



PARC National Prisoner Resource Directory

December 2019

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.

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NATIONWIDE ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES

Adopt An Inmate

PO Box 1543 · Veneta, OR 97487

971-236-7897 · <http://adoptaninmate.org>

Nonprofit volunteer organization that connects outside volunteers with prisoners seeking mentors, support and friendship. (They are not a dating service). Their website is a comprehensive source of tools and resources to advocate for inmates. They welcome stories, poems, artwork, and book reviews by inmates and their advocates for publication on their website (indicate submission type on outside of envelope). Send your request for a survey with a short bio (1-3 paragraphs) and include a pre-addressed, stamped envelope when possible. To follow up on an existing request, indicate "follow-up" on outside of envelope.

AFSC Prison Watch Project

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

<http://afsc.org/new-yorknew-jersey-healing-justice-and-prison-watch>

Publishes Survivors Manual: Surviving in Solitary, by Bonnie Kerness (2012, 94 pages), free to prisoners and \$3 for all others. The book is a powerful collection of voices from solitary, as people currently or formerly held in isolation vividly describe their conditions and their daily lives. The collection also includes artwork and poetry. Also available is a free 6-page brochure entitled LGBTQ+ Prisoner Resource Guide (2017). Serves people nationwide.

All of Us or None

4400 Market St · Oakland, CA 94608

415-255-7036 x337 · <http://www.allofusornone.org>

All of Us or None is a grassroots organizing project of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children. All of Us or None fights for the full restoration of our civil and human rights of formerly and currently-incarcerated people and families. They are fighting against the discrimination that people face every day because of arrest or conviction history. The goal of All of Us or None is to strengthen the voices of people most affected by mass incarceration and the growth of the prison-industrial complex. Through their grassroots organizing, they are building a powerful political movement to win full restoration of our human and civil rights.

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.behearddc.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.

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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 Farley Circle, Suite 110 Spring Run Professional Park · Lewisburg, PA 17837

570-523-1104 · <http://www.lewisburgprisonproject.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 22305

(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 Toolkits. 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.sentencingproject.org>

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

Vegetarian Resource Group

PO Box 1463 · Baltimore, MD 21203

410-366-8343 · <http://www.vrg.org>

The Vegetarian Resource Group is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public on vegetarianism and the interrelated issues of health, nutrition, 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

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behalf of people whose human rights have been violated in prison, produces educational programs to inform the general public about the evils of mass incarceration, and works to develop a mass movement against the American penal system by building alliances and nurturing solidarity across social divisions. Only accepts very select cases, primarily in Pennsylvania

Columbia Legal Services

101 Yesler Way, Suite 300 Institutions Project · Seattle, WA 98104
206-382-3399 · <https://columbialegal.org/get-help/>
The Institutions Project represents people confined in Washington's jails, prisons, juvenile detention facilities, mental health facilities, and facilities for people with developmental disabilities. This work has focused on conditions of confinement, discrimination, sentencing and placement, alternatives to institutionalization, and access to courts, as well as issues related to rehabilitation, re-entry, and reductions in recidivism. Serves people in Washington state only.

Disability Rights Texas

2222 West Braker Lane · Austin, TX 78758
512-454-4816 voice/TDD · <http://www.drxt.org>
Advocacy for disabled people in Texas, including those in some correctional facilities. Write for handout: Disability Discrimination in Correctional Facilities, or Suing a Government Entity for an Injury. Only serves Texans.

Equal Justice Initiative

122 Commerce St · Montgomery, AL 36104
334-269-1803 · <http://www.eji.org/deathpenalty/innocence>
Provides legal representation to indigent defendants and prisoners who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system. They litigate on behalf of condemned prisoners, juvenile offenders, people wrongly convicted or charged with violent crimes, poor people denied effective representation, and others whose trials are marked by racial bias or prosecutorial misconduct. Mostly works with people in Southern states.

Family Law Project

University of Wisconsin Law School 975 Bascom Mall · Madison, WI 53706
608-262-1002 · <http://www.law.wisc.edu/fjr/flp>
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.

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 Mass only.

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
212-577-3300 · <https://www.lawhelpny.org/organization/legal-aid-society-prisoners-rights-project/>
The Prisoner's Rights Project (PRP) protects and enforces the legal rights of New York City and New York State prisoners through litigation, advice, and assistance to individual prisoners. PRP does not deal with 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.

