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Greetings,

September 2015

Welcome to the September 2015 edition of the PARC *Prisoner Resource Directory*. Thanks to the hundreds of readers who have written letters of support and encouragement and/or returned our evaluation form, enabling us to get a better idea of the true readership of the directory and let us know which direction to take when adding new categories or information. In response to your letters, this edition includes several new book projects, prisoner advocacy groups and updated addresses for many of the listings. Special thanks to those who pass on the directory to others. According to your reports, our resource directory is widely circulated and viewed by an average of 15 or more people.

Several of the organizations listed in this directory no longer respond to individual prisoner letters, but are still listed for informational purposes or have resources that friends or family may download through the Internet and mail into the prisoner (e.g., the ACLU National Prison Project, as detailed on page 2). These groups are noted throughout the directory.

Over the past few years, many states and jurisdictions have expanded their reentry programs and available post-incarceration resources, with public agencies and non-profit groups publishing guides with the addresses of offices and forms that can be filled out prior to release. Several of these reentry guides are now listed in the directory. Please let us know of other available guides to reentry resources so that we may further publicize these sources via inserts and a future reentry section.

PARC supports the ongoing federal lawsuit over cruel and unusual conditions in California's security housing units (*Ashker v Governor*, 4:09-cv-05796 CW), which was filed jointly by the nationally recognized *Center for Constitutional Rights*, Oakland-based *California Prison Focus*, and San Francisco-based *Legal Services for Prisoners with Children*. The case is now moving forward as a class action lawsuit with ongoing settlement negotiations. We will provide relevant updates and continuing case status through inserts placed in the Directory. The case can also be followed at www.prisonerhungerstrikesolidarity.wordpress.com.

The Obama administration recently launched a new program to allow some federal and state prisoners eligibility for Pell grant funding to take college courses. The program will allow, on a temporary basis, federal grants to be used to cover college costs for prisoners for the first time since Congress excluded them from student aid in 1994. The program will last three to five years and be open to prisoners who are eligible for release, particularly within the next five years. Prisoners could be eligible for the money as early as the fall of 2016. PARC will provide further information as it becomes available.

We do not keep a database of the prisoners with whom we correspond. For any further correspondence, please label the outside of your envelope "Second Contact - No Packet Needed." We do our best to answer individual requests. We graciously accept your support and enthusiasm. To those on the outside, feel free to copy and distribute this directory. We hope the directory assists you with information and contacts you may need.

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

In Solidarity towards Justice PARC

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

915 15th Street NW, 7th Floor | Washington, DC 20005
202-393-4930 www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights

The ACLU National Prison Project (NPP) handles class action lawsuits to ensure that conditions of confinement in prisons, jails, and other places of detention are constitutional. The NPP does not handle cases on behalf of individual prisoners and does not assist individual prisoners with their criminal cases or post-conviction matters. Litigation is usually limited to cases involving major class actions challenging prison conditions or related matters. (Note: The NPP no longer responds to individual letters requesting copies of their Prisoner's Assistance Directory or other resource materials. Instead, friends or family may visit their website, download and print out available materials, and mail to the prisoner.)

Adopt An Inmate

PO Box 1543 | Veneta, OR 97487

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

Adopt an Inmate is a nonprofit volunteer organization that seeks to create extended family for inmates by matching them with adopters. Their website is a comprehensive source of tools and resources needed to advocate for inmates. They welcome stories, poems, artwork, and book reviews by both inmates and their advocates. Their blog page features a rotating "Welcome" banner provided by inmates. Contact them to submit any of the following: 1) an inmate name for adoption, 2) writing or artwork (including a "welcome" banner), or 3) to volunteer as an adopter.

All of Us or None c/o Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

1540 Market Street #490 | San Francisco, CA 94102

415-255-7036 ext. 337 www.allofusornone.org

All of Us or None is a national organizing initiative of prisoners and former prisoners to combat the many forms of discrimination that prisoners face upon release. They do not answer letters from prisoners, but rather are active in several local and national campaigns, including BAN THE BOX, a movement to end job discrimination based on felony convictions.

AFSC Prison Watch Project

89 Market Street, 6th Floor | Newark, NJ 07102

973-643-3192 <https://afsc.org/story/survivors-manual-those-suffering-solitary>
American Friends Service Committee Prison Watch Project has published the Fifth Edition of the *Survivors Manual: Surviving in Solitary*, by Bonnie Kerness (2012, 94 pages), which is free to prisoners and \$3 for all others. This book is a powerful collection of voices from solitary, as people currently or formerly held in isolation vividly describe their conditions and their daily lives. The collection also includes artwork and poetry.

Amnesty International

5 Penn Plaza | New York, NY 10001

212-807-8400 www.amnestyusa.org

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

Center for Constitutional Rights

666 Broadway | New York, NY 10012

212-614-6481 <http://ccrjustice.org>

CCR is a non-profit legal and educational organization committed to the creative use of law as a positive force for social change and dedicated to advancing and protecting constitutional rights. CCR is currently litigating the *Ashker v Governor* challenge to solitary confinement in CA. CCR co-publishes the *Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook* with the National Lawyers Guild (see page 22). (May not respond to letters.)

Centurion Ministries, Inc.

1000 Herrontown Road | Princeton, NJ 08540

609-921-0334 www.centurionministries.org

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

Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errands

PO Box 2310 | Washington, DC 20013-2310

202-789-2126 www.curenational.org

CURE organizes prisoners, their families and other concerned citizens to achieve reforms in the criminal-justice system, and has a presence in 40 states. Write for complete listing or addresses of state chapters.

Critical Resistance

1904 Franklin Street, Suite 504 | Oakland, CA 94612

510-444-0484 www.criticalresistance.org

Critical Resistance (CR) seeks to build an international movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex by challenging the belief that caging and controlling people makes everyone safe. CR also publishes a newspaper three times a year entitled "*The Abolitionist*," which is free to prisoners.

Coalition for Prisoners' Rights Newsletter

PO Box 1911 | Santa Fe, NM 87504

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

CURE Life-Long

665 West Willis Street, Suite B-1 | Detroit, MI 48201

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

Equal Justice Initiative

122 Commerce Street | Montgomery, AL 36104

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

The Equal Justice Initiative provides legal representation to indigent defendants and prisoners who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system. They litigate on behalf of condemned prisoners, juvenile offenders, people wrongly convicted or charged with violent crimes, poor people denied effective representation, and others whose trials are marked by racial bias or prosecutorial misconduct.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums

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

202-822-6700 www.famm.org

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

Federal Citizen Information Center

Pueblo, CO 81009

719-295-2675 | <http://publications.usa.gov>

The Federal Citizen Information Center provides US government information and services directly to the public, including the *Consumer*

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Information Catalog listing approximately 200 free and low-cost publications available from various federal agencies (covering topics such as money, health, employment, housing, federal programs, education and travel). Write for a free copy.

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

PO Box 1160 | Washington, D.C. 20013
202-455-8076 (voice) 202-436-9278 (videophone)
www.behearddc.org

HEARD is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that provides advocacy services for deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind inmates across the nation. HEARD's mission is to promote equal access to the justice and legal system for deaf defendants, detainees, prisoners, and returned citizens. HEARD created and maintains the only national database of deaf and deaf-blind prisoners and is the only organization that focuses on correcting and preventing wrongful conviction of deaf people. HEARD can train and correspond with wardens, corrections officers and directors of departments of corrections; and can refer cases to their network of attorneys.

Innocence Project

40 Worth Street, Suite 701 | New York, NY 10013
212-364-5340 www.innocenceproject.org

All cases for consideration should be mailed to the above address with a brief factual summary of the case, including the specific charges and convictions and a list of the evidence used. No other documents should be submitted for initial review. The Innocence Project only accepts cases on post-conviction appeal in which DNA testing can prove innocence. If the case does not involve biological evidence or DNA, check to see if there is another program that provides broader legal and investigative assistance. No cases accepted from California, Ohio, Washington, or Wisconsin.

Just Detention International

3325 Wilshire Blvd #340 | Los Angeles, CA 90010
213-384-1400 www.justdetention.org

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

Lewisburg Prison Project

PO Box 128 | Lewisburg, PA 17837
570-523-1104 www.lewisburgprisonproject.org

The Lewisburg Prison Project (LPP) counsels and assists prisoners who write to LPP when prisoners encounter treatment perceived as illegal or unfair. Their geographic coverage area includes four federal institutions (*Allenwood, Lewisburg, McKean, and Schuylkill*), 11 PA state prisons, and 34 county jails in the middle district of PA. LPP writes to and visits prisoners and assists them by talking to prison authorities, furnishing prisoners with appropriate legal materials, and evaluating individual cases to determine whether to represent prisoners in civil litigation. 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, 133 pages) as well as

other legal information by mail. Send an SASE for full list of available publications.

Maoist Internationalist Ministry of Prisons

PO Box 40799 | San Francisco, CA 94140
www.prisoncensorship.info

Maoist Internationalist Ministry of Prisons (MIM) 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 *Under Lock & Key*. Write to MIM for a free prisoner subscription. (May not timely respond to letters.)

NAACP Legal Defense Fund Inc.

40 Rector Street | New York NY 10006
212-965-2200 www.naacpldf.org

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

National Lawyers Guild Prison Law Project

132 Nassau Street, Room 922 | New York, NY 10038
212-679-5100 http://www.nlg.org

The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) helps publish the *Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook* (see page 22) on bringing civil rights claims alleging violation of constitutional rights in prison or jail. NLG does not provide lawyers or legal assistance, but does provide free membership for jailhouse lawyers. (May not respond to letters.)

National Jericho Movement

PO Box 2164 | Chesterfield, Virginia 23832
www.thejerichomovement.com

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

Prisons Foundation

2512 Virginia Avenue NW, #58043 | Washington, DC 20037
202-393-1511 www.prisonfoundation.org

Prisons Foundation publishes books written by or about prisoners. Their publishing program includes all types of books which are published on their website in the exact manner that prisoners submit them. All books on any subject are welcome. Books are not screened or censored in any way, so prisoners are free to write anything they wish. There is no charge to publish the book and no charge to anyone who wishes to read it. Plus the prisoner retains full rights to his or her book if they later wish to place it with a literary agent or commercial publisher. Publishing a book on the Prisons Foundation website is in fact a good way to bring it to the attention of agents and larger publishers.

Prisoner Express

127 Anabel Taylor Hall | Cornell University | Ithaca, NY 14853
607-255-6486 www.prisonerexpress.org

Prisoner Express promotes rehabilitation by offering inmates information, education and the opportunity for creative self-expression in a public forum. Their semi-annual newsletter contains a description of various projects including poetry, essay writing, art, math, history, book club and chess programs. *Prisoner Express* coordinates a pen pal program, distance learning programs, as well as a prisoner art program. Some of their newer distance learning programs include World History, a Human Development module developed by a Pittsburgh teacher, a US History reading group (reading Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States*), and a Math Education module developed by an associate professor at Ithaca College. For more information, send for a free copy of the latest *Prisoner Express* newsletter.

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Prisoner Visitation and Support

1501 Cherry Street | Philadelphia, PA 19102

215-241-7117 www.prisonervisitation.org

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS) is a nationwide visitation that has 300 volunteers across the U.S. who visit federal and military prisoners. 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.

Prison Legal News

PO Box 1151 | Lake Worth, FL 33460

561-360-2523 www.prisonlegalnews.org

Prison Legal News (PLN) is a 72-page monthly journal covering prison-related news, summaries of recent case-law decisions affecting prisoners, and analysis from across the country. A one-year subscription is \$30 for prisoners, \$35 for individuals and \$90 for lawyers and institutions. Individual 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 (several of their books are also listed on the last two pages of this directory).

Project for Older Prisoners

George Washington University Law School

2000 H Street NW | Washington, DC 20052

202-994-7001 or 202-994-0537

www.law.gwu.edu/ACADEMICS/EL/CLINICS/Pages/POPS.aspx

Law students interview and evaluate older and geriatric inmates (55+) in obtaining parole or other forms of release from incarceration. POPS also runs a "Books for Crooks" program to help build prison libraries. The project serves prisoners in DC, MD, MI, NC and VA.

The Sentencing Project

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

202-628-0871 www.sentencingproject.org

The Sentencing Project is a national policy research and advocacy organization that works for a fair and effective criminal justice system by promoting sentencing reform and alternatives to incarceration. They produce excellent reports on topics related to sentencing policy, racial disparities, drug policy, juvenile justice and voting rights. (May not respond to letters.)

