’s prisons. They send threebooks in a package. Please provide several options of genre or subject matter. Currently serves Cook County jail (no other short term facilities) and state prisons in Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi and Ohio, as well as all federal prisons.

**Hastings Women’s Law Journal**
UC Hastings College of Law 200 McAllister St · San Francisco, CA 94102-4707
415-581-8952 · https://repository.uchastings.edu/hwlj/

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 actively seeking submissions from women in prison about their experiences. Submissions should be double-spaced, typewritten on 8.5” x 11” paper, with citations in footnote style. All submissions should be accompanied by a cover letter and a brief abstract, if applicable. All necessary contact information should also be included.

**Hour Children**
36-11 12th St · Long Island City, NY 11106
718-433-4724 · http://www.hourchildren.org

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

**Justice Now**
1322 Webster St, Suite 210 · Oakland, CA 94612
510 839-7654 or 510 832-HELP (4357) · https://www.justicenow.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.

**Keeping the Faith: The Prison Project**
The Pat Graney Company PO Box 221009 · Seattle, WA 98122
206-329-3705 · http://www.patgraney.org/education/keeping-the-faith

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. Serves women in Washington only.

**National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women**
990 Spring Garden Street, Suite 703 · Philadelphia, PA 19123
215-763-1144 · https://www.ncdbw.org/

The Clearinghouse assists defense teams on cases involving domestic violence survivors charged with crimes related to their abuse. It does not provide directly legal representation, but consults with defense teams. They have a number of publications downloadable for free on this issue intersecting with criminal cases.
immigration, and family law proceedings. Serves women nationally, but expect delay in response to letters.

**Women’s Prison Association**
110 Second Ave · New York, NY 10003
646-292-7742 · [http://www.wpapane.org](http://www.wpapane.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. Provides transitional planning and education in NY women’s prisons, as well as HIV counseling and testing. Serves women in New York state only.

**Women’s Prison Book Project**
c/o Boneshaker Books 2002 23rd Ave S · Minneapolis, MN 55404
612-871-7110 · [https://wpbp.org](https://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. WPBP also has a free resource guide for women and trans prisoners and a newsletter which publishes prisoner articles. Also runs the Midwest Trans Prisoner PenPal Project. Ofrecen materiales de lectura en Español. Only serves women and trans prisoners.

**HEALTH CARE RESOURCES**

**National Hepatitis Corrections Network**
1621 South Jackson Street, Suite 201 · Seattle, WA 98144
206-732-031 · [http://www.hcvinprison.org](http://www.hcvinprison.org)
The NHCN serves as a hub of resources and information about hepatitis C in prisons and jails, including publishing resources about Hep C treatment in prison and producing educational materials for incarcerated people about hepatitis. The NHCN is a program of the Hepatitis Education Project (HEP), a nonprofit organization based in Seattle, WA. Serves people nationally.

**Prison Health News**
4722 Baltimore St c/o Books Through Bars · Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-525-0460 · [https://prisonhealthnews.wordpress.com](https://prisonhealthnews.wordpress.com/)
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. On their website, articles on many health topics are available for download. Write to them for a free subscription or with health questions. Serves people nationally.

**HIV RESOURCES**

**Center for Health Justice**
900 Avila St, Suite 301 · Los Angeles, CA 90012
213-229-0985 · [http://www.centerforhealthjustice.org](http://www.centerforhealthjustice.org)
CHJ serves prisoners in the Los Angeles County Jails and throughout CA, and also 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 a copy of their publications.

**Test Positive Action Network**
5537 N. Broadway · Chicago, IL 60640
773-989-9400 · [https://www.tpian.com](https://www.tpian.com/
Publishes Positively Aware, a bimonthly magazine covering HIV/AIDS treatment, research, policy and lifestyle. Offers free subscriptions to prisoners.

**AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania**
1211 Chestnut St, Suite 600 · Philadelphia, PA 19107
Nonprofit public-interest law firm providing free legal assistance to people living with HIV and AIDS, including PA prisoners. English and Spanish spoken. Only serves prisoners if incarcerated in Pennsylvania.

**FREE BOOKS PROGRAMS**

**Antioch College Books to Prisoners Project**
One Morgan Place · Yellow Springs, OH 45387
https://antiocprisonjustice.wordpress.com/about/
Antioch College Books to Prisoners Project is committed to developing discourse and action related to incarceration and the criminal “justice” system. They provide free books and zines to incarcerated people Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Indiana.

**Appalachian Prison Book Project**
PO Box 601 · Morgantown, WV 26507
https://appalachianprisonbookproject.org/
The Appalachian Prison Book Project sends free books, hosts book clubs inside prisons in our region, and is leading an effort to bring for-credit college courses into prison. They provides books to prisoners in the Appalachian region only; KY, MD, OH, TN, VA, & WV.

**Athens Books to Prisoners**
P.O. Box 45 · Rutland, OH 45775
[http://athensbookstoprisoners.weebly.com](http://athensbookstoprisoners.weebly.com)
Athens Books to Prisoners is a volunteer run organization that sends free books to prisoners in Ohio upon request. Serves people in Ohio only.

**Book ’Em**
c/o Thomas Merton Center 5129 Penn Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15224
412-361-3022 ext. 4 · [http://www.bookempgh.org](http://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. Sends books to individuals in Pennsylvania only.

**Books Through Bars**
4722 Baltimore Ave · Philadelphia, 19143
215-727-8170 · [http://www.booksthroughbars.org](http://www.booksthroughbars.org)
Sends free books to individual prisoners. Prisoners may request by topic (not exact title or author), and provide several areas of interest if possible. Serves individuals in DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA, VA, & WV only.