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Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

4400 Market Street · Oakland, CA 94608

415-255-7036 · <http://www.prisonerswithchildren.org>

LSPC publishes manuals, reports, fact sheets and pamphlets for CA prisoners in the following areas: Family Matters (guardianship, visitation, pregnancy); Reentry Services; Prison Conditions (isolation and other), and Divorce Issues. 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

919-856-2200 · <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 (P JL) works to improve conditions in Texas prisons through litigation, advocacy, and by empowering our members. P JL addresses 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 prisoners. 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>

PLSNY provides free legal services to New York State prisoners. Also publishes Pro Se newsletter six times per year for prisoners in New

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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

6 Baldwin St, 4th Floor · Montpelier, VT 05633-3301
802-828-3194 · <http://defgen.vermont.gov/research/prisoners-rights-office>

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

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 Elysian Fields · New Orleans, LA 70116
504-529-5955 · <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, inhumane 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>

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 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

Stanford Law School 559 Nathan Abbott Way · Stanford, CA 94305-8610

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

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

The Texas Civil Rights Project works on criminal justice reform with projects including ending solitary confinement in Texas, challenging debtor's prison practices, ending tortuous heat conditions, and improving mental health. Does not provide individual representation. Serves Texans only.

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>

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.uplcchicago.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>

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.

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

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 · 312-503-2391
<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/wrongfulconvictions>

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

Center on Wrongful Convictions - Women's Project

Center on Wrongful Convictions, Northwestern University Pitzker School of Law 375 E Chicago Ave · Chicago, IL 60611-3069 · 312-503-8576

www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/wrongfulconvictions/womensproject

The Center of Wrongful Convictions Women's Project monitors potential cases of wrongfully convicted women across the country, facilitates the sharing of information about such cases, and educates the public about relevant issues. They consider cases in which the person seeking assistance must be in no way responsible for the crimes of which she was convicted, and the trial must be completed and have resulted in a conviction and sentence. 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 CWCY is the only innocence project in the country that focuses exclusively on individuals who were convicted or accused of crimes when they were adolescents or younger. 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

617-209-5666 · <https://www.publiccounsel.net/pc/innocence-program>

The CPCS Innocence Program aims to identify and litigate new trial motions on behalf of indigent Massachusetts state defendants who are 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

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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>
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/>
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.

Hawai'i Innocence Project

University of Hawai'i School of Law 2515 Dole St · Honolulu, HI 96822
808-956-6547 · <https://www.hawaiiinnocenceproject.org/>
Accepts applications from prisoners who were wrongfully convicted in Hawai'i 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>
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>
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>
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>
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>
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>
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>
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>
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>
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;

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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 285 · Minneapolis, MN 55455
612-624-4779 · <https://www.ipmn.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/>

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://dpa.ky.gov/who_we_are/KIP/Pages/KIP.aspx

In order to qualify for services from the Kentucky Innocence Project, prospective clients should meet the following criteria: a Kentucky conviction & incarceration; a minimum ten-year sentence; a minimum of three years until eligible to go before the parole board or if parole has been deferred, a minimum of three years to the next appearance before the parole board; new evidence of innocence discovered since the conviction which can be investigated; and a claim of actual innocence. 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>

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/

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>

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>

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/>

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

202-994-4586 · <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>

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>

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

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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.mtinnoceproject.org>

Accepts DNA and non-DNA cases. Prisoners must have been convicted of a felony crime in a Montana state or federal court; must have completed trial, sentencing and direct appeals; must not currently be represented by an attorney. Priority is given to cases where convincing and corroborating evidence can establish actual innocence. Serves Montana only.

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/jils/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://oadnyc.org/reinvestigation-project>

Accepts cases of actual innocence for felony convictions in Manhattan

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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://rminnocence.org/>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Nevada, Wyoming or Utah; DNA and non-DNA cases; seven or more years left to serve on sentence; must be completely innocent; significant new evidence must be available to prove the prisoner's innocence.

The Exoneration Initiative

233 Broadway, Suite 2370 · New York, NY 10279
212-965-9335 · <http://exonerationinitiative.org>

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

The Exoneration Project

311 North Aberdeen St, 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

206-616-8792 ·

<https://www.law.washington.edu/clinics/ipnw/clients.aspx>

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/fjr/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 previously subjected to forensic examination, such as DNA testing. NDE may also include non-physical evidence, such as from an eyewitness who was previously unknown or a recantation from a victim, if such a recantation is supported by other new evidence. Only serves prisoners in Wisconsin.

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 wrongfully 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/>

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 c/o 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://prisonerconcordanceproject.com/>

The Prisoner Correspondence Project is a solidarity project for gay, lesbian, transsexual, transgender, gender variant, 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

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part of a broader movement fighting for racial and social justice. Some services nationwide but more services for Californians. Expect delays in response to letters.