Solitary Watch

PO Box 11374 | Washington, DC 20008

<http://solitarywatch.com>

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

US Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division | Special Litigation Section

950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW | Washington, DC 20530

www.usdoj.gov/crt/split

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.)

The Sun Magazine Attn: Molly Herboth, Circulation Manager

107 North Roberson Street | Chapel Hill, NC 27516

919-942-5282 www.thesunmagazine.org

Independent, ad-free monthly magazine that publishes personal essays, short stories, interviews, poetry, and photographs by emerging and established artists. Free subscription offered to prisoners. Also accepts submissions.

Wisconsin Innocence Project

Shaken Baby Syndrome

University of Wisconsin Madison

975 Bascom Mall | Madison, WI 53706-1399

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

A growing number of innocence cases are now dealing with shaken baby syndrome (SBS), where an adult caregiver is convicted of a crime after the death of a child in his or her care, due to the presence of three internal symptoms that doctors once believe could result only from shaking the child. The Wisconsin Innocence Project is coordinating nationwide efforts to bring this emerging criminal justice issue into the forefront, and is now accepting letters from prisoners serving time for SBS convictions for which the prisoner claims actual innocence.

Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth

Northwestern University School of Law

375 E. Chicago Avenue | Chicago IL 60611-3069

312-503-8576 www.cwcy.org

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. The CWCY is dedicated to identifying, investigating, and litigating credible innocence claims of wrongfully convicted young people and preventing future wrongful convictions

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES**ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project**

125 Broad Street, 18th Floor | New York, NY 10004-2400

212-549-2633 <http://www.aclu.org/reproductive-freedom>

Advocates for pregnant women while incarcerated to receive the reproductive health services that are needed. Write for a "Know Your Rights" fact sheet.

National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

125 South 9th Street, Suite 302 | Philadelphia, PA 19107

215-351-0010 www.ncdbw.org

The Clearinghouse works with battered women charged with killing their abusers, women who have been coerced into criminal activity, and women who have been charged with a crime as a result of "failing to protect" their children from their batterer's violence and/or abuse. The Clearinghouse does not provide direct representation to battered women charged with crimes, but rather provides information and resources to defense teams at any stage of the legal process in an effort to increase the likelihood of a better – and more just – outcome. They accept collect calls from incarcerated battered women.

Battered Women's Justice Project

1801 Nicollet Ave South, Suite 102 | Minneapolis, MN 55403

800-903-0111x1 www.bwjp.org

They provide assistance and information to battered women charged with crimes and to their defense teams, but do not provide direct legal representation. Women in prison can subscribe to their newsletter "Double Time" for free.

Center on Wrongful Convictions - Women's Project

Northwestern University School of Law
357 East Chicago Avenue | Chicago, IL 60611-3069
312-503-2391 www.law.northwestern.edu/wrongfulconvictions/women
The Women's Project of the Center on Wrongful Convictions focuses both on litigation aimed at exonerating women in prison for crimes they did not commit and on public education aimed at raising awareness of the factors that lead to their convictions.

Chicago Books to Women in Prison c/o RFUMC

4511 N. Hermitage Ave | Chicago, IL 60640
www.chicagobwp.org
Chicago Books to Women in Prison is a volunteer collective that distributes paperback books free of charge to people incarcerated in women's prisons nationwide. They are dedicated to offering women behind bars the opportunity for self-empowerment, education, and entertainment that reading provides. They send three books in each package. They also furnish books directly to prison libraries.

Justice Now

1322 Webster Street, Suite 210 | Oakland, CA 94612
510-839-7654 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 healthcare access, and offer assistance with compassionate release and parental rights issues.

Women's Prison Book Project c/o Boneshaker Books

2002 23rd Ave South | Minneapolis, MN 55404
612-871-7110 www.wpbp.org
Women's Prison Book Project (WPBP) provides women and transgender persons in **prison** with free reading materials covering a wide range of topics from law and education (dictionaries, GED, etc.) to fiction, politics, history, and women's health. Women prisoners only and no jail requests. WPBP also has a free resource guide for women and trans prisoners and a newsletter which publishes prisoner articles.

LGBT ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES**Black and Pink**

614 Columbia Rd | Dorchester, MA 02125
617-519-4387 <http://www.blackandpink.org>
A volunteer organization that lists queer and transgender prisoners on a pen-pal website, distributes a monthly newsletter of primarily queer/trans prisoner writing, and advocates for specific prisoner needs when possible while also working to abolish the Prison Industrial Complex as a whole.

East Bay Prisoner Support

PO Box 22449 | Oakland, CA 94609
www.eastbayprisonersupport.wordpress.com
Sends free anarchist and other literature to prisoners in CA, AZ, NM, TX, UT and NV. Sends zines to queer, trans and women prisoners in any state. Write them to receive a catalog.

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders

30 Winter Street, Suite 800 | Boston MA 02108
617-426-1350 www.glad.org
HIV and LGBT prison issues, has New England centered resource guide. Will refer out non-New England prison issues.

Lambda Legal

120 Wall Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10005-3919
212-809-8585 www.lambdalegal.org

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

Lesbian and Gay Insurrection

3543 18th Street, # 26 | San Francisco CA 94110
510-434-1304 www.lagai.org
LAGAI is a grassroots organization doing direct action and education for radical social change from a queer perspective. Produces the bimonthly newspaper "ULTRAVIOLET," which is free to prisoners.

LGBT Books to Prisoners c/o Rainbow Book Cooperative

426 West Gilman Street | Madison, WI 53703
Sends books & educational info free to LGBT prisoners across the US (except Texas).

Prisoner Correspondence Project

QPIRG Concordia c/o Concordia University
1455 de Maisonneuve O | Montréal, QC H3G 1M8
514-848-7583 www.prisoner Correspondence Project.com
Prisoner Correspondence Project (PCP) is a collectively-run initiative based out of Montreal, Quebec. It coordinates a direct-correspondence program for gay, lesbian, transsexual, transgender, gendervariant, two-spirit, intersex, bisexual and queer inmates in Canada and the United States, linking these inmates with people who are a part of these same communities outside of prison. Letters to PCP in Canada cost \$1.15 in US postage.

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

1230 Market Street #705 | San Francisco, CA 94102
www.tgjip.org
The TGI Justice Project works primarily with transgender prisoners and formerly incarcerated transgender people in California, and sends out their "Stiletto Prison Newsletter"; "Surviving Prison in California-Advice By and For Transgender Women"; and their very informative 72-page "Still We Rise-Prison Resource Guide" to all TGI prisoners. TGI also supports TGI prisoners being released to the San Francisco Bay Area, and are part of a broader movement fighting for racial and social justice.

Transgender Law Center

Flor Bermudez, Detention Project Director
1629 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 400 | Oakland, CA 94612
510-380-8229 (this line accepts collect calls from prisoners)
415-865-0176 <http://transgenderlawcenter.org>
Transgender Law Center's Detention Project works to end the abuses transgender and gender nonconforming (TGNC) people experience in prisons, jails, immigration detention, state hospitals, and other forms of detention, and at the hands of law enforcement. Write them concerning TGNC issues, or to obtain copies of their list of available reports and publications including *Policy Recommendations Regarding LGBT People in California Prisons*, and *Safety Inside: Problems Faced by Transgender Prisoners and Common Sense Solutions to Them*.

Tranzmission Prison Books Project

PO Box 1874 | Asheville, NC 28802
610-507-9086 <http://tranzmissionprisonproject.yolasite.com>
Offers free books and resources to LGBT inmates. Write for info.

NATIONWIDE AND REGIONAL BOOK PROGRAMS**Appalachian Prison Book Project**

PO Box 601 | Morgantown, WV 26507

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www.aprisonbookproject.wordpress.com
Provides books to prisoners in the Appalachian region; KY, MD, OH, TN, VA, & WV.

Asheville Prison Books Project

67 North Lexington Avenue | Asheville, NC 28801
828-216-0243 www.main.nc.us/prisonbooks
Group meets weekly to mail free reading material to inmates in facilities in GA, NC, SC, & TN. Each request is met with a package containing several books, personally selected by volunteers out of the donated library; or by the prisoner's request if available.

Beehive Books Behind Bars c/o Weller Book Works

607 Trolley Square | Salt Lake City, UT 84102
801-319-5051 www.beehivebooksbehindbars.com
Sends books to prisoners in these western states only: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, & WY.

Books for Prisoners San Diego c/o Groundwork Books

0323 Student Center | La Jolla, CA 92037
858-452-9625 <http://booksforprisonersucsd.wordpress.com>
Books for Prisoners is a non-profit, student organization at UCSD (University of California, San Diego) affiliated with Groundwork Bookstore. We send donated books (textbooks, novels, magazines, dictionaries, etc) to inmates in all states.

Books Through Bars

4722 Baltimore Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-727-8170 www.booksthroughbars.org
Either the prisoner or their family or friends can send us a letter, through the regular mail, that includes name, prisoner ID number, full address, any institution restrictions on incoming books, and types of books wanted. We send books only to individual prisoners in DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA, VA, & WV. Please request by topic (not exact title or author), and provide several areas of interest if possible. Please wait a few months after receiving books before requesting again.

Books Through Bars-NYC c/o Bluestockings Bookstore

172 Allen Street | New York, NY 10002
212-254-3697x326 www.booksthroughbarsnyc.org
Specializes in political and history books, and also 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.

Books to Prisoners c/o Left Bank Books

92 Pike Street, Box A | Seattle, WA 98101
206-527-3339 www.bookstoprisoners.net
Free books to prisoners nationwide. Request by subject, no religious or legal materials. Donations appreciated. Does not ship to prisons that require all books sent be new.

DC Books to Prisoners

PO Box 34190 | Washington, DC 20043
<http://dcbookstoprisoners.org>
Request reading material by prioritized subjects and please list prison restrictions if known. Books shipped to all states except CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT (New England), and IL, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, WA, & WI. Please wait 5 months between requests.

Midwest Books to Prisoners c/o Quimby's Bookstore

1854 West North Avenue | Chicago, IL 60622
773-342-0910 <http://www.freewebs.com/mwbtp/aboutus.html>
MBP is made up of volunteers that collect book donations, read letters,

pack packages and solicit donations. Books are sent to prisoners in the following states: IL, IN, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, & WI.

Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project c/o Boxcar Books

408 East 6th Street | Bloomington, IN 47408
812-339-8710 www.pagestoprisoners.org
Provides free books to prisoners in the following states only: AR, IA, IN, KS, KY, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TN, & WI.

Prison Book Program

c/o Lucy Parsons Bookstore
1306 Hancock Street, Suite 100 | Quincy, MA 02169
617-423-3298 www.prisonbookprogram.org
Offers a free 6-page "*National Prisoner Resource List*" and 40-page "*We the People*" legal primer, and a free resource list for LGBTQ prisoners. Does not send books or any other materials to any jails; or to any prisons in CA, IL, MI, NV, TX, and MD (except Cumberland, Hagerstown & Jessup), and certain individual prisons. Books may be delayed up to 4 to 6 months. Allows two book shipments per year.

Prison Book Project c/o Food for Thought Books

PO Box 396 | Amherst, MA 01004-0396
413-584-8975 x208 www.prisonbooks.org
Serves prisoners in New England states; CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT; and also TX. Request books by topics of interest, not title. No catalog.

The Prison Library Project

915-C W. Foothill Blvd, PMB 128 | Claremont, CA 91711-3356
909-626-3066 www.prisonlibraryproject.org
Provides educational books, self-help, personal/spiritual growth, wellness, general fiction and non-fiction. No law or technical books. Does not send books to county jails or city jails; nor to prisons in HA, ME, MI, MS, NE, NV, PA (except Waymire), VA, or WI.

Prison Books Collective

PO Box 625 | Carrboro, NC 27510
919-443-923 <https://prisonbooks.info>
The Prison Books Collective is a North Carolina-based anti-prison group that sends books to prisoners in the Southern states (primarily MS, AL and central & eastern NC) each month, and maintains an extensive radical 'zine catalog, widely distributes a monthly poster promoting political prisoner support, and publishes prisoners' art and writing.

Prisoners Literature Project

c/o Bound Together Bookstore
1369 Haight Street | San Francisco, CA 94117
415-672-7858 www.prisonersliteratureproject.com
The Prisoners Literature Project is a grassroots organization that sends free books to prisoners in the US. Request types of books, not specific titles. No Oregon or Texas requests.