**Books to Prisoners**
c/o Left Bank Books 92 Pike St, Box A · Seattle, WA 98101
206-527-3339 · [http://www.bookstoprisoners.net](http://www.bookstoprisoners.net)
Request by subject; very few religious or legal materials. Does not ship to prisons that require all books sent be new. No requests from male prisoners in California. Sends nationally, with exceptions.
DC Books to Prisoners
PO Box 34190 · Washington, DC 20043
http://dcbookstoprisoners.org
Request reading material by mail. Please request by prioritized subject 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. Please wait 5 months between requests.

East Bay Prisoner Support
PO Box 22449 · Oakland, CA 94609
http://www.eastbayprisonersupport.wordpress.com
Formed in 2007 as an prison abolitionist, anti-authoritarian collective. Write to receive a catalog. Sends free anarchist, anti-war, and political literature to prisoners in CA, AZ, NM, TX, UT and NV only. Focus on queer, trans and women prisoners in any state.

Inside Books Project
3106 E. 14 1/2 Street c/o 12th Street Books · Austin, TX 78702
512-655-3121 · http://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. Serves people in Texas prisons only.

Louisiana Books 2 Prisoners
3157 Gentilly Blvd. #141 · New Orleans, LA 70122
504-272-7323 · http://www.lab2p.org
Louisiana Books 2 Prisoners 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, with all other letters answered in the order received.

Midwest Books to Prisoners
1321 N Milwaukee Ave, PMB #460 · Chicago, IL 60622
http://midwestb2p.com
Midwest Books to Prisoners is staffed by volunteers who collect book donations, read letters, pack packages and solicit donations. Books are sent 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 · http://www.pagestoprunions.org
Midwest Pages to Prisoners provides free books and zines to prisoners in these ten Midwest states only: AR, IA, IN, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, OK, & SD. In your letter, please tell us what type of reading material you are interested in—sharing subjects and genres of interest is most helpful.

NYC Books Through Bars
c/o Bluestockings Bookstore 172 Allen St · New York, NY 10002
http://www.booksthroughbarsnyc.org
Specializes in political and history books, as well as literary fiction and other educational books with a priority for New York prisoners. Does not send religious literature. 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 · http://www.prisonbookprogram.org
National books to prisoners organization. Offers a free 6-page "National Prisoner Resource List," and a free resource list for LGBTQ. Does not send books or any other materials to any jails. Books may be delayed up to 4 to 6 months. Allows two book shipments per year. Serves people nationally EXCEPT CA, IL, MD, MI, NV, and TX, as well as some other individual prisons.

Prison Book Project
C/o Open Books Bookstore 1040 N Guillemond St · Pensacola, FL 32501
850-453-6774 · http://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. Serves people in Florida only.

Prison Books Collective
PO Box 625 · Carrboro, NC 27510
https://prisonbooks.info
Prison Books Collective is a NC-based group that sends free books to people in Alabama and North Carolina prisons only. Sends free zines (small booklets) on various political topics to all states. Request our zine catalog. Serves Alabama and North Carolina prisons only.

Prisoner Express
130 Anabel Taylor Hall Durland Alternatives Library · Ithaca, NY 14853
607-255-6486 · http://www.prisonerexpress.org
Prisoner Express News is published every six months and sent free of charge to incarcerated individuals throughout the United States. They are also available for download online. It also sends books and educational packets as available. Serves people nationally.

Prisoners Literature Project
C/o Bound Together Books 1369 Haight St · San Francisco, CA 94117
510-749-4160 · http://www.prisonlit.org
The Prisoners Literature Project is an all-volunteer grassroots organization that sends free books to prisoners across the U.S. Please request types of books, not specific titles. They do not carry Christian books or legal texts. Please limit requests to once per year, and be patient while they try to find books to match your requests. Inform them of any book restrictions at your prison. PLP is one of PARC's partners - ask them for your next copy of the PARC directory! Serves people nationally except Texas.

Providence Books Through Bars
5 Angell St c/o Paper Nautilus Books · Providence, RI 02906
401-356-0388 · https://sites.google.com/site/booksthroughbarsprovidence/home
Providence Books Through Bars is a grassroots, all-volunteer book program. Books may be requested by subject. Serves people nationally.

Read Between the Bars
PO Box 4414 c/o Daily Planet Publishing · Tucson, AZ 85733
http://www.readbetweenthebars.com
Grassroots collective in Tucson that originated in March 2007 sending free books. Serves people in Arizona only.

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RedBird Books-to-Prisoners  
PO Box 10599 · Columbus, OH 43201
http://redbirdprisonabolition.blogspot.com

RedBird Books-to-Prisoners is dedicated to providing Ohio prisoners with free books and reading materials. Send requests by subject. Only serves Ohio prisoners.

Rogue Liberation Library  
PO Box 3418 · Ashland, OR 97520 · https://peacehouse.net/RLL/

The Rogue Liberation Library meets monthly to read letters and send books to people in federal and state prisons in OR, CA, ID, TX, and NV only.

Urbana-Champaign Books to Prisoners  
PO Box 515 · Urbana, IL 61803
708-782-4608 · http://www.books2prisoners.org

UC Books to Prisoners is an Urbana, Illinois based project providing books at no cost by mail to inmates in state and federal prisons, as well as in two county jail libraries. Serves people in Illinois only.

Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project  
The Social Justice Center 1202 Williamson Street #1
Madison, WI 53703
608-257-6050 · http://www.peoplesbookcoop.org/books-to-prisoners

Wisconsin Books to Prisoners is a small, all-volunteer, non-profit organization that sends books free of charge to state and federal prisoners in Wisconsin. Request by subject category. Only serves prisoners in Wisconsin.

NEWSLETTERS AND MAGAZINES

Anarchist Black Cross Los Angeles  
P.O. Box 11223 · Whittier, CA 90603
https://www.abcd.net/

Since the beginning of the Twentieth Century, the Anarchist Black Cross (ABC), has been on the forefront in supporting those imprisoned for struggling for freedom and liberty. In May of 1995, a small group of ABC collectives merged into a Federation whose aim was to focus on the overall support and defense of political prisoners and prisoners of war. Write for information on political prisoners and for addresses of other chapters in Bakersfield CA, Inland Empire CA, Orange County, Lancaster PA, Philadelphia PA, and New York City.

Denver Anarchist Black Cross  
PO Box 102435 · Denver, CO 80250
https://denverabc.wordpress.com

The mission of the Denver Anarchist Black Cross is to contribute to the support of political prisoners and defense of local and global social movements, while working for liberation from colonial domination, and strengthening autonomy, mutual aid, and self-determination. Offers many handouts and information about political prisoners.

Grant Publications  
PO Box 28812 · Greenfield, WI 53228-0812 · (414) 543-5616
Magazine subscription services with years of experience servicing inmates. Send SASE for more information. Order any five (5) magazine subscriptions and get one (1) year magazine subscription for free from specially marked list with (*). Serves people nationwide.

News & Letters  
228 South Wabash, Suite 230 · Chicago, IL 60604
312-431-8242 · http://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. Serves people nationally.

San Quentin News  
Main Street · San Quentin, CA 94964
http://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 mailed copy of the SQ News, send $1.61 in postage. This process should be repeated every month for each new edition.

Slingshot Magazine  
PO Box 3051 · Berkeley, 94703
510-540-0751 ext. 3 (voicemail only) · https://slingshotcollective.org/

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. Serves people nationally.

The Angolite  
Louisiana State Penitentiary c/o Cashiers Office · Angola, LA 70712
files.deathpenaltyinfo.org/legacy/documents/AngoliteSubscriptionForm.pdf

The Angolite is published and edited by prisoners at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, LA. Subscriptions are $20 per year, $38 for 2 years, or $54 for three years. Write for order form.

The Prison Mirror  
970 Pickett St North c/o Pat Pawlak · Bayport, MN 55003-1490
651-779-2700 · https://mn.gov/doc/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.

VENDORS AND PUBLISHERS

Edward R. Hamilton Books  
PO Box 15 · Falls Village, 06031-0015
http://www.hamiltonbook.com

Vendors 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; New Arrivals; and Bargain Books. Serves people nationally.

Freebird Publishers  
PO Box 541 · North Dighton, MA 02764

Freebird Publishers offers prisoner publications including titles such as 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 prisoners.

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incarcerated individuals. Send for their packet of color brochures, and include a pre-addresses stamped envelope for faster service. Produces Inmate Shopper (2018-19 Issue), America’s largest book of resources for inmate’s services plus many other sections of reading and entertainment. PARC especially recommends the Inmate Shopper which reviews and rates many of the businesses that service inmates. Order online, phone, email or send a payment for $24.99 (includes priority shipping & tracking) to the above address. Accepts JPay and Corrlinks. MoneyGram also accepted.

Haymarket Books
PO Box 180165 · Chicago, IL 60618
773-583-7884 · http://www.haymarketbooks.org
Haymarket Books is a nonprofit, radical book distributor and publisher, a project of the Center for Economic Research and Social Change. 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). Serves people nationally.

Inmate Magazine Service
PO Box 2063 · Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549
855-936-4674 · http://www.inmatemagazineservice.com
Magazine subscription service for prisoners. Offers specials such as 3 full year subscriptions for $20 and 6 for $25. Write for their order form.

Pathfinder Press
PO Box 162767 · Atlanta, GA 30321-2767
404-669-0600 (voice mail only) · http://www.pathfinderpress.com
Pathfinder Press is a publisher whic carries books on the works of revolutionary and working class leaders, in many different languages. 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. Serves people nationally.

PM Press
PO Box 23912 · Oakland, CA 94623
510-658-3906 · http://www.pmpress.org
PM Press carries counter-culture, anti-prison, and similar titles including The Prison-Industrial Complex and the Global Economy, Let Freedom Ring: A Collection of Documents from the Movements to Free U.S. Political Prisoners, and more. Prisoners receive a 50% discount. Write for a free catalog. Check your selection against the prison's contraband list as many political books are banned. Serves nationally.

Tightwad Magazine
PO Box 629 Catalog Requests · Burgin, KY 40310
This is a catalog for inmates where they can order all different magazines at discount prices. They have quite a large selection. And even have magazines that can be payed for with stamps. They do not have a web site or a phone #. Send SASE to the address above.

COLLEGE AND HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES
Adams State University Prison College Program
Prison College Program/Office of Extended Studies Attn: Jim Bullington 208 Edgemont Bl, Suite 3000 · Alamosa, CO 81101
719-567-7671 or 1-800-548-6679
https://www.adams.edu/academics/print-based/prison-college-program/
Take courses and earn a degree through print-based correspondence.