Transgender Law Center

PO Box 70976 Detention Project · Oakland, CA 94612-0976
510-587-9696 collect line for inmates & detainees: 510-380-8229 ·
<http://transgenderlawcenter.org>

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

Tranzmission Prison Project

PO Box 1874 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://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 three books 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.wpaonline.org>

The Women's Prison Association (WPA) offers a range of services aimed at helping women in the New York City area. Their direct service network is organized in three broad areas; Residential and Family Services; Reentry Services; and neighborhood based services. 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>

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>

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/>

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>

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.tpan.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
215-587-9377 · <http://www.aidslawpa.org>

Nonprofit public-interest law firm providing free legal assistance to people living with HIV and AIDS, including PA prisoners. 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://antiochprisonjustice.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>

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>

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>

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>

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.

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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 and other 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.pagestoprisoners.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 Guillemard 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.prisonexpress.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.peoplesbookscoop.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.abcf.net/>

Since the beginning of the Twentieth Century, the Anarchist Black Cross (ABC), has been on the frontline 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>

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

Freebird Publishers

PO Box 541 · North Dighton, MA 02764

888-712-1987 or 774-406-8682 · <http://www.FreebirdPublishers.com>

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

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incarcerated individuals. Send for their packet of color brochures, and include a pre-addressed 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 which 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 paid 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
719-587-7671 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
607-255-9091 · <http://cpep.cornell.edu>
The Cornell Prison Education Program brings together Cornell faculty and graduate students to teach a free college-level liberal arts curriculum to a select group of inmates at several correctional facilities near Cornell University. Only serves individuals in New York State.

Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison

PO Box 862 · Ossining, NY 10562

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.insideoutcenter.org>

Organization supporting education model that brings together campus-based college students with incarcerated students for a class held inside jail or prison. this is a training center for Inside-Out education programs all across the country. it does not directly teach students. Write 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 on-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 addition 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.prisonfoundation.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 www.SafeStreetsArts.org). Write directly for book submission 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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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 an 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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845- 225- 1819 or 845- 228-4288 · <https://www.baus.org/en/>
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 the following resource lists; Personal Health and Nutrition, 12 Step and Buddhism, Buddhist Resources, Christian Spiritual Resources, Hindu and Yoga Spiritual Resources, Other Spiritual and Psychological Healing Resources, Todd Fletcher's Buddhist Resource List, Ani Tendron's Recommended Buddhist Readings.

Human Kindness Foundation Prison-Ashram Project

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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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 Qurans and other introductory books on Islamic study to prison libraries and inmates. Ability to send books depends on the prison's policies. Also publishes a bi-monthly

magazine, Islamic Horizons for \$24/year. Serves people nationwide.

Jewish Prisoner Services International

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

Prison Mindfulness Institute

PO Box 206 · South Deerfield, MA 01373
<http://dharmacompanions.wordpress.com/>
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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<http://www.siddhayoga.org/syda-foundation/prison-project>

The Prison Project is dedicated to disseminating the Siddha Yoga teachings and practices to incarcerated individuals. Sends free monthly newsletter and the Siddha Yoga Home Study Course to prisoners. Serves people nationally, but expect delay in response.

REGIONAL REENTRY/ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

ARIZONA

Middle Ground Prison Reform

139 E Encanto Dr · Tempe, AZ 85281

480-966-8116 · <http://www.middlegroundprisonreform.org>

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

CALIFORNIA

California Families to Abolish Solitary Confinement

8018 E. Santa Ana Canyon Rd. Suite 100 #213 · Anaheim, CA 92808-1102

714-290-9077 · <https://solitarywatch.org/cfasc/>

CFASC is dedicated to stopping the inhumane treatment of prisoners within the California penal system, especially those held in solitary confinement. Their ultimate goal is to end the use of solitary confinement. 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/>

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>

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.flca.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>

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>

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>

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 Bernadino, 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-goso.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.barriosunidos.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>

CCJRC publishes prisoner information guides, a free quarterly newsletter, and a 200-page reentry guide for parolees in Colorado titled Getting On After Getting Out: A Re-entry Guide for Colorado ("Go Guide"). This book provides extensive information to help people prepare for release and successfully reintegrate back into their families and communities. The cost is \$10 + \$3 S&H. Serves individuals in Colorado only.

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)
<http://labor.idaho.gov/publications/ex-offender.pdf>

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 work force. 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.maineprisoneradvocacy.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.nysprisonerjustice.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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Prisoner Reentry Institute

524 W 59th St, Rm 609B John Jay College of Criminal Law, ¹¹_{SEP} · New York, NY 10019

212-621-3792 · <http://johnjaypri.org/category/research-and-publications>

The Prisoner Reentry Institute (PRI) of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice is a policy advocacy organizations 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.