Providence Books Through Bars

c/o Paper Nautilus Books
5 Angell Street | Providence, RI 02906
401-356-0388 www.providencebtb.org
Requests are received for reading materials from inmates nationwide. Be sure to include mailing address with Prisoner ID# as well as subject matter preferences.

Spring Grass Book 'Em

PO Box 71357 | Pittsburgh, PA 15213
www.springgrassbookem.org
Spring Grass Book 'Em is a free books-to-prisoners program that mails books to inmates nationwide (except for PA which is served by *Book*

Em--same address). Request books and magazines by subject or title and/or author, or just request "any." No catalog is available and some books may be substituted for those requested due to scarcity. Please let *Spring Grass Book 'Em* know of any book restrictions (or changes to any restrictions), or upon transfer to a different institution.

BOOK VENDERS – REDUCED PRISONER RATES

Pathfinder Press

PO Box 162767 | Atlanta, GA 30321-2767
404-669-0600 (voice mail only) www.pathfinderpress.com
Pathfinder Press carries books on the works of revolutionary and working class leaders, in English, Spanish, French, Farsi, Arabic, Swedish, Greek, Chinese, Russian, and Indonesian. Prisoners receive a 50% discount off the cover price, with a flat rate of \$2.75 for shipping and handling per order (one or more titles). Write for a free catalog.

PM Press

PO Box 23912 | Oakland, CA 94623
510-658-3906 www.pmpress.org
PM Press carries counter-culture, anti-prison, and similar titles including *The Prison-Industrial Complex and the Global Economy*, *The Debt Resisters' Operations Manual*, and *Until the Rulers Obey*. Prisoners receive a 50% discount. Write for a free catalog.

South End Press

PO Box 382132
Cambridge MA 02238
718-874-0089 www.southendpress.org
Radical books, 50% discount for prisoners. Write for catalog.

DEATH PENALTY RESOURCES

Campaign to End the Death Penalty

PO Box 25730 | Chicago, IL 60625
773-955-4841 www.nodeathpenalty.org
A national grassroots abolitionist organization that works with prisoners, family members and organizers. CEDP publishes a newsletter titled "*The New Abolitionist*," which is provided free to prisoners.

Death Penalty Focus

5 Third Street, Suite 725 | San Francisco, CA 94103
415-243-0143 www.deathpenalty.org
Dedicated to abolishing capital punishment through grassroots organizing, media outreach, nationwide coalition building, and education of political and civic leaders and the public about the death penalty and its alternatives. Does not offer any legal services or become involved in individual legal cases.

Death Penalty Information Center

1015 18th Street NW, Suite 704 | Washington, DC 20036
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

1620 L Street, NW, Suite 250 Washington DC, 20036
202-331-4090 www.ncadp.org
Publishes "*Lifelines*," a quarterly newspaper about what's going on in the struggle for death penalty abolition. Does not offer legal resources.

The Other Death Penalty Project

PO Box 1486 | Lancaster, CA 93584
www.theotherdeathpenalty.org
A national, grassroots, organizing campaign founded and managed by life without the possibility of parole prisoners with the goal of ending the other death penalty. Through peaceful, nonviolent activism, the Project hopes to join in the death penalty abolition movement to end ALL forms of the death penalty, including death by incarceration. (May not respond to letters.)

HEALTH CARE / AIDS / HEP C RESOURCES

Center for Health Justice

900 Avila Street, Suite 301 | Los Angeles, CA 90012
213-229-0985 www.centerforhealthjustice.org
CHJ serves prisoners in the Los Angeles County Jails and throughout CA, and 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, Pacific Time). 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.

Hepatitis C Support Project

HCV ADVOCATE
PO Box 15144 | Sacramento, CA 95813
<http://www.hcvadvocate.org>
Write for list of available publications, including fact sheets on HepC.

Prison Health News

c/o Philadelphia Fight
1233 Locust Street, 3rd Floor | Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-985-4448
<http://www.fight.org/programs-and-services/prison-health-news/>
Newsletter published biannually written by current and former prisoners about prisoners' health issues. Write for free subscription. Past issues from 2003-2014 are also downloadable from website.

Prison Yoga Project:

PO Box 415 | Bolinas, CA 94924
<http://seva.givebackyoga.org/programs/prison-yoga-project>
Two yoga manuals written especially for people in prison. *A Path for Healing and Recovery* offers physical practices (asana), breathing practices (pranayama) and meditation (dyhana) to improve mental, emotional and physical well-being. The book also serves as a powerful resource for anyone trying to break free of negative behavioral patterns. *A Woman's Practice: Healing from the Heart* offers a simple and clear guide for women, whether free or behind bars who wish to use yoga to help heal themselves from trauma, stress or addiction. Write for a free copy of either book.

NEWSLETTERS AND MAGAZINES

Denver Anarchist Black Cross

PO Box 11236 | Denver, CO 80211
The Denver Anarchist Black Cross exists to contribute to the defense of social movements, both internally and externally, working against oppression everywhere. Questions, concerns, comments, ideas, and/or wishes to collaborate or participate, please contact Denver ABC at the above address.

South Chicago ABC Zine Distro

PO Box 721 | Homewood, IL 60430 www.chicagoabc.org/justice_zines.htm
Offers a wide variety of political zines at low cost to prisoners.
Specializes in helping get the truth out of the gulags, in zine form.
Supports prisoner initiatives such as prison labor unions. Also offers zines for women prisoners. English only.

Slingshot Magazine

3124 Shattuck Avenue | Berkeley, CA 94705
510-540-0751 x3 <http://slingshot.tao.ca/about.html>
Slingshot is a quarterly, independent, radical newspaper published in the East Bay since 1988 by the Slingshot Collective. Subscriptions are free to USA prisoners. Back issues are \$1.

PARALEGAL SCHOOLS**Adams State College**

Office of Extended Studies
208 Edgemont Boulevard | Alamosa, CO 81102
719-587-7671
www.adams.edu/extended_studies/undergrad/certificates-legal.php
Programs offered: *Legal Investigation Certificate Course*; *Legal Secretary Certificate Course*; *Paralegal Certificate Course*. Write for catalog.

Ohio University

Center for Legal Studies
102 Haning Hall | Athens, OH 45701
740-533-4548 www.ohio.edu/ecampus/future/cpi_certificate.htm
Ohio University offers a *Paralegal Certificate Course* presented in a print-based format, which will properly train and qualify the student as a paralegal. Write for paralegal course brochure (and/or the University's separate 25-page correctional education packet).

PRISON-BASED NEWSLETTERS**The Angolite** c/o Cashier's Office

Louisiana State Penitentiary | Angola, LA 70712
<http://doc.louisiana.gov/lsp/programs.php>
The Angolite is published and edited by prisoners at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, LA. Subscriptions are \$20 per year.

The Prison Mirror c/o Pat Pawlak

970 Pickett Street North | Bayport, MN 55003-1490
651-779-2700
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.

San Quentin News

1 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.

PRISONER MAGAZINE SERVICES**InmateMags.com**

4208 University Way NE | Seattle, WA 98105

877-324-7323 www.inmatemags.com

Company provides single issues and monthly subscriptions for over 1200 different magazines. Send \$3, or ten 49¢ or Forever stamps for their full 56-page catalog. With it you'll receive a \$3 coupon good for \$3 off your first order. Orders may also be called in or placed online by family or friends, who can also establish deposit accounts for prisoners who may then directly submit orders by mail.

Tightwad Magazine c/o Julie Sanders

PO Box 1941 | Buford GA 30515
Send an SASE for their catalog of magazines.

REHABILITATION / NONVIOLENCE PROGRAMS**Alcoholics Anonymous**

PO Box 459 | New York, NY 10163
212-870-3400 www.aa.org
Free information and brochures, meetings in most communities.

CURE-SORT

PO Box 1022 | Norman, OK 73070-1022
405-639-7262 www.cure-sort.org
Information, resources, contacts, and support to individuals, families, defense attorneys, treatment providers, and professionals who work with issues of sexual abuse and its prevention.

Narcotics Anonymous

PO Box 9999 | Van Nuys, CA 91409
818-773-9999 www.na.org
NA publishes a wide variety of materials concerning narcotics addiction and recovery, some of which are expressly produced for individuals who are currently incarcerated (e.g. *Behind the Walls*).

RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS / SPIRITUAL RESOURCES**Angel Tree, Inc.**

PO Box 50211 | Knoxville, TN 37950-0211
<http://www.angeltree.info/>
Through Angel Tree, a program of prison fellowship, your child(ren) can receive gifts at Christmas, with love, from you. Religious volunteers purchase gifts and give or send them to your loved ones, with age appropriate presentation of the gospel. Contact your prison's chaplain to request a participation form, or write to Angel Tree directly.

Dharma Companions

PO Box 658 | Boyles Hot Springs, CA 95416
<http://dharmacompanions.wordpress.com>
Dharma Companions is an ecumenical Buddhist group that offers ways for inmates to find peace with themselves and others. Volunteers help inmates explore meditation and contemplation and discuss aspects of Buddhist philosophy and ethics through correspondence. We also share books and articles with inmates, providing information about current practice as well as classic texts. We also help prisons connect to a broader set of secular education programs. We do not seek to recruit or convert inmates, but rather to answer questions and provide support for people already interested in Buddhist practice. Write for further info.

Compassion Works For All

PO Box 7708 | Little Rock, AR 72217-7708
www.compassionworksforall.org
Provides monthly *Dharma Friends* newsletters; a one-page Reentry Guide; a list of sources of free books for prisoners; and a list of Buddhist and other spiritual books and resources. Also encourages prisoners contribute to a book about what led them to prison that is shared with

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juvenile offenders, many of whom have no men in their lives to offer cautionary advice.

International Bible Society

1820 Jet Stream Drive | Colorado Springs, CO 80921-3696
719-488-9200 www.biblica.com

Prisoners may receive a free copy of the Bible (English or Spanish) and a booklet for women or men. No large print copies.

Jewish Prisoners Assistance Foundation

770 Eastern Parkway | Brooklyn, NY 11213
718-735-2000 www.chabad.org

Publishes *The Scroll*, free weekly newsletter for Jewish prisoners.

Prison Ashram Project | Human Kindness Foundation

PO Box 61619 | Durham, NC 27715
919-383-5160 www.humankindness.org

The Human Kindness Foundation's (HKF) Prison-Ashram Project sends free books to inmates all over the world, with most of their materials written by the late Bo Lozoff. HKF stresses a way of life based upon three common principles taught by the great sages of all religions: Simple living, a dedication to service, and a commitment to personal spiritual practice. Write for their newsletter and list of available books.

Prison Mindfulness Institute

11 South Angell St. #303 | Providence, RI 02906
401-941-0791 <http://prisonmindfulness.org>

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

Prison Fellowship

44180 Riverside Parkway | Lansdowne, VA 20176
800-206-9764 www.prisonfellowship.org

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

Rock of Ages Prison Ministry c/o Prisoners Bible Institute

PO Box 2308 | Cleveland, TN 37320
423-479-3243 www.roapm.com

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

SYDA Foundation Yoga Prison Project

PO Box 99140 | Emeryville, CA 94662

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

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

STATE BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES

ALABAMA

Aid to Inmate Mothers

PO Box 986 | Montgomery, AL 36101-0986
334-262-2245 www.inmatemoms.org

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

The Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project

203 Spidle Hall | Auburn, Alabama 36849

334-844-8946 <http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/apae/>

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

Georgia Innocence Project - Alabama Initiative

2645 North Decatur Road | Decatur, GA 30033

404-373-4433 www.ga-innocenceproject.org/Alabama

Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Alabama; DNA cases only (but will consider all forensic evidence cases); no sentence requirements. GIP investigates only those cases in which DNA evidence not previously tested might prove innocence.

ALASKA

Alaska Innocence Project

PO Box 201656 | Anchorage, AK 99520-1656

907-279-0454 www.alaskainnocence.org

Provides legal, educational, and charitable services to identify and exonerate individuals who have been wrongfully convicted in Alaska. AIP suggests and implements policies, practices and reforms that will prevent wrongful convictions and hasten the identification and release of innocent persons.

ARIZONA

Arizona Justice Project | Arizona State University

MC 4420 | 411 N. Central Avenue, Suite 600

Phoenix, AZ 85004-2139

602-496-0286 www.azjusticeproject.org

The Arizona Justice Project is primarily a volunteer-based organization that reviews and assists in cases of actual innocence or cases in which a manifest injustice has occurred. Accepts both DNA and non-DNA cases and represents indigent Arizona inmates whose claims of innocence have gone unheeded. Conducts 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.