Print-based course offered as part of the paralegal I & II, and advanced paralegal certificate programs have a tuition rate of $645, and are offered in collaboration with the Center of Legal Studies. All other print-based courses have a tuition-rate of $220/ credit hour or $660 per 3 credit course. offers Associates and Bachelor degrees. Write for course catalog and application information. Serves people nationally.

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. Serves those incarcerated in Ohio only.

Bard Prison Initiative
Bard College PO Box 5000 · Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000
845-758-7308 · http://bpi.bard.edu
The Bard Prison Initiative (BPI) 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. 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. Only serves individuals in select New York State prisons.

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.

Cornell Prison Education Program
300 Kennedy Hall · Ithaca, NY 14853
607-255-0901 · http://cpep.cornell.edu
The Cornell Prison Education Program brings together Cornell faculty and graduate students to teach a free college-level liberal arts curriculum to a select group of inmates at several correctional facilities near Cornell University. Only serves individuals in New York State.

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Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison
PO Box 862 · Ossining, NY 10582
914-941-0794 · http://www.hudsonlink.org
Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison provides college
educations, life skills and re-entry support to incarcerated men and
women incarcerated in NY state correctional facilities. Hudson Link
also provides wraparound alumni services. Through Hudson Link,
degree-granting college programs are offered to prisoners at Fishkill,
Sing Sing, Greene, Shawangunk 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. Provides services in
New York state only.

Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program
1938 Liacouras Walk, MB 299-06, Suite 301 Temple University ·
Philadelphia, PA 19122 · 215-204-5163 ·
http://www.insideouteutcenter.org
Organization supporting education model that brings together
campus-based college students with incarcerated students for a class
held inside jail or prison. This is a training center for Inside-Out
education programs all across the country, it does not directly teach
students. Write to find out if there is an inside-out program in your
state.

Ohio University Correctional Education
Haning Hall 102.1 Ohio University · Athens , OH 45701
800-444-2420 · https://www.ohio.edu/ecampus/print/correctional/
Ohio University Southern offers print-based courses to earn degree or
simply take courses. Offers Associates, Bachelors, and Legal Studies
Certificate courses. Write for a student inquiry packet and application,
or get family/friends to download from the internet and mail directly to
you. Serves people nationally.

Prison University Project
PO Box 492 · San Quentin, CA 94964
415-455-8088 · http://www.prisonuniversityproject.org
Prison University Project is a non-profit organization that supports the
College Program at San Quentin State Prison, an associate's degree
program Courses are taught by volunteers, most of them graduate
students, instructors, and faculty members from San Francisco Bay
Area colleges and universities. Also works to expand higher
educations for incarcerated Californians more generally. Published
report on higher education in prison. Supports people in California
only.

Upper Iowa University
PO Box 1857 Self Paced Degree Program · Fayette, IA 52142
800-553-4150 · http://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. Offers associate degrees in business, liberal arts,
public administration, social science, and more. Write for tuition costs
(up to $990 per course) and course catalog. Serves people
nationwide.

PRISON WRITING / ARTS PROGRAMS
PEN Prison Writing Program
588 Broadway, Suite 303 · New York, NY 10012
212-334-1660 · https://pen.org/prison-writing/
The PEN prison writing program provide hundreds of imprisoned
writers across the country with free writing resources, skilled mentors,
and audiences for their work. Its program supports free expression,
and encourages the use of the written word as a legitimate form of
power. In additional to mentoring, PEN publishes a national list of
prison-based creative writing programs, sponsors an annual writing
contest, publishes the free book Handbook for Writers In Prison,
conducts workshops, and seeks to promote prisoners' work publicly
through literary publications and readings. Serves writers nationally.

Prison Creative Arts Project
1801 East Quadrangle 701 E. University Ave. · Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734.647.6771 · https://lsa.umich.edu/pcap
The Prison Creative Arts Project (PCAP) facilitates fine arts, creative
writing, and theatre workshops in juvenile detention centers and
prisons in Michigan. Its programs include weekly creative arts
workshops in prisons, exhibitions by currently and formerly
incarcerated artists, an annual literary journal of creative writing by
incarcerated adults, and a reentry arts program. Serves people in
Michigan only.

PrisonArte.com
C/O SG Sales & Marketing PO Box 1773 · Avondale, AZ 85323
(970) 703-4003 · https://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 PrisonArte's
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. The quality of every piece is inspected
and approved in order to put on PrisonArte's stamp of approval. To
obtain the 7-page prison artist application packet, a pre-addressed
stamped envelope (1 Forever stamp) must be included. Incarcerated
artists interested in applying, please write to us and include a self-
addressed prepaid envelope to be considered.

Prisons Foundation
2512 Virginia Ave NW, #58043 · Washington, DC 20037
202-393-1511 · http://www.prisonsfoundation.org/
Prisons Foundation publishes books written by or about prisoners.
Their publishing program includes posting books onto their website for
download. They also exhibit art created in prison (see
guidelines prior to sending a manuscript. The prison author retains full
rights to their book, for later placement with a literary agent or
commercial publisher if desired. It also now offers quality Dictionaries
and Thesauruses for only $3.95 each, and will mail them directly to
prisoners. Serves writers nationally.

The Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project
203 Spidle Hall · Auburn, AL 36849
334-844-8946 · http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/apaep
This program is administered by Auburn University and dedicated to
bringing educational opportunities to prisoners in Alabama. The
program's goal is to improve education and to support relationships
with learning that will continue to grow for the rest of your life. Serves
people in Alabama only.