Prisoner Reentry Institute

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The Prisoner Reentry Institute (PRI) of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice with the mission of supporting the successful reentry of justice-involved people back into communities. PRI regularly produces studies and publications made available for prisoners, including the Guide to Continuing Your Education after Prison. 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://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. Clases inside prison including Parenting Inside Out and the Healing Opportunities, Promoiing 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

Human Rights Coalition

PO Box 34580 · Philadelphia, PA 19104

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

The Human Rights Coalition (HRC) advocates for abolishment of solitary confinement in Pennsylvania prisons. Publishes the HRC Legal Pamphlet Series, other pamphlets and information letters, and the "PA Prison Directory Action Guide" (2009) (too many pages for them to print & mail, but available for download on their website). Serves Pennsylvania Only.

Pennsylvania Prison Society

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

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

PPS offers resources to Pennsylvania prisoners in the form of 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://hopeprisonministrysdak.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 prisons 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.

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/hrlr/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 the 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

Wynword Press PO Box 557 · Bonners Ferry, ID 83805

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

Battling the Administration (David J. Meister, April 2014, 566 pages, \$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; Determinate Sentences, Restitution, Time Credits, and Release Dates; Life Parole Suitability, Other Board of Parole Hearings Proceedings, Commutations, and Pardons; Detainers and Extradition; Parole and Post-Release Community Supervision; MDO and SVP Commitments; Workers Compensation and Other Benefits; Immigration Issues for People in Prison; Direct Appeals of Criminal Convictions; State Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus and Writ of Mandate/Prohibition; Federal Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus; Federal Civil Rights ("Section 1983") Lawsuits; State Tort Lawsuits; and Legal Research, Writing, and Strategies.

Georgetown Law Journal Annual Review of Criminal Procedure

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

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

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

132 Nassau St, Rm 922 National Lawyers Guild—Prison Law Project · New York, NY 10038 <http://jailouselaw.org/>

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://jailouselaw.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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Prison Legal News Manuals and Litigation Guides

The following are available through Prison Legal News, PO Box 1151 Lake Worth, FL 33460, 561-360-2523

<https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/store/products/>

1. **Prisoners' Self Help Litigation Manual:** John Boston & Dan Manville, 4th Ed, 2010, 928 pages, \$54.95 + S&H. This is an indispensable guide for prisoners and prisoner advocates seeking to understand the rights guaranteed to prisoners by law and how to protect conditions of confinement, civil liberties in prison, procedural due process, the legal system, how to litigate, conducting effective legal research, and writing legal documents. Also available on Ebay and third party sellers at a discount.
2. **Prison Education Guide:** Christopher Zoukis, 2016, 280 pages, \$49.95 + \$6 S&H. This exceptional book provides the reader with step-by-step instructions to find the right educational program, enroll in courses and complete classes to meet their academic goals.
3. **Protecting Your Health and Safety: A Litigation Guide For Inmates:** Robert E. Toone, 2nd Ed, 2009, 325 pages, \$10 + \$6 S&H. This is an easy to read, plain language guide prisoners can use to identify and litigate federal civil rights claims against prison officials. Over 100 pages are dedicated to the different kinds of constitutional and statutory violations prisoners frequently encounter while incarcerated. Has not been updated since 2009; be sure to check case cites for updated case law.
4. **The Disciplinary Self-Help Litigation Manual:** Dan Manville, 2nd Ed, 2015, 368 pages, \$49.95 + \$6 S&H. This is designed to inform prisoners of their rights when faced with the consequences of a disciplinary hearing. This authoritative and comprehensive work educates prisoners about their rights throughout this process and helps guide them at all stages, from administrative hearing through litigation. This invaluable how-to guide offers step by step information for both state and federal prisoners and includes a 50 state analysis of relevant case law.
5. **The Habeas Citebook: Ineffective Assistance of Counsel:** Brandon Sample, 2nd Ed, 2016, 275 pages, \$49.95 +\$6 S&H. The book is also practical and useful. It provides invaluable resources, including templates and forms, that explain what, when, where and how to file for habeas relief. It contains readable summaries of the relevant laws and rules and plain-English explanations of some of the inherently mystifying concepts of habeas law, such as "procedural default" and "certificates of appealability" and the "AEDPA," along with practical advice.
6. **Federal Prison Handbook:** Christopher Zoukis, 2016, 491 pages, \$49.95 +\$6 S&H is the definitive guide to surviving incarceration in a federal prison. This handbook teaches individuals facing incarceration, prisoners who are already inside, and their friends and family everything they need to know to protect themselves and their rights. The thorough information was compiled by someone who has first-hand experience with the federal prison system, as Zoukis is an advocate currently serving time at a federal prison. His insider's view of this unknown world guides inmates through the mental stresses of confinement.

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

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

Basic Principles

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

Books

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

Contacts with the Outside World

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

Education and Recreation

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

Exercise and Sport

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

Food

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

Guiding Principles

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

Health-Care Services

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

Information to and Complaints by Prisoners

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

Institutional Personnel

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

Instruments of Restraint

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

Restrictions, Discipline and Sanctions

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

Searches of Prisoners and Cells

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

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