Read Between the Bars c/o Daily Planet Publishing

PO Box 1589 | Tucson, AZ 85702 www.readbetweenthebars.com

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

Middle Ground Prison Reform

139 East Encanto Drive

Tempe AZ 85281

480-966-8116 www.middlegroundprisonreform.org

Working for Arizona's prisoners and their families since 1983. Main areas of activity are: 1) public education about the need for criminal justice reform 2) legislative advocacy on behalf of prisoners and their visitors 3) litigation to protect and define the rights and responsibilities of prisoners and their supporters 4) referral to community resources for ex-offenders.

Navajo Nation Corrections Project

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

A pioneer in the realm of prisoner advocacy, the Navajo Nation Corrections Project not only promotes Native inmates' dignity and recovery through access to culturally appropriate religious rites, but also wages a passionate defense of a basic human and civil right already guaranteed to non-Native inmates' free practice of their religions.

Northern Arizona Justice Project

Northern Arizona University
 PO Box 15005 | Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5005
 928-523-7028 <http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/d-najp/mission.html>
 Cases Accepted: cases of actual innocence in Arizona; DNA and non-DNA cases; eight or more years left to serve; will consider arson, shaken baby syndrome and child abuse cases.

ARKANSAS

Midwest Innocence Project

605 West 47th Street, Suite 222 | Kansas City, MO 64112
 816-221-2166 www.themip.org (see KANSAS listing)

CALIFORNIA

California Coalition for Women Prisoners

1540 Market Street, Suite 490 | San Francisco, CA 94102
 415-255-7036x4 www.womenprisoners.org
 CCWP is a grassroots social justice organization, with members inside and outside prison, that challenges the institutional violence imposed on women, transgender people, and communities of color by the prison industrial complex. CCWP also visits women prisoners in CA and produces a newsletter "*The Fire Inside*," free to women prisoners.

California Families to Abolish Solitary Confinement

Chuco's Justice Center
 1137 E. Redondo Blvd | Inglewood, CA 90302
 714-290-9077 / 213-746-4343 www.solitarywatch.com/cfasc
 CFASC is dedicated to stopping the inhumane treatment of prisoners within the California penal system, especially those held in solitary confinement. Their ultimate goal is to end the use of solitary confinement, with short-term goals to reduce the use of solitary confinement and to insist on due process and fairness. CFASC supports the five core demands put forth by the Pelican Bay Hunger Strikers.

California Innocence Project

California Western School of Law
 225 Cedar Street | San Diego, CA 92101
 619-525-1485 <http://californiainnocenceproject.org>
 Accepts cases of actual innocence in Southern California; DNA and non-DNA cases; requires three or more years left to serve. Focuses on cases involving shaken baby syndrome, police misconduct, ineffective counsel, fire investigation, firearms and fingerprint analysis, false confessions, prosecutorial misconduct, death penalty issues and more.

California Lifer Newsletter

PO Box 277 | Rancho Cordova, CA 95741
 916-402-3750 www.lifesupportalliance.org
 CLN is a comprehensive newsletter published six times per year, with reviews of the latest published and unpublished state and federal cases concerning parole issues, parole board news, legislation and articles on prison, parole and correctional issues of interest to prisoners and their families. Each issue contains 50 - 70 pages. Subscriptions to CLN for prisoners are \$30 (or 100 stamps) per year (back issues are \$7 or 25 stamps each); for non-prisoners the subscription rate is \$90 per year.

California Prison Focus

1904 Franklin Street, Suite 507 | Oakland, CA 94612
 510-836-7222 www.prisonfocus.org
 CPF is a human rights and civil rights group that investigates conditions in the California SHUs (control/isolation units), organizes and advocates for prisoners' rights, and provides self-help legal materials. Write for publications list.

Centerforce

PO Box 415 | San Quentin, CA 94964
 415-456-9980 www.centerforce.org
 Centerforce is one of few agencies in the U.S. to offer a continuum of services for individuals and families during incarceration, reentry and after release. They are headquartered in San Quentin and provide direct services to prisoners in Santa Rita Jail and four state prisons. In addition, Centerforce provides direct services to communities and families of the incarcerated in Oakland, San Francisco, the Bay Area Counties, and Fresno and Madera Counties. Centerforce also specializes in providing health and family supportive services to incarcerated men and women and those reentering their communities of origin after incarceration. (May not respond to letters.)

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

3075 Adeline Street, Suite 210 | Berkeley, CA 94703
 510-644-2555 www.dredf.org
 Assistance is generally limited to providing basic disability civil rights informational materials and referrals, with attention to CDCR state prisoners. DREDF does not provide assistance with individual disability benefits applications or denial of Social Security Disability benefits. Do not send original supporting materials.

Federal Receiver - J. Clark Kelso

California Prison Receivership
 PO Box 588500 | Elk Grove, CA 95758
 916-691-3000 www.cphcs.ca.gov
 In 2002, California settled a class-action lawsuit by agreeing to reform their medical care system, and the federal court appointed a federal Receiver to oversee the reform process. The receiver's job is to bring the level of medical care in California prisons to a standard which no longer violates the U.S. Constitution. Prisoner patients under the control of the CDCR and their families may write to the above address with concerns about health care issues (except for mental health, dental, or substance abuse and treatment). Some patient-care issues brought to the Receiver's attention may prompt clinical investigation and action. All information provided to the Receiver is considered in implementing systemic improvements.

Friends Committee on Legislation of California

1225 8th Street, Suite 220 | Sacramento, CA 95814-4809
 916-443-3734 www.fcclca.org
 Quaker founded group that advocates and lobbies for CA state laws that are just, compassionate, and respectful of the inherent worth of every person. They publish a free quarterly periodical, the *FCLCA Newsletter*, which keeps track of pending legislation.

Friends Outside

PO Box 4085 | Stockton, CA 95204
 209-955-0701 www.friendsoutside.org
 Friends Outside provides services and support to visitors at each California State Prison, are located outside the prison walls, but on prison grounds (usually adjacent to the visitor parking lots). Visitor Centers provide childcare, transportation, information and resources, and a restful and welcoming place to stop for a moment before and after visits. (May not respond to letters.)

Innocence Matters

PO Box 1098 | Torrance, CA 90505
 310-755-2518 www.innocencematters.us
 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;

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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.

The Insight Prison Project

PO Box 151642 | San Rafael, CA 94915
415-459-9800 www.insightprisonproject.org
The Insight Prison Project (IPP) has been on a mission to foster insight and lasting behavioral change by prisoners in California correctional systems, by providing them with rehabilitative tools and programs conducted by crime victims, community volunteers and prisoners themselves. Today, IPP provides services to prisoners and parolees in 12 California prisons, 3 county jail facilities, several re-entry programs and other venues.

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

1540 Market Street, Suite 490 | San Francisco, CA 94102
415-255-7036 www.prisonerswithchildren.org
LSPC publishes manuals, reports, fact sheets and pamphlets for CA prisoners in the following areas: Family Matters (guardianship, visitation, pregnancy); Reentry Services; Prison Conditions (isolation and other), and Proposition 47. They also publish *A Manual on SSI/SSDI for Prisoners and Their Advocates*.

Northern California Innocence Project

Santa Clara University School of Law
500 El Camino Real | Santa Clara, CA 95053-0422
408-554-1945 <http://law.scu.edu/ncip>
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Northern and Central California; DNA and non-DNA; case three or more years left to serve. The inmate must have been convicted in California state court of a serious felony or a felony involving 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.

Penal Law Project | Chico State University

25 Main Street, Suite 102 | Chico, CA 95929
530-898-4354 <https://www.aschico.com/clic/programsandadvocacy>
The program's primary purpose is to provide legal information and research for those held in California state prisons. Some of the legal questions addressed include issues of trial error, sentencing, parole, pardons and expungement of criminal records. Also provides inmates with information about their rights as prisoners.

Prison Law Clinic | UC Davis School of Law

One Shields Avenue, TB30 | Davis, CA 95616-5201
530-752-6942 <http://www.law.ucdavis.edu/Faculty/Murphy/index.aspx>
Students provide legal services to clients incarcerated in state prison. The services require analysis and application of constitutional law, state statutory law, agency regulations, and the rules of professional responsibility. (May not respond to letters.)

Prison Law Office

General Delivery | San Quentin, CA 94964
510-280-2621 www.prisonlaw.com
The Prison Law Office litigates and monitors class action lawsuits regarding medical care, mental health care, and disabled access for prisoners in California only. Also distributes self-help legal material on a number of topics. Write for list of available publications.

Prison University Project

PO Box 492 | San Quentin, CA 94964

415-455-8088 www.prisonuniversityproject.org

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

Project AVARY

385 Bel Marin Keys, Suite G | Novato, CA 94949
415-382-8799 www.projectavary.org
Project AVARY offers long-term support and enrichment for children and youth in the San Francisco Bay Area with a parent in prison or jail. Our program services include a summer camp, monthly outings, leadership training, and family support. Write for further details.

Project Rebound c/o San Francisco State University

1650 Holloway Ave, T-138 | San Francisco, CA 94132-1722
415-405-0954 http://asi.sfsu.edu/asi/programs/proj_rebound/about.html
SFSU program for former prisoners to enroll in college. *"From prison to empowerment, from destitution to the notion of 'restorative justice', we are here to aid those who want to help themselves and to help others."* Write for details.

Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco

880 Bryant Street, Room 200 | San Francisco, CA 94103
415-241-4254 <http://sfgov.org/reentry>
The SF Reentry Council publishes a 216 page reentry resource guide entitled *Getting Out and Staying Out*, for prisoners returning to the San Francisco area. Write to the above address for a free copy.

Root & Rebound

1730 Franklin Street, Suite 300 | Oakland, CA 94612
510-279-4662 (collect calls accepted) www.rootandrebound.org/roadmap
Publishes the *Roadmap to Reentry* legal guide, a 1211-page manual written in clear, understandable language which helps people prepare for, identify, understand, and navigate reentry barriers. The guide identifies important things to do prior to release and provides a list of social service and legal resources across the state of California. *Roadmap to Reentry* covers ID & voting, parole & probation, housing, public benefits, court-ordered debt, employment, family & children, education, understanding and cleaning up a criminal record, and legal aid & community resources. The guide is free to currently and formerly incarcerated people and their loved ones.

Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos

1817 Soquel Avenue | Santa Cruz, CA 95062
831-457-8208 www.barriosunidos.net
The Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos Prison Project is dedicated to providing cultural and spiritual education, support, and hope to incarcerated individuals. The Project advocates for prison policy reform and programs that reduce recidivism, support re-entry, and reunify families.

Sentencing and Justice Reform Advocacy (SJRA) Advocate

PO Box 71 | Olivehurst, CA 95961
530-329-8566 www.SJRA1.com
SJRA Advocate contains useful and timely information on California prisoner and prison issues. SJRA's goal is to publish truthful information to educate, motivate and inspire prisoners, families, the general public, lawyers, legislators and local lawmakers. Prisoners may obtain 12 issues

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of SJRA Advocate for \$18; for all others the cost is \$20. California prisoners may also pay with First Class stamps; 3 stamps for a single issue; 20 stamps for 6 issues; and 40 stamps for 12 issues.

Stanford Three Strikes Project | Stanford Law School

559 Nathan Abbott Way
Stanford, CA 94305-8610

650-736-7757 www.law.stanford.edu/node/149642

The Stanford Three Strikes Project is the only legal organization in the country devoted to addressing excessive sentences imposed under California's Three Strikes sentencing law. The Project represents individuals currently imprisoned under the law and works, on behalf of its clients in collaboration with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund Inc., to reform the harshest aspects of the Three Strikes law, including the enactment of the Three Strikes Reform Act of 2012 (Prop 36).

COLORADO

Adams State College Prison College Program

208 Edgemont Blvd | Alamosa, CO 81101

719-587-7011 http://adams.edu/extended_studies

Degrees Offered: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Bachelor of Arts in History/ Government, Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Programs Offered: Advanced Paralegal Certificate, Paralegal Certificates, Legal Investigation Certificate Course, Legal Secretary Certificate Course, Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediation Certificate Course, and Victim Advocacy Certificate Course. For prisoners in the following facilities: *Denver Women's Correctional Facility*, *Canon Minimum Centers*, *Colorado Territorial Correctional Facility*, and *Camp George West*.

Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition

1212 Mariposa Street, Suite 6 | Denver, CO 80204

303-825-0122 www.ccjrc.org

Publishes prisoner information guides, a free quarterly newsletter, and a 200+ page reentry guide for parolees in Colorado ("Go Guide" \$10 + \$3 postage & handling). Write for current list of publications.

Unchained Books

PO Box 784 | Fort Collins, CO 80522

<http://unchainedbooks.wordpress.com>

Unchained Books is a small group in Fort Collins, Colorado committed to prisoner support. Our primary focus is collecting donated books and making them available free to people imprisoned in Colorado. In addition to our book project, we also write letters to political prisoners and work on periodic individual prisoner support in the form of fundraising, outreach, and building community awareness about specific legal struggles. Below is a list of prisons in Colorado that currently accept books sent to inmates from Unchained Books: *Colorado Territorial Correctional Facility (state)*; *Crowley County Correctional Facility (private)*; *Federal Correctional Institution at Florence (federal)*; *Federal Correctional Institution at Englewood (federal)*; *High Plains Correctional Facility (state)*; *Kit Carson Correctional Center (private)*; *La Vista Correctional Facility (state)*; *Rifle Correctional Center (state)*; and *San Carlos Correctional Facility (state)*.

Colorado Innocence Project | University of Colorado Law School

Wolf Law Building, 404 UCB | Boulder, CO 80309-0404
303-492-8126

www.colorado.edu/law/academics/experiential-learning/clinics/innocence

The CIP is not a substitute for the traditional methods of appealing a conviction. Therefore, the CIP will not take cases in which the defendant already has a lawyer, or is entitled to a lawyer at state expense. The CIP

will not take a case unless there is a genuine and provable claim of innocence. The CIP gets involved only when the traditional methods of appealing a conviction have failed. Only Colorado cases arising in Colorado will be accepted (state and federal).

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Innocence Project | Division of Public Defender Services

82275 Silas Deane Highway | Rocky Hill, CT 06067

860-509-6400 www.ct.gov/ocpd

Cases accepted: 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. Prisoner must be indigent.

DELAWARE

Office of the Public Defender | Carvel State Office Building

820 North French Street, 3rd Floor | Wilmington, DE 19801

302-577-5160

Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in DE; DNA cases only. Write to the above address.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project | George Washington Univ Law School

2000 H Street, NW | Washington, DC 20052

202-994-4586 www.exonerate.org

Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in DC, MD, & VA; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements; will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases, and may consider child abuse cases.

FLORIDA

Florida Institutional Legal Services

14260 West Newberry Road #412 | Newberry, FL 32669

352-375-2494 <http://floridalegal.org/newberry.htm>

FILS is the only statewide legal services program in Florida dedicated to serving people who are institutionalized. Currently, FILS is investigating the specific issues facing incarcerated parents in Florida through direct outreach, aggressive use of the Florida Sunshine laws, legal research, and limited advocacy for individual clients with compelling and representative claims. FILS publishes the *Florida Parental Rights Manual for Incarcerated Parents and their Families* (2009) 106 pages, which is available for download from their website or can be obtained by writing the above address.

Innocence Project of Florida

1100 E. Park Avenue | Tallahassee, FL 32301

850-561-6767 www.floridainnocence.org

Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Florida; DNA cases only; no sentence requirements. Screens and investigate cases in which meritorious innocence claims are identified; secure DNA testing when biological evidence exists; advocate for the release of each inmate excluded from criminal responsibility by the highly critical analysis; provide transitional and aftercare services to exonerees; and advocate for necessary criminal justice reform to avoid wrongful incarcerations in the future.

Prison Book Project c/o Open Books Bookstore

1040 N Guillemard Street | Pensacola, FL 32501

850-453-6774 www.openbookspcola.org

Open Books is a non-profit, volunteer-run bookstore. Proceeds from the

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sale of books support the Prison Book Project, which sends thousands of books each year to indigent inmates in Florida prisons.

Florida Justice Institute

100 SE Second St, Suite 3750 | Miami, FL 33131-2309
305-358-2081 www.floridajusticeinstitute.org

The Florida Justice Institute (FJI) is a public interest law firm that conducts civil rights litigation and advocacy in the areas of prisoners' rights, housing discrimination, disability discrimination, and other areas impacting the poor and disenfranchised. This includes cases for persons currently or formerly incarcerated in a Florida prison or jail involving mistreatment while incarcerated, or involving the conditions of the facility. FJI does not accept criminal or post-conviction cases (meaning anything related to a criminal case, including criminal appeals, sentencing motions, Rule 3.850 or 3.800 motions, clemency petitions, and habeas corpus petitions).

University of Miami Law Innocence Clinic

3000 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 100 | Miami, FL 33137
305-284-8115 <http://law.miami.edu/clinics/innocence>

Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Florida; DNA and non-DNA cases. 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.

GEORGIA

Forever Family, Inc.

387 Joseph Lowery Blvd. 2nd Floor, Suite A | Atlanta, GA 30310
404-223-1200 www.foreverfam.org

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

Southern Center for Human Rights

83 Poplar St. NW | Atlanta, GA 30303-2122
404-688-1202 www.schr.org

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

Georgia Innocence Project

2645 North Decatur Road | Decatur, GA 30033
404-373-4433 <http://ga-innocenceproject.org>

GIP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals who have been convicted of crimes they did not commit. The Project works to secure post-conviction DNA testing for Georgia and Alabama inmates where DNA analysis could prove guilt or innocence and adequate DNA testing was not available at trial.

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 Hawaii's non-violent offenders.

Hawai'i Innocence Project | University of Hawai'i School of Law
2515 Dole Street | Honolulu, HI 96822

808-956-6547 www.innocenceprojecthawaii.org
Cases accepted for prisoners who are currently incarcerated, serving a lengthy sentence, convicted in Hawaii (although they may be incarcerated elsewhere), has a credible claim of actual, factual innocence of the crime(s) for which the person is incarcerated AND evidence potentially exists which could support the claim of factual innocence.

IDAHO

Idaho Innocence Project | Boise State University

1910 University Drive | Boise, ID 83725
208-426-4207 <http://innocenceproject.boisestate.edu>
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Idaho and eastern Oregon; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

ILLINOIS

Center on Wrongful Convictions

Northwestern Univ School of Law
357 East Chicago Avenue | Chicago, IL 60611-3069
312-2503-8576 <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/cwc>

CWC will consider cases of actual innocence: The person seeking assistance must be in no way responsible for the crimes of which he or she was convicted. Post-conviction status: The trial must be completed and have resulted in a conviction and sentence. Focus on erroneous eyewitness identification, false and coerced confessions, official misconduct, inadequate legal defense, false or misleading forensic evidence and jailhouse informant testimony.

Chicago Innocence Project

205 West Monroe Street, Suite 315 | Chicago, IL 60606
312-263-6213 www.chicagoinnocenceproject.org

The Chicago Innocence Project investigates cases in which prisoners may have been convicted of crimes they did not commit, with priority to murder cases that resulted in sentences of death or life without parole. CIP involves college students, community residents, private investigators and journalists in the reporting process. Does not represent clients in criminal cases, but after our investigation is completed, outside counsel may bring new evidence of innocence to court. The fundamental goal is to expose and remedy wrongdoing by the criminal justice system.

Education Justice Project

University of Illinois
805 West Pennsylvania Ave, MC-057 | Urbana, IL 61801
217-244-3344 www.educationjustice.net

The mission of the Education Justice Project (EJP) is to build a model college-in-prison program that demonstrates the positive impacts of higher education upon incarcerated people, their families, the communities from which they come, and society as a whole. EJP offers education programs to students incarcerated at *Danville Correctional Center*.

John Howard Association of Illinois

PO Box 10042 | Chicago, IL 60610-0042
312-291-9183 www.thejha.org

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

Illinois Innocence Project | Institute for Legal and Policy Studies
University of Illinois at Springfield

One University Plaza, MS PAC 451 | Springfield, IL 62703-5407
217-206-6569 www.uis.edu/innocenceproject

Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Illinois; DNA and non-DNA cases; four 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.

The MacArthur Justice Center

Northwestern University School of Law

375 E. Chicago Ave | Chicago, IL 60611

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

Focus area/description: Impact litigation on criminal justice issues, focused specifically on Illinois. Individual prisoner cases are rarely accepted.

Medill Justice Project | Northwestern University

1845 Sheridan Road | Evanston, IL 60208

847-491-5840 www.medilljusticeproject.org

The Medill Justice Project investigates potentially wrongful murder convictions. To be considered, a case must meet all of the following criteria: The crime must have taken place no more than 250 miles from Evanston, IL; charges must include murder; the case must have been heard by the state appellate court and sentence affirmed; prisoner must claim actual innocence.

People's Law Office

1180 North Milwaukee Avenue | Chicago, IL 60642-4019

773-235-0070 www.peopleslawoffice.com

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.

Prisoner's Rights Research Project

University of Illinois College of Law

504 E Pennsylvania Ave | Champaign, IL 61820

217-333-0930 www.law.illinois.edu/faculty/profile/judithrowan

Indigent prisoners may write to the Project requesting an answer to a specific legal issue concerning Illinois or federal law only. Working under the co-presidents and faculty adviser, volunteers hone their research skills and gain significant insight into the corrections system by addressing questions regarding Illinois and federal law.

The Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois

4707 North Broadway, Suite 307 | Chicago, IL 60640

773-272-1822 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 targeted by the criminal legal system.

Uptown People's Law Center

4413 North Sheridan | Chicago, IL 60640

773-769-1411 www.uplccchicago.org

The mission of the Uptown People's Law Center is to establish, administer, and promote programs providing legal aid to indigent persons, assisting community residents in obtaining legal services and benefits,

and educating and training residents, paraprofessionals and community attorneys. Their work focuses on issues in Illinois only, including landlord tenant issues, public aid and social security disability benefits, and protecting the civil rights of the incarcerated.

Urbana-Champaign Books to Prisoners Project

PO Box 515 | Urbana, IL 61803

708-782-4608 www.books2prisoners.org

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

INDIANA

Oakland City University Prison Ministries Projects

138 North Lucretia Street | Oakland City, IN 47660

812-749-1224 <http://www.oak.edu/about-ocu/prison-ministries.php>

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

Wrongful Conviction Clinic | Indiana University School of Law

530 W. New York Street, Rm. 111 | Indianapolis, IN 46202-3225

317-274-5551 <http://indyaw.indiana.edu/courses/clinics.cfm>

Cases Accepted: cases of actual innocence in Indiana; DNA and non-DNA cases (preference for DNA cases); will consider arson, shaken baby syndrome, and child abuse cases.

IOWA

Innocence Project of Iowa

19 South 7th Street | Estherville, IA 51334

www.iowainnocence.org

Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Iowa; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements; preference for substantial sentences.

KANSAS

Lansing Correctional Facility Program | Donnelly College

8 North 18th Street | Kansas City, KS 66102

913-621-8700 www.donnely.edu/htdocs/lansing.html

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

Midwest Innocence Project

605 West 47th Street | Kansas City, MO 64113

816-221-2166 www.themip.org

The MIP is dedicated to the investigation, litigation and exoneration of wrongfully convicted men and women in the following states: AR, KS, MO, IA and NE. Applicant must claim actual innocence, in other words, that he/she did not participate in the crime; has more than ten years left to serve on his/her sentence and/or the applicant must register as a sex offender; is not currently represented by an attorney and has NOT received the death penalty. MIP does NOT accept cases of self-defense.

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KENTUCKY

Kentucky Innocence Project

Department of Public Advocacy
100 Fair Oaks Lane, Ste. 302 | Frankfort, KY 40601
502-564-3948 <http://dpa.ky.gov/kip>

Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Kentucky; DNA and non-DNA cases; minimum 10-year sentence.

LOUISIANA

Friends and Family of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children

1600 Oretha C. Haley Blvd | New Orleans, LA 70113
504-522-5437 <http://www.flic.org>

FFLIC is a statewide membership-based organization that fights for a better life for all of Louisiana's youth, especially those involved in or targeted by the juvenile justice system.

Innocence Project New Orleans

4051 Ulloa Street | New Orleans, LA 70119
504-943-1902 www.ip-no.org

Cases accepted: Prisoner must be factually innocent; convicted in Louisiana or south Mississippi; is 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. Factors taken into consideration: mistaken eyewitness identification, lying/incentivized witness testimony, false confessions/admissions, faulty or unreliable forensic science, bad lawyering (prosecution & defense).