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Oakland, CA, 94612. If included, please mail back the evaluation form with any updates.
The American Prison Writing Archive
198 College Hill Rd Hamilton College · Clinton, NY 13323-1218
315-859-4125 · https://apw.dhinitiative.org/
The American Prison Writing Archive is a 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. All prisoners can contribute. 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. Write in for the permissions-questionnaire, which MUST accompany all submissions. Serves writers nationally.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMS
CURE-SORT
PO Box 1022 · Norman, OK 73070-1022
405-639-7262 · http://www.cure-sort.org
CURE-SORT (Sex Offenders Restored through Treatment) has information, resources, contacts, and support to individuals, families, 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). Provides info nationally.

Narcotics Anonymous
PO Box 9999 · Van Nuys, CA 91409
818-773-9999 · http://www.na.org
NA publishes a wide variety of materials concerning drug addiction and recovery, some of which are expressly produced for persons currently incarcerated, including Behind the Walls. Offers services in many different languages. También ofrece literatura en español, incluyendo Entre Rejas. Has many pamphlets and booklets available for free download from the internet. Ask friends or family to print and send to you directly. Provides information nationally.

Prison Yoga Project
PO Box 415 · Bolinas, CA 94924 · https://prisonyoga.org
Prison Yoga Project supports incarcerated people with trauma-informed yoga and mindfulness practices as a means of self-empowerment and self-rehabilitation. PYP believes yoga helps everyone develop the self-awareness, self-worth, empathy, and compassion that leads to positive personal and pro-social choices. Since 2010, it has sent more than 26,000 copies of Yoga: A Path for Healing and Recovery free of charge on request. Serves people nationally.

The Insight Prison Project
PO Box 29 · San Quentin, CA 94964
415-459-9800 · http://www.insightprisonproject.org
IPP offers transformational programs for prisoners and parolees, which are supported by crime victims and community volunteers. IPP currently conducts 25 weekly classes at San Quentin State Prison, involving some 300 prisoners, as well classes in 15 other prisons. IPP’s Victim Offender Education Group is a nationally recognized restorative justice program. Provides in-prison services in California, Massachusetts, and Colorado.

The Osborne Association
809 Westchester Avenue · Bronx, NY 10455
718-707-2600 · http://www.osborneny.org
Osborne offers a wide range of direct services to justice system-involved people and their children and families designed to reduce crime and reliance on incarceration, heal the damage and trauma of crime and incarceration, and enhance opportunity for those affected by crime and incarceration. Offers services to incarcerated parents as well. Write for list of programs and services. The Osborne Association has three locations: in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Newburgh. Only serves people in New York.

RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL RESOURCES
Aleph Institute
9540 Collins Ave · Surfside, FL 33154-7127
305-864-5553 · http://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 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.

American Bible Academy
PO Box 1627 · Joplin, MO 64802-1627
http://www.abarc.org/
Free English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses for prisoners. All courses are 120 pages in length. Info also available from www.abarc.org

Anthroposophical Prison Outreach Project
1923 Geddes Ave · Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734-662-9355 x238 · http://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.

Association For Research and Enlightenment
215 67th St. c/o Prison Outreach Program · Virginia Beach, VA 23451
800-333-4499 or 757-428-3588
Books about the life and work of Edgar Cayce, prayer, meditation, ancient mysteries, dreams, death and the afterlife, reincarnation and karma, the Bible, universal laws, self-transformation, and prophecy. Prisoners are limited to one book every two months.

BBI Media
PO Box 687 · Forest Grove, OR 97116
503-430-8817 · http://www.bbimedia.com/
Offers free subscriptions to prison chaplains and prison libraries at women's facilities. Requests must be submitted on official prison letterhead. Publishes Witches & Pagans and SageWoman.

Chuang Yen Monastery
2020 Route 301 Attn. Rev. Richard Baksa, Prison Program · Carmel, NY 10512

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Our organization sends free Buddhist books to prisoners who request them, answers questions regarding Buddhist beliefs and practice that prisoners may have, and sponsors a free Buddhist Correspondence Course for prisoners.

Compassion Works For All
PO Box 7708 · Little Rock, AR 72217-7708
(501) 508-4334 · http://www.compassionworksforall.org
Provides monthly Dharma Friends newsletters, and also lists the following resources: Personal Health and Nutrition, 12 Step and Buddhism, Buddhist Resources, Christian Spiritual Resources, Hindu and Yoga Spiritual Resources, Other Spiritual and Psychological Healing Resources, Todd Fletcher's Buddhist Resource List, Ani Tendron's Recommended Buddhist Readings.

Human Kindness Foundation Prison-Ashram Project
Human Kindness Foundation PO Box 61619 · Durham, NC 27715
919-383-5160 · https://humankindness.org/
The Human Kindness Foundation's Prison-Ashram Project sends free books and newsletters to people in prisons and jails all over the U.S., including We're All Doing Time by the late Bo Lozoff. HKF encourages a way of life based upon three common principles taught by the great sages of all religions: Simple living, a dedication to service, and a commitment to personal spiritual practice. Write to request materials in English or Spanish. Limited materials also available to addresses outside the U.S.

ISKCON Prison Ministry
PO Box 2676 · Alachua, FL 32616
https://iskconprisonministry.org/
Sends free material about bhakti-yoga study and practice; books, prayer beads, CDs, MP3s, and incense. We need to know: 1) Which items you are allowed to have, 2) Are you allowed hardbound or only softbound books? 3) Which items can be sent to you directly and which only through the chaplain? The books cover reincarnation, karma, and how to live a simple, godly life, and find internal peace and joy no matter what your circumstances.

Islamic Education Center
2313 South Voss Rd. · Houston, TX 77057
713 787 5000 · https://iec-houston.org
Serves the community of Houston with weekly services and serves as a center for imparting knowledge about Islam and promoting Islamic values. No dedicated prisoner publication; write for more information.

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713 787 5000 · https://iec-houston.org
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Islamic Society of North America
PO Box 38 ISNA Subscription Dept · Plainfield , IN 46168
317-839-8157 · http://www.isna.net
ISNA's vision is to be an exemplary and unifying Islamic organization in North America that contributes to the betterment of the Muslim community and society at large. Sends Quraans and other introductory books on Islamic study to prison libraries and inmates. Ability to send books depends on the prison's policies. Also publishes a bi-monthly magazine, Islamic Horizons for $24/year. Serves people nationwide.

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

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

Navajo Nation Corrections Project
PO Drawer 709 · Window Rock, AZ 86515
928-871-7555 · https://nnigovernance.arizona.edu/navajo-nation-corrections-project
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. Serves people in Arizona only.

PMI offers many projects to promote mindfulness and meditation for prisoners around the world. Projects include Prison Dharma Press (write for price list and catalog), Path of Freedom, a mindfulness-based emotional intelligence program for prisoners, and an international prison dharma network. Services mostly provided in Mass and Rhode Island; books provided nationally.

Rock of Ages Prison Ministry
PO Box 2308 · Cleveland, TN 37320
423-479-3243 · https://roapm.org/
Offers Christian ministry outreach to prisoners as well as a New Testament correspondence study course through their Prisoners Bible Institute. Serves people nationally.

Set Free Prison Ministries
PO Box 5440 · Riverside , CA 92517
1-951-729-5499 · http://www.setfreeprisonministries.org
Provides Bible study courses in English and Spanish to people free of charge. Curriculum consists of Bible courses from the Navigators in Colorado Springs, Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and Emmaus Correspondence School in Iowa. Provides free postage both mailing and return. Serves people nationally.

SYDA Foundation Yoga Prison Project
PO Box 99140 · Emeryville, CA 94662
510-898-2700 ex.4113

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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. Serves people nationally, but expect delay in response.

**REZional Reentry/Advocacy Organizations**

**Arizona**
- **Middle Ground Prison Reform**
  139 E Encanto Dr · Tempe, AZ 85281
  480-966-8116 · [http://www.middlegroundprisonreform.org](http://www.middlegroundprisonreform.org)
  Middle Ground Prison Reform has been working for Arizona's prisoners and their families since 1983. Their main areas of activity are: 1) public education about the need for criminal justice reform; 2) legislative advocacy on behalf of prisoners and their visitors; 3) litigation to protect and define the rights and responsibilities of prisoners and their supporters; 4) referral to community resources for ex-offenders. They do not publish a hard copy newsletter. Instead, they encourage friends and family of prisoners to visit their website and download and mail copies of pertinent information inside to prisoners. Serves people in Arizona only.

**California**
- **California Families to Abolish Solitary Confinement**
  8016 E. Santa Ana Canyon Rd. Suite 100 #213 · Anaheim, CA 92808-1102
  714-290-9077 · [https://somalwatch.org/cfasc/](https://somalwatch.org/cfasc/)
  CFASC is dedicated to stopping the inhumane treatment of prisoners within the California penal system, especially those held in solitary confinement. Their ultimate goal is to end the use of solitary confinement. Primarily an organization working with family members. Serves Californians only.
- **California's Parole Suitability Hearing Support**
  PO Box 1933 · Chino, CA 91708 · 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. Serves only individuals in California.
- **Centerforce**
  PO Box 415 · San Quentin, CA 94964
  (510) 834-3457 · [https://www.centerforce.ngo/](https://www.centerforce.ngo/)
  Provides 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 individual letters. Serves select individuals in California.
- **Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund**
  3075 Adeline St, Suite 210 · Berkeley, CA 94703
  510-644-2555 · [http://www.dredf.org](http://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. Serves people in California only.
- **Friends Committee on Legislation of California**
  1225 8th St, Suite 220 · Sacramento, CA 95814-4809
  916-443-3734 · [http://www.fclca.org](http://www.fclca.org)
  Quaker-founded group that advocates and lobbies for CA state laws that are just, compassionate, and respectful of the inherent worth of every person. They publish a free quarterly periodical, the FCLCA Newsletter, which keeps track of pending legislation. Serves Californians only.
- **Life Support Alliance**
  PO Box 277 · Rancho Cordova, CA 95741
  916-402-3750 · [http://www.lifesupportalliance.org](http://www.lifesupportalliance.org)
  The mission of LSA is to be the voice and presence of lifers, by responding to and identifying the needs and concerns of the greater lifer population and community, and assisting lifers in becoming suitable for parole and articulating that suitability to the Board of Parole Hearings. They also publish the California Lifer Newsletter, 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. Subscription rates are: Inmates, $35 per year, $60 for 2 yrs, $90 for 3 yrs. Free individuals, $99 per year, $180 for 2 years.
- **Project AVARY**
  PO Box 150088 · San Rafael, CA 94915-0088
  415-457-8799 · [http://www.projectavary.org](http://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
  [http://asi.sfsu.edu/programs/project-rebound](http://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. Has programs at SF State, CSU Bakersfield, CSU Fresno, CSU Fullerton, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Sacramento, CSU Riverside, CSU San Bernardino, and San Diego State. Write to SF State for program information and addresses across state. Serves released Californians only.
- **Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco**
  880 Bryant St, Rm 200 · San Francisco, CA 94103
  415-241-4254 · [https://sf-qoso.org/](https://sf-qoso.org/)
  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; also downloadable from their website. Serves released Californians only.
- **Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos**
  1817 Soquel Ave · Santa Cruz, CA 95062
  831-457-8208 · [http://www.barriossunidos.net](http://www.barriossunidos.net)

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The Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos Prison Project is dedicated to providing cultural and spiritual education, support, and hope to individuals. The Project advocates for prison policy reform and programs that reduce recidivism, support re-entry, and reunify families. Serves Californians only.