Louisiana Books 2 Prisoners

1631 Elysian Fields #117 | New Orleans, LA 70117
www.Lab2p.wordpress.com

Currently serves only the following four states: AL, AR, MS, and LA. Letters from Louisiana and women prisoners are given priority, with all other letters answered in the order received.

Tulane University Law Library

6329 Freret Street | New Orleans, LA 70118

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

MAINE

Maine State Prison College Program

807 Cushing Road | Warren, ME 04864
207-273-5300

Degrees offered: Associates and Bachelor's Degrees. Program sponsored by University College at Rockland.

New England Innocence Project

160 Boylston Street | Boston, MA 02116
857-277-7858 www.newenglandinnocence.org (see MASSACHUSETTS)

MARYLAND

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

George Washington University Law School
2000 H Street, NW | Washington, DC 20052
202-994-4586 www.exonerate.org

Cases accepted: DNA and non-DNA cases; substantial time left on

sentence; DC, MD and VA. Factors considered: inadequate defense counsel, mistaken eyewitness identifications, false confessions, junk science and lab fraud, prisoner incentivized testimony, police and prosecutorial misconduct, lack of adequate post-conviction remedies.

University of Baltimore Innocence Project Clinic

1420 N. Charles Street | Baltimore, MD 21201
410-837-4200 <http://law.ubalt.edu/clinics/clinics/innocenceproject.cfm>
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Maryland; DNA and non-DNA cases.

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston University Prison Education Program

808 Commonwealth Ave, Room 234 | Boston, MA 02215
617-353-3025 <http://www.bu.edu/pep>

Degrees Offered: Bachelor of Liberal Studies in Interdisciplinary Studies. Programs include accounting, English composition, Latin, biology, sociology, marketing, acting, and language courses in Spanish, French, and Greek and more. Offered for prisoners incarcerated at *MCI/Norfolk*, *MCI/Framingham*, & *MCI/Bay State*.

Committee for Public Counsel Services Innocence Program

21 McGrath Highway, 2nd Floor | Somerville, MA 02143
617-623-0591

www.publiccounsel.net/practice_areas/CPCS_Innocence_Program/innocence
The Program seeks to: (1) identify potentially meritorious Massachusetts innocence claims; (2) assign experienced attorneys to litigate such claims, (3) supervise and train lawyers handling innocence cases, and (4) administer funds to support post-conviction investigation, forensic consultation and testing. A case may be eligible for assistance from the CPCS Innocence Program whether or not DNA evidence might be available to establish innocence. Highest priority is given to cases involving serious felonies for which the defendant is currently serving a substantial sentence.

Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts

10 Winthrop Square, 3rd Floor | Boston, MA 02110
617-482-2773 x 104 www.plsma.org

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

New England Innocence Project

160 Boylston Street | Boston, MA 02116
857-277-7858 www.newenglandinnocence.org

Cases accepted: Cases adjudicated in one of the six New England states (MA, VT, RI, ME, NH and CT) in which the inmate has a claim of factual innocence; DNA and non-DNA cases; must be in custody, but no time requirement; will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases and may consider child abuse cases. Also will consider cases involving invalidated forensic science, false confessions, jailhouse informant testimony, police/prosecutorial misconduct and poor defense lawyering.

MICHIGAN

American Friends Service Committee

Criminal Justice Program
1414 Hill Street | Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734-761-8283 <https://www.afsc.org/office/ann-arbor-mi>
AFSC's Michigan Criminal Justice Program advocates for over 1,500

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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 Innocence Clinic

701 South State Street | Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734-763-9353

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

Cases accepted: 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. Eyewitness misidentification, junk science, false confessions, government misconduct, jailhouse informant testimony, bad lawyering and other factors are considered.

Prison Creative Arts Project

435 S. State Street | 3187 Angell Hall | Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734-647-7673 <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/english/pcap>

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

Prison Legal Services of Michigan

209 E Washington Ave | Jackson, MI 49201
517-780-6639 www.prisoneradvocacy.org

Provides the inmates of the Michigan Department of Corrections with advice for dealing with legal issues and materials with which they may aid themselves.

Thomas M. Cooley Law School Innocence Project

300 S. Capitol Avenue | PO Box 13038 | Lansing, MI 48901
517-371-5140 www.cooley.edu/clinics/innocence_project.html

Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Michigan; DNA cases only; must be in custody, but no time requirement.

MINNESOTA

Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners

William Mitchell College of Law

875 Summit Ave., Room 254 | St Paul, MN 55105

651-290-6413 <https://web.wmitchell.edu/legal-practice-center/client-representation-clinics/lamp-legal-assistance-to-minnesota-prisoners>

Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners provides civil and family law legal services to both male and female prisoners incarcerated in Minnesota correctional facilities. LAMP does not handle appeals for inmates to contest their convictions. Additionally, the William Mitchell College of Law has established a secondary clinic, the Reentry Clinic that serves female prisoners in Minnesota who are nearing their release dates.

Innocence Project of Minnesota

1600 Utica Avenue, Suite 140 | St. Louis Park, MN 55416
651-523-3152 <http://ipmn.org>

Cases Accepted: cases of actual innocence in MN, ND and SD with DNA evidence, and non-DNA cases (MN); no sentence requirements. Considerations include eyewitness misidentification, junk science, false confessions, government misconduct, informant testimony, bad defense lawyering and other factors.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Innocence Project

University of Mississippi School of Law

PO Box 1848 | University, MS 38677

662-915-5207 <http://mississippiinnocence.org>

Cases Accepted: cases of actual innocence in north Mississippi and Northern Louisiana; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

Innocence Project New Orleans

4051 Ulloa Street | New Orleans, LA 70119

504-943-1902 <http://www.ip-no.org> (see LOUISIANA listing)

MISSOURI

Midwest Innocence Project

605 West 47th Street, Suite 222 | Kansas City, MO 64112
816-221-2166 www.themip.org (see KANSAS listing)

MONTANA

Montana Innocence Project

PO Box 7607 | Missoula, MT 59807

406-544-6698 www.mtinocenceproject.org

Cases accepted: 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 or have access to a public defender. Priority is given to cases where convincing and corroborating evidence can establish actual innocence.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Innocence Project

PO Box 24183 | Omaha, NE 68124

402-341-7194 www.nebraskainnocenceproject.org

Cases accepted must meet the following criteria: The prisoner alleges actual innocence (versus unfair treatment by the justice system); there is biological evidence such as blood or semen that can be subjected to DNA testing to prove innocence conclusively; and the prisoner is not represented by an attorney. NIP may consider non-DNA cases in which new evidence exists in the future, but currently gives priority to those with biological evidence.

NEVADA

Rocky Mountain Innocence Center

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

801-355-1888 <http://rminnocence.org> (See Utah listing)

NEW JERSEY

The Last Resort Innocence Project

Seton Hall University School of Law

One Newark Center | 1109 Raymond Blvd | Newark, NJ 07102

973-642-8500

<http://law.shu.edu/ProgramsCenters/PublicIntGovServ/ExonerationProject>

Cases accepted: Actual innocence; DNA and non-DNA; must have been convicted in New Jersey.

NJ Office of the Corrections Ombudsman

PO Box 855 | Trenton, NJ 08625

609-633-2596 (public) 555-555-5555 (prisoners in NJ institutions)

www.state.nj.us/correctionsombudsman

The Office of the Corrections Ombudsman provides a mechanism for the continuing resolution of issues, problems or complaints of state sentenced prisoners within New Jersey's Correctional System regarding their living conditions and treatment.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Mettanokit Outreach Attn: Medicine Story
173 Merriam Hill Road | Greenville, NH 03048
603-878-2310 www.circleway.org

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

New England Innocence Project

160 Boylston Street | Boston, MA 02116
857-277-7858 www.newenglandinnocence.org (see MASSACHUSETTS)

NEW MEXICO

Innocence and Justice Project | Univ of New Mexico School of Law
1117 Stanford NE | Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001
505-277-2671 <http://lawschool.unm.edu/news/archives/2011/june/ijp.php>
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in New Mexico; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

NEW YORK

Bard Prison Initiative | Bard College
PO Box 5000 | Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000
845-758-7308 <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 250 incarcerated men and women across a full spectrum of academic disciplines, and offers over 50 courses each semester.

Cornell Prison Education Program

101 McGraw Hall | Ithaca, NY 14853
607-255-2852 http://cpep.cornell.edu/_Home

The Cornell Prison Education Program is dedicated to supporting incarcerated persons' academic ambitions and preparation for successful re-entry. Their work supports a regional collaboration that brings together Cornell faculty and graduate students to teach a free college-level liberal arts curriculum to a select group of inmates at *Auburn Correctional Facility* and *Cayuga Correctional Facility*.

Correctional Association of New York

2090 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd, Suite 200 | New York, NY 10027
212-254-5700 www.correctionalassociation.org

Founded in 1844, the Correctional Association of New York (CA) is an independent non-profit organization that advocates for a more humane and effective criminal justice system and a more just and equitable society. CA has three working projects: the *Women in Prison Project*, the *Prison Visiting Project*, and the *Juvenile Justice Project*.

Correctional Library Services | The New York Public Library
455 Fifth Avenue, 6th floor | New York, NY 10016
212-592-7553

<http://www.nypl.org/help/community-outreach/correctional-services>
Correctional Services publishes *Connections* (268 pages, 2015), an annual guide and directory of resources in New York City available to

help people when they are leaving correctional facilities. *Connections* also serves as a guide on preparing for the world of work, and is the most exhaustive re-entry guidebook in New York City. The booklet is free to those incarcerated in New York State prisons and local jails.

Edwin Gould Services for Children | Incarcerated Mothers Program
1968 2nd Avenue, 2nd Floor | New York, NY 10029
646-315-7604 <http://egscf.org>

The IMP is a specially designed preventive program that addresses the unique needs of mothers parenting their children from prison in New York. The main goal of the IMP is to prevent foster care placement by assisting women and their children during and after the time of arrest; court; jail; and as they return to the community. IMP provides advocacy, foster care prevention, counseling, and vocational training, and also prison-based parenting groups to serve fathers.

The Exoneration Initiative

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

Hour Children, Inc.

36-11 12th St | Long Island City, NY 11106
718-433-4724 www.hourchildren.org
Mission is to support incarcerated mothers and their children. Provides resources and services outside and inside New York state prisons only. Also provides services in Spanish.

Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison

P.O. Box 862 | Ossining, NY 10562
914- 941-0794 www.hudsonlink.org
Degrees offered: Associates Degree in Liberal Arts, Associate and Bachelor's Degrees in Behavioral Science and Bachelor Degree in Organizational Management. High school diploma or GED required. Offered to prisoners at *Fishkill*, *Sing Sing* and *Sullivan Correctional Facilities for Men* and *Taconic Correctional Facility for Women*.

Legal Action Center

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

Legal Aid Society Prisoner's Rights Project

199 Water Street | New York, NY 10038
212-577-3300
www.legal-aid.org/en/civil/civilpractice/prisonersrightsproject.aspx
The Prisoner's Rights Project (PRP) protects and enforces the legal rights of New York City and New York State prisoners through litigation, advice, and assistance to individual prisoners. PRP does not deal with prisoners' criminal cases or sentences or matters related to parole.

New York State Prisoner Justice Coalition

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

NYC Jericho Movement

PO Box 670927 | Bronx, NY 10467
718-325-4407 www.jerichony.org

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Jericho is a movement with the defined goal of gaining recognition that political prisoners and prisoners of war exist inside of the United States, despite the United States' government's continued denial. One of Jericho's current goals is to educate the public about political prisoners in US prisons, and to help win amnesty and freedom for these political prisoners.

The Osborne Association

809 Westchester Avenue | Bronx, NY 10455
718-707-2600 www.osborneny.org

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

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York

41 State Street, Suite M112 | Albany, NY 12207
518-445-6053 <http://www.plsny.org>

PLS provides free legal services to New York State prisoners. The decision to assist with any particular case depends on the issue or problem presented, the chance of success, the amount of time and resource necessary to properly assist, the office's resources, staff availability and caseload. Also publishes *Pro Se* newsletter six times per year for inmates in New York State prisons, providing information and analysis on recent developments in prison law. To subscribe, send a subscription request with prisoner's name, DIN number, and facility to Pro Se, 114 Prospect Street, Ithaca, NY 14850. Past issues of *Pro Se* from 2003-2013 are downloadable from their website.