COLORADO
Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
1212 Mariposa St, Suite 6 · Denver, CO 80204
303-825-0122 · http://www.ccjrc.org

HAWAII
Community Alliance on Prisons
PO Box 37158 · Honolulu, HI 96837-0158
808-927-1214 · http://caphawaii.wordpress.com
A coalition that focuses on alternatives to incarceration, prison reform legislative issues, community education, and effective interventions for all of Hawaii’s lawbreakers. CAP’s goal is to educate the community on best practices and proven strategies that preserve human dignity, reform our criminal justice system, and motivate the greater community to take action on these important issues. Serves individuals in Hawaii only.

IDAHO
Ex-Offender Re-Entry Services Guide
Ex-Offender Re-Entry Services, Idaho Department of Labor 317 West Main St · Boise, ID 83735 · 208-332-3570 (Boise office)
The 23-page Ex-Offender Re-Entry Services Guide (last updated 9/2017) has been designed to enhance and expand services to ex-offenders in Idaho, and assist in their re-entry into the State's workforce. Materials available for download. Only serves people in Idaho.

ILLINOIS
John Howard Association of Illinois
70 East Lake Street, Suite 410 · Chicago, IL 60610
312-291-9183 · http://www.thejha.org/
The John Howard Association (JHA) is the only independent monitor for corrections in Illinois. They visit all Illinois prisons and juvenile facilities, write reports about prison conditions, and advocate for system-wide policy changes. Write to JHA for further details and to report an issue or problem related to conditions of confinement, ask a question about prison policies and practices, and request information including JHA public statements, reports, survey results, information packets, forms, and IDOC rules. Write “privileged mail” on the envelope to communicate confidentially. Responds to letters from any states and facilities, but only monitors and reports on Illinois prisons.

MAINE
Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition
PO Box 534 · Cumberland, ME 04021
http://www.maineprisoneraadvocacy.org
The Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition (MPAC) is comprised of Maine prisoners, their friends and families, victims of crime, and others committed to ethical, positive, and humane changes in Maine’s prison system. They focus on solitary confinement, inhumane conditions of confinement, and reentry services. Serves Maine only.

MICHIGAN
AFSC Michigan Criminal Justice Program
124 Pearl St, Suite 607 · Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-761-8283 · http://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. Serves those incarcerated in Michigan only.

The Michigan Lifers Association
4417 Second Avenue ste 211 · Detroit, MI 48201-1641
313-442-3629
Support for Michigan lifers led by Willis X. Harris, found innocent after serving over 23 years in the Michigan prison system. Write for information about programming and support for lifers. Serves people in MI only.

MISSISSIPPI
Mississippi Reentry Guide
134 East Amite Street c/o Foundation for the Mid South · Jackson, MS 39201
601-355-8167 · http://www.msreentryguide.com
This 196-page Mississippi Reentry Guide is intended to provide essential information and resources about services to ex-offenders and those that support them. Their goal is to ensure that those leaving incarceration will have an easier and more successful transition back into their community. Serves people in Mississippi only.

NEW YORK
Connections 2017
The New York Public Library, Correctional Library Services 455 Fifth Ave, 6th floor · New York, NY 10016 · 212-592-7553 · http://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. Serves New Yorkers only.

New York State Prisoner Justice Coalition
33 Central Ave · Albany, NY 12210
518-434-4037 · http://www.nyprisonerjustice.org
Publishes the New York State Prisoner Justice Network Directory, a free 16-page directory of over 100 New York justice and prisoner support organizations. Has not been updated since 2015 so may be out of date. Serves New Yorkers.

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The Prison Reentry Institute
524 W 59th St, Rm 609B · John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY 10019
212-621-3792 · http://johnjaypri.org/category/research-and-publications
The Prison Reentry Institute (PRI) of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice is a policy advocacy organization with several publications on topics including solitary confinement, women in prison, housing for justice-involved people, pre-trial practice, and access to education for people returning from prison. In March 2019, it published Mapping the Landscape of Higher Education in New York State Prisons, the first of its kind in examining both the history and scope of college-in-prison programs in New York state. The PRI has other publications available; ask for their list of research and publications. Most research focused on New York.

The Prison Reentry Institute
John Jay College of Criminal Law 524 W 59th St, Rm 609B · New York, NY 10019 · 212-393-6435 · http://johnjaypri.org
The Prison 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. 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 youth.

OREGON
Partnership for Safety & Justice
825 NE 20th Ave, Suite 250 · Portland, OR 97232
503-335-8449 · http://www.safetyandjustice.org
PSJ is an advocacy organization that works to reduce harsh prison sentences and reinvest in communities through successful diversion programs. Has a number of research publications on the negative impacts of incarceration. No direct services to prisoners - only reentry. Serves Oregonians only.