Pace Post-Conviction Project | Barbara Salken Criminal Justice Clinic

78 North Broadway | White Plains, NY 10603
914-422-4230

<http://law.pace.edu/criminal-justice-clinic-post-conviction-project>
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in New York; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements; will consider arson, shaken baby syndrome and child abuse cases.

Reinvestigation Project | Office of the Appellate Defender

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

212-402-4100 www.appellatedefender.org/Reinvestigation.html
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence for felony convictions in Manhattan and the Bronx. The client is assigned to OAD on appeal; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

Sylvia Rivera Law Project

147 West 24th Street, 5th Floor | New York, NY 10011
212-337-8550 www.srlp.org

Provides free legal services to released prisoners who are transgender, intersex, gender nonconforming people who are low-income, and/or people of color. They specialize in providing assistance on name changes, identity documents, public benefits, immigration, shelter and more. Available only in NY and surrounding areas.

Women's Prison Association

110 Second Avenue | New York, NY 10003
646-292-7740 www.wpaonline.org

WPA offers a range of services aimed at helping women in the New York City area. Their direct service network is organized in three broad areas; Residential and Family Services; Reentry Services; and neighborhood-based services. Within these program areas, WPA offers *Alternatives to Incarceration*, *Family Reunification Assistance and Family Support Services*, *Reentry Case Management, Assistance and Support*, and *Jail- and Prison-Based Education and Pre-Release Services*.

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services

PO Box 25397 | Raleigh, NC 27611
919-856-2200 <http://www.ncpls.org>

NCPLS provides legal assistance to inmates 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 inmates or individuals acting on behalf of inmates incapable of requesting legal assistance. The organization is divided into three teams of attorneys and paralegals: Post-Conviction, Civil, and Support Services.

North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence

PO Box 52446 | Durham, NC 27717-2446
919-489-3268 www.nccai.org

Criteria for accepted cases: Must have been convicted of a felony committed in North Carolina; assert a credible claim of innocence (did not commit or have any involvement in the crime); have no more rights to appeal; be currently unrepresented by an attorney; have the possibility of new evidence that was not previously presented at trial or heard in a post-conviction motion; be claiming innocence for all convictions for which he/she is serving time.

Innocence and Justice Clinic

Wake Forest University Law School
1834 Wake Forest Road | Winston-Salem, NC 27109

336-758-5430 <http://innocence-clinic.law.wfu.edu>
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in North Carolina; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission

Administrative Office of the Courts
P.O. Box 2448 | Raleigh, NC 27602

919-890-1580 www.innocencecommission-nc.gov
The North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission is the first of its kind in the nation. The Commission was created by the North Carolina General Assembly in 2006 since then has reviewed hundreds of innocence claims and conducted multiple hearings. 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.

NORTH DAKOTA

Innocence Project of Minnesota

1600 Utica Avenue, Ste. 140 | St. Louis Park, MN 55416
651-523-3152 <http://ipmn.org> (See MINNESOTA listing)

OHIO

Ashland University

401 College Avenue | Ashland, OH 44805
419-289-4142

<https://www.ashland.edu/founders/programs/correctional-education>
Ashland University offers the longest continuously operating post-secondary correctional education program in the United States. Established in 1966 at the Ohio State Reformatory, the AU offerings now serve over 1,000 incarcerated students annually with college curriculum. The programs are offered to both male and female adult offenders in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and male and female juvenile offenders in the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

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Athens Books to Prisoners

P.O. Box 45 | Rutland, OH 45775
Free books to prisoners in Ohio only.

Ohio Innocence Project | University of Cincinnati College of Law
PO Box 210040 | Cincinnati, OH 45221-0040

513-556-0752 www.law.uc.edu/o-i-p
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Ohio; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

Ohio University College Program for the Incarcerated

222 Haning Hall | Athens, OH 45701
800-444-2420 <http://www.outreach.ohio.edu/cpi>
Degrees offered: Associates in Arts, Science, Applied Business, and Individualized Studies; Bachelor of Specialized Studies. Programs Offered: Two study formats are currently available for CPI students: Correspondence Courses and Course Credit by Examination. Offered to inmates in the following Ohio institutions: *Rush City, Moose Lake, Lino Lakes, and St. Cloud.*

RedBird Books to Prisoners

PO Box 10599 | Columbus, OH 43201
<http://redbirdbooks.blogspot.com>
RedBird Books-to-Prisoners is a small all-volunteer group dedicated to providing Ohio prisoners with free reading materials. Please send requests by subject.

Wrongful Conviction Project | Office of the Ohio Public Defender
250 East Broad Street, Suite 1400 | Columbus, OH 43215
614-466-5394

www.opd.ohio.gov/DP_WrongfulConviction/DP_WrongfulConviction.htm
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Ohio; non-DNA cases only; must be an indigent Ohio inmate; must claim factual innocence of the conviction; must not have contributed in any way to the commission of the offense; the prisoner is serving a lengthy prison sentence; must have no prior history of violent crimes and no lengthy prior criminal record; the basis for claimed innocence is not outcome determinative as to DNA evidence and the prisoner has exhausted the legal process.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Innocence Project | Oklahoma City University School of Law
2501 N. Blackwelder | Oklahoma City, OK 73106
405-208-6161 <http://innocence.okcu.edu>
Cases Accepted: cases of actual innocence in Oklahoma; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

OREGON

Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program | University of Oregon
1585 E. 13th Avenue | Eugene, OR 97403
541- 346-1000

<http://honors.uoregon.edu/story/inside-out-prison-exchange-program>
Since 2007, University of Oregon (UO) has taught three Inside-Out Classes through the Clark Honors College (CHC) at the *Oregon State Penitentiary*. Courses are taught in an integrated classroom with outside students (from the Honors College) and inside students (who are incarcerated at Oregon State Penitentiary).

Pathfinders of Oregon

PO Box 3257 | Gresham, OR 97030
503-286-0600 www.pathfindersoforegon.org
Pathfinders of Oregon has several successful programs in prisons and the community, including the *Center for Family Success, Children's*

Justice Alliance, Parenting Inside Out, Pathfinder Academy, and Living in Freedom Today, an alternative to incarceration program. For Oregon prisoners only.

Partnership for Safety & Justice

825 NE 20th Avenue, Suite 250 | Portland, OR 97232
503-335-8449 <http://safetyandjustice.org>
Advocacy group focused on changing public safety policy in Oregon only. Publishes newsletter and *Prisoner Support Directory* for Oregon prisoners.

PENNSYLVANIA

AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania

1211 Chestnut Street, Suite 600 | Philadelphia PA 19107
215-587-9377 www.aidslawpa.org
Provides legal services for prisoners in PA with HIV/AIDS. English and Spanish.

Book 'Em c/o Thomas Merton Center

5129 Penn Avenue | Pittsburgh, PA 15224
412-361-3022x4 <http://www.bookempgh.org>
Volunteers meet weekly at the Thomas Merton Center to organize and prepare books to ship. Book 'Em serves prisoners from Pennsylvania only. Prisoners may request books by subject.

Human Rights Coalition

4134 Lancaster Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19104
267-293-9169 www.hrcoalition.com
HRC advocates for abolishment of solitary confinement in Pennsylvania prisons. Publishes HRC Legal Pamphlet Series, other pamphlets and information letters, and the "*PA Prison Directory Action Guide*" (2009) (too many pages for them to print & mail, but available for download on their website).

Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project

718 Arch Street, Suite 304 South
Philadelphia, PA 19106
215-925-2966 <http://www.pailp.org/self-helpmaterials.html>
The Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project (PILP) seeks to deliver civil legal services to the institutional population in Pennsylvania. PILP was created and designed to meet the needs of low income residents of Pennsylvania 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: How to Bring a Federal Lawsuit to Challenge Violations of Your Rights in Prison, 152 pages.

Pennsylvania Prison Society

245 N. Broad Street, Suite 300 | Philadelphia, PA 19107-1518
215-564-6005 www.prisonersociety.org
Does advocacy work, including prison visits and publishes "*Gratefriends*," a monthly newsletter for people in prison which is primarily inmate guided. \$5.00 for an annual prisoner subscription.

Pennsylvania Innocence Project

Temple University - Beasley School of Law
1719 North Broad Street | Philadelphia, PA 19122
215-204-4255 www.innocenceprojectpa.org

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Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Pennsylvania: DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements; will consider arson, shaken baby syndrome, and child abuse cases.

RHODE ISLAND

New England Innocence Project

160 Boylston Street | Boston, MA 02116
857-277-7858 www.newenglandinnocence.org (see MASSACHUSETTS)

SOUTH CAROLINA

Palmetto Innocence Project

J. M. McCulloch Institute
PO Box 11623 | Columbia, SC 29211 803-779-0005
The purpose of the Palmetto Innocence Project is to provide charitable pro bono legal assistance to prisoners convicted of serious crimes in South Carolina where cognizable claims of actual innocence or contentions of serious injustice in the criminal process exist.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Prisoner Support Group

PO Box 3285 | Rapid City, SD 57709
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SouthDakotaPrisonerSupportGroup>
Their purpose is to provide support to prisoners in jails and prisons and their families, and to prevent abuse of incarcerated men, woman and children. Offers referrals, links, websites, information, news, as well as share their own experiences and problems, in regards to incarcerated family members/friends. No legal advice given.

Innocence Project of Minnesota

1600 Utica Avenue, Suite 140
St. Louis Park, MN 55416
651-523-3152 <http://ipmn.org> (See MINNESOTA listing)

TENNESSEE

Project Return

806 4th Avenue South | Nashville, TN 37210-400
615-327-9654 www.projectreturninc.org
Project Return equips former offenders with the education, coaching, and support services necessary to gain employment and begin a new life. Pre-Release Program: Project Return conducts pre-release programs in correctional facilities to prepare inmates for their release dates. Through these programs, participants learn about Project Return's services and begin job readiness training.

TEXAS

Books Between Bars

1117 Peach Street | Abilene, Texas 79602
214-966-6901 <http://booksbetweenthebars.webs.com>
Books Between Bars can provide one book every 60 days to Texas prisoners who write to request it. Each request takes 7-14 days to process. The requests can be fiction, non-fiction, biography, self-help, parenting, religious, etc. Write for a copy of an application form, which needs to be filled out and sent back to Books Between Bars.

Disability Rights Texas

2222 West Braker Lane | Austin, TX 78758
512-454-4816 voice/TDD www.drtx.org
Focus area/description: Advocacy for disabled people in county jails, but not prisons, within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system.

Innocence Project of Texas

1511 Texas Avenue | Lubbock, TX 79401
806-744-6525 www.ipoftexas.org
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Texas; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

Inside Books Project c/o 12th Street Books

827 West 12th Street | Austin, TX 78701
512-655-3121 www.insidebooksproject.com
Sends free books and literature to prisoners in Texas only. Does not accept requests for hardcover books or bibles. Also sends a very informative prisoner resource guide free to prisoners in all states.

Texas Center for Actual Innocence

University of Texas School of Law
727 East Dean Keeton Street | Austin, TX 78705
512-471-1317 www.utexas.edu/law/clinics/innocence/tcai
Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Texas; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

Texas Civil Rights Project

4920 N. IH-35 | Austin, TX 78751
512-474-5073 www.texascivilrightsproject.org
The Prisoners' Rights Program works to improve conditions in Texas prisons and jails through litigation and advocacy. The Prisoners' Rights Program concentrates on cases that will have broad impact by changing a policy or creating other systemic relief.

Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project

3100 Cleburne Street | Houston, TX 77004
713-313-1139
http://65.57.255.103/centers/criminal_justice/innocence_project.shtml
Cases of actual innocence in Texas; DNA and non-DNA cases; claims of actual innocence typically involving DNA evidence testing, mistaken identification, or that a crime never actually occurred.

Wesleyan Innocence Project

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law
1515 Commerce Street | Fort Worth, TX 76102
817-212-4123
Handles cases primarily from Northern Texas.

Windham School District

PO Box 40 | Huntsville, TX 77342-0040
936-291-5303 www.windhamschooldistrict.org
Windham School District (WSD) provides a variety of academic classes and Career and Technical Education to prisoners incarcerated in the TDCJ. In addition to WSD programs, the Continuing Education program offers prisoners the opportunity to participate in college courses, and recreational activities. WSD is the first education system of such scope to be established within a statewide prison system, and operates schools on 90 sites serving TDCJ. Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's Degrees.