The Pathfinder Network
PO Box 3257 · Gresham, OR 97030
503-892-5396 · http://www.thepathfindernetwork.org/
Formerly Pathfinders of Oregon. Has several successful programs in prisons and the community. Classes inside prison including Parenting Inside Out and the Healing Opportunities, Promoting Empowerment (HOPE) program. Outside, Pathfinders Network provides reentry support, including peer mentoring and parenting classes, at the Center for Family Success. Serves people in Oregon only.

Pennsylvania Prison Society
230 South Broad Street, Suite 605 · Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-564-4775 · http://www.prisonsociety.org
PPS offers resources to Pennsylvania prisoners in the form of a visiting program to learn about issues with conditions of confinement, transportation support for visitors across the state, and reentry services including mentoring. It also publishes "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 on criminal justice issues. Serves people in Pennsylvania only; newsletter available to all.

SOUTH DAKOTA
Hope Prison Ministry South Dakota
PO Box 284 · Sioux Falls, SD 57101-0284 · https://hopeprisonministrys dak.org
Hope Prison Ministry assists men and women leaving prisons in South Dakota with clothing, housing, transportation, and food to support them in making a new start and re-establishing themselves in society.

TENNESSEE
Project Return
806 4th Ave South · Nashville, TN 37210
615-327-9654 · http://www.projectreturninc.org
Project Return equips former offenders with the education, coaching, and support services necessary to gain employment and begin a new life. Project Return conducts pre-release programs in correctional facilities to prepare inmates for their release dates. Serves Tennessee prisoners only.

UTAH
Utah Prisoner Advocate Network
PO Box 464 · Draper, UT 84020
http://utahprisoneradvocate.org/
Utah Prisoner Advocate Network (UPAN) offers support to incarcerated individuals as well as friends and families through providing education and information about conditions of confinement including housing and medical. UPAN does not provide legal support - do not send legal documents. It also publishes a monthly newsletter. The best way to receive the newsletter is to ask family or friends to get on the email list and then print and send you the newsletter directly. If you do not have any family or friends to support, contact UPAN directly. Serves people in Utah only.

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PARC RECOMMENDED LEGAL AND EDUCATIONAL PRISON BOOKS

A Jailhouse Lawyer’s Manual
435 West 116th Street c/o Columbia Human Rights Law Review, Attn: JLM Order · New York, NY 10027
212-854-1601 · http://www3.law.columbia.edu/hfr/jlm
A Jailhouse Lawyer’s Manual (11th Ed, 2017, 1288 pages, $30) is a handbook of legal rights and procedures designed to inform prisoners of their rights and how to use judicial process to secure these rights on both the federal and state level, with an emphasis on New York State law. It also has published state supplements for Louisiana, Texas, and an Immigration & Consular Access Supplement (102 pages) containing information about the immigration law consequences of criminal convictions for people who are not U.S. Citizens. For incarcerated persons, the Eleventh Edition of the main JLM is $30; the Louisiana State Supplement is $25; the Texas Supplement is $20; and the Immigration & Consular Access Supplement is $15. For non-prisoners, the main JLM is $140; the Louisiana State Supplement is $100; the Texas Supplement is $70; and the Immigration & Consular Access Supplement is $50. Each chapter of the JLM is also available for free download online. To obtain the order form, send a pre-addressed stamped envelope to the above address.

Battling the Administration: An Inmate’s Guide to a Successful Lawsuit
Wynwood Press PO Box 557 · Bonners Ferry, ID 83805
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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. Has not been updated since 21014.

The California Prison and Parole Law Handbook
General Delivery Prison Law Office · San Quentin, CA 94964
800-630-4104 · https://prisonlaw.com/resources/prison-handbook/
The California Prison and Parole Law Handbook (Heather MacKay & Prison Law Office, 5th Ed, 2019, 1170 pages) is newly updated in 2019! It is a comprehensive overview of the laws and policies affecting people in state prisons and on parole in California. Includes extensive discussion of the administrative appeals and court actions that people can use to protect their rights and to seek remedies. 19 chapters, plus resource lists, forms, and sample legal documents. It is available for download for free online at https://prisonlaw.com/resources/prison-handbook/. Paper copies for people in custody are $20 and $200 for all others. Prices include tax, shipping and handling. The Prison Law Office has a monthly drawing for free copies of The Handbook for people in custody. To be put in the pool, a person should send a copy of their trust account statement showing that they have not had more than $25 in their account in the past six months to Prison Law Office at above address. Chapters include: Administrative Appeals; Rights of People in Prison; Cruel and Unusual Punishment, Use of Excessive Force, and Protection from Physical and Sexual Abuse; Classification, Housing and Programs; Prison Rule Violations; Placement in Segregation; Medical, Mental Health, and Dental Care; Determine Sentences, Restitution, Time Credits, and Release Dates; Life Parole Suitability, Other Board of Parole Hearings Proceedings, Commutations, and Pardons; Detainers and Extradition; Parole and Post-Release Community Supervision; MDO and SVP Commitments; Workers Compensation and Other Benefits; Immigration Issues for People in Prison; Direct Appeals of Criminal Convictions; State Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus and Writ of Mandate/Prohibition; Federal Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus; Federal Civil Rights (“Section 1983”) Lawsuits; State Tort Lawsuits; and Legal Research, Writing, and Strategies.

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The Georgetown Law Journal Annual Review of Criminal Procedure (ARCP) 45th Ed, July 2016, 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
The Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook (5th Ed, 2010, 158 pages, free) 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 paperbound copy, mail a request to the above address. Please note the Handbook is also available downloaded from their website (http://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.

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


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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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