UTAH

Rocky Mountain Innocence Center

358 South 700 East, B235 | Salt Lake City, UT 84102
801-355-1888 <http://rminnocence.org>
Must have been convicted of a serious felony in NV, UT, or WY, and must have more than seven years left on the prison sentence; the prisoner's trial and direct appeals must be finished; the prisoner must be completely innocent; and significant new evidence must be available to prove the prisoner's innocence.

Utah Prisoner Advocate Network

PO Box 464 | Draper, UT 84020

<http://utahprisoneradvocate.org>utahprisoneradvocate@gmail.com

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

VERMONT

New England Innocence Project

160 Boylston Street | Boston, MA 02116

857-277-7858 www.newenglandinnocence.org (see MASSACHUSETTS)**Prisoners' Rights Office**

6 Baldwin Street, 4th Floor | Montpelier, VT 05633-3301

802-828-3194 www.defgen.state.vt.us

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

VIRGINIA

Innocence Project

University of Virginia School of Law

580 Massie Rd. | Charlottesville, VA 22901

434-924-7354

www.law.virginia.edu/html/academics/practical/innocenceclinic.htm

Cases Accepted: cases of actual innocence in Virginia; DNA and non-DNA cases; no sentence requirements.

WASHINGTON

Columbia Legal Services

Institutions Project

101 Yesler Way, Suite 300 | Seattle, WA 98104

206-382-3399 www.columbialegal.org/

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

Freedom Education Project Puget Sound

Tacoma Community College

6501 South 19th Street | Tacoma, WA 98466

253-566-5000 <http://prisonstudiesproject.org/category/washington/>

FEPPS is a nonprofit that benefits women prisoners by offering pre-college and college classes in the *Washington Corrections Center for Women*. Participating students must already have a high school diploma or GED. Degrees offered: Associate of Arts and Sciences.

Innocence Project Northwest Clinic

Univ of Washington School of Law

PO Box 85110 | Seattle, WA 98145-1110

206-543-5780 www.law.washington.edu/Clinics/IPNW

Cases accepted: Prisoner unable to afford counsel; no longer has the right

to appointed counsel; has completed the direct appeals process; has at least three years of prison time remaining to be served; has a claim of actual innocence that can be proven through DNA testing or other newly discovered evidence; and has no involvement in the crime whatsoever.

Keeping the Faith: The Prison Project

The Pat Graney Company

606 Maynard Ave, Suite 201 | Seattle, WA 98104

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

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

University Beyond Bars

PO Box 31525 | Seattle, WA 98103

425-339-8229 www.universitybeyondbars.org

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

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Innocence Project

West Virginia University College of Law

PO Box 6130 | Morgantown, WV 26506-6130

304-293-7294 <http://wvinnocenceproject.wvu.edu>

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

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project c/o Rainbow Bookstore Co-Op

426 West Gilman Street | Madison, WI 53703

608-257-6050

<http://rainbowbookstore.coop/services/wisconsin-books-to-prisoners>

Sends various books to state & federal prisoners in Wisconsin only. Has large selection of novels. Please request by subject category.

Wisconsin Innocence Project

University of Wisconsin - Madison

975 Bascom Mall | Madison, WI 53706-1399

608-265-1160 <http://law.wisc.edu/fjr/clinicals/ip>

Cases accepted: Cases of actual innocence in Wisconsin (will look at cases from neighboring states, or beyond in exceptional circumstances); DNA and non-DNA cases; must be in custody, must have three or more years left to serve.

WYOMING

Rocky Mountain Innocence Center

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

801-355-1888 <http://rminnocence.org>

(see UTAH listing)

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PARC RECOMMENDED PRISON BOOKS - LEGAL & EDUCATIONAL (All are paperbound)

A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual, 9th edition, 2011, 1077 pages, \$30.00 (free shipping/handling)
c/o Columbia Human Rights Law Review | Attn: JLM Order | 435 West 116th Street | New York, NY 10027
212-854-1601 Fax: 212-854-7946 <http://www3.law.columbia.edu/hrlr/jlm>

A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual (JLM) is a handbook of legal rights and procedures designed to inform prisoners of their rights and how use to judicial process to secure these rights on both the federal and state level, with an emphasis on New York State law. The additional *Immigration & Consular Access Supplement* (102 pages) contains information about the immigration law consequences of criminal convictions for people who are not U.S. Citizens. *JLM* is \$30 if shipped directly to prisoners; \$105 for all others. The *Supplement* is \$5 for prisoners, \$22 for all others. (Please note that *JLM* is available for free by individual chapter if downloaded from the above-listed website by an outside source, printed out, and mailed in to the prisoner.)

California State Prisoner's Handbook, by Heather MacKay & Prison Law Office, 4th ed, 2008, 1100 pages, \$40.00 (2014 supplement also available)
Reach360 Fulfillment | 440 Tesconi Circle | Santa Rosa, CA 95401 800-630-4104 Fax: 707-528-6766 www.prisonlaw.com/handbook.htm
The 4th edition of the *California State Prisoners Handbook* is \$40 if shipped directly to prisoners, \$182 for all others. The 2014 supplement, which is sold separately, is \$15 for prisoners, \$50 for all others. All orders include sales tax and shipping. The Handbook discusses in detail the laws governing prisoner rights and the policies and practices of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The 1100-page Fourth Edition also includes numerous sample forms and model pleadings. 17 chapters cover: *Administrative Appeals, Rights of Prisoners, Classification and Transfers, Determinate Sentences, Time Credits and Release Dates, Life Prisoners, Disciplinary Violations and Segregation, Medical and Mental Health Care, Detainers and Extradition, Early and Temporary Releases and Special Prison Programs, Parole, MDO and SVP Commitments, Workers Compensation and Other Benefits, Immigration Issues for Noncitizen Prisoners, Writs of Habeas Corpus and Mandate, Federal Civil Rights and State Tort Law Actions, Direct Appeals of Convictions, Legal Research and Writing*. PLEASE NOTE: This book is offered to prisoners and parolees at a special subsidized price. Those who are not a prisoner or parolee (or are not purchasing the book for shipping directly to a prisoner or parolee) must pay the regular price.

Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook, 5th edition, 2010, 152 pages, \$2.00

The National Lawyers Guild | 132 Nassau Street, Room 922 | New York, NY 10038

212-679-6018 Fax: 212-679-2811 www.nlg.org/jailhouse-lawyers-handbook http://ccrjustice.org/files/Report_JailHouseLawyersHandbook.pdf

The *Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook*, 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 \$2.00 in money order, or check to the above address. Please note that the *Handbook* is also available for free if downloaded from the above-listed websites by an outside source, printed out, and mailed in 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.

Georgetown Law Journal Annual Review of Criminal Procedure, 44th Edition, 1000+ pages, June 2015, \$25.00

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

202-662-9457 <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/law-journals/subscribe/arcp/upload/2015-Order-Form-Inmate-ARCP-15.pdf>

The 43rd edition of the *Georgetown Law Journal Annual Review of Criminal Procedure (ARCP)* 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.)

The Habeas Citebook: Ineffective Assistance of Counsel, by Brandon Sample, 220 pages, 2010, \$49.95 (+ \$6 shipping/handling)

Prison Legal News | PO Box 1151 | Lake Worth, FL 33460 561-360-2523 https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/129_ProductDetails.aspx

The *Habeas Citebook* is a much-needed tool for prisoners who are forced to seek relief on their own. The book is thorough, but simple and readable. It starts with a well-organized listing of hundreds of different types of ineffective assistance of counsel, set forth in the form of citations to court rulings - a novel approach that not only acts as a springboard for further research but also saves the prisoner countless hours of preliminary research. The book is also practical and useful. It provides invaluable resources, including templates and forms, that explain what, when, where and how to file for habeas relief. It contains readable summaries of the relevant laws and rules and plain-English explanations of some of the inherently mystifying concepts of habeas law, such as "procedural default" and "certificates of appealability" and the "AEDPA." It includes practical advice on what to do and what not to do on issues such as identifying and selecting the claims to be argued; seeking discovery and evidentiary hearings; and seeking the appointment of counsel. And the book consistently offers critical insights on winning court strategies. Shipping/handling for book orders from Prison Legal News is \$6 total for any orders under or equal to \$49.95, and free for all orders over \$49.95. Mail request and check or money order payable to "Prison Legal News."

Education Behind Bars, by Christopher Zoukis, January 2012, 382 pages, \$19.95 (+ \$5.00 shipping/handling)

Sunbury Press | PO Box 548 | Boiling Springs, PA 17007 855-338-8359 (Also available on Amazon.com)

www.sunburypressstore.com/Education-Behind-Bars-9781934597774.htm?categoryId=-1

Prison education is a concept whose time has come. *Education Behind Bars* is both a reference guide and a social policy title. Half of the book is dedicated to the need for prison education, its history, travails, current situation, and the refutation of arguments against it. The other half of the book is

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directed toward the incarcerated student with an up-to-date listing of numerous educational opportunities. *Education Behind Bars* is the most comprehensive study of prison education on the market to date. One can read *Education Behind Bars* from cover to cover, or read only the second half which contains detailed descriptions of hundreds of available educational programs.

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Protecting Your Health and Safety: A Litigation Guide For Inmates by Robert E. Toone, 2nd Edition, 2009, 325 pages, \$10 (+ \$6 shipping/handling)

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Our Enemies in Blue by Kristian Williams, 3rd Edition, July 2015, 420 pages, \$16.50 (+ \$3 shipping/handling)

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Let's begin with the basics: violence is an inherent part of policing. The police represent the most direct means by which the state imposes its will on the citizenry. They are armed, trained, and authorized to use force. Like the possibility of arrest, the threat of violence is implicit in every police encounter. Violence, as well as the law, is what they represent. Using media reports alone, the Cato Institute's last annual study listed nearly seven thousand victims of police "misconduct" in the United States. But such stories of police brutality only scratch the surface of a national epidemic. Every year, tens of thousands are framed, blackmailed, beaten, sexually assaulted, or killed by cops. Hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on civil judgments and settlements annually. Individual lives, families, and communities are destroyed. In this extensively revised and updated edition of his seminal study of policing in the United States, Kristian Williams shows that police brutality isn't an anomaly, but is built into the very meaning of law enforcement in the United States. From antebellum slave patrols to today's unarmed youth being gunned down in the streets, "peace keepers" have always used force to shape behavior, repress dissent, and defend the powerful. *Our Enemies in Blue* is a well-researched page-turner that both makes historical sense of this legalized social pathology and maps out possible alternatives.

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(SELECTED) STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

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, now known as the "Mandela Rules." <http://www.penalreform.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/MANDELA-RULES.pdf>

Accommodations

- Cells for individuals should not be used to accommodate two or more persons overnight; dormitory facilities are to be supervised at night.

Exercise and Sport

- If not employed in outdoor work, every prisoner shall have at least one hour of exercise in the open air, weather permitting.
- Young prisoners and others of suitable age and physique are to receive physical and recreational training.

Medical Services

- Pre-natal and post-natal care and treatment are to be provided by women's institutions; where nursing infants are allowed to remain with their mothers, a nursery staffed by qualified persons is needed.
- The medical officer shall see all sick prisoners daily, along with those who complain of illness or are referred to his/her attention.
- The medical officer is to report to the director on prisoners whose health is jeopardized by continued imprisonment and on the quality of the food, hygiene, bedding, clothing, and physical regimen of the prisoners.

Discipline and Punishment

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

Instruments of Restraint

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

Information to and Complaints by Prisoners

- Upon admission, prisoners shall be informed of the regulations they are to live by and of authorized channels for seeking information and making complaints.
- Prisoners are to have the right to make complaints to the director of the institution, as well as to the central prison administration and the judicial authority, in the proper form but without censorship as to substance, and they are to have the opportunity to speak directly to an inspector of prisons outside the presence of institutional staff members.
- Unless evidently frivolous, each complaint shall be replied to promptly.

Contacts with the Outside World

- Prisoners are to be allowed regular contact with family and friends, by both correspondence and personal visits.
- Prisoners who are foreign nationals shall be allowed communication with diplomatic and consular representatives of their State, or a State or international authority that has taken charge of their interests.
- Prisoners are to be kept informed of current events and important items of news.

Books

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

Guiding Principles

- The prison system must not aggravate unnecessarily the suffering inherent in a prisoner's loss of self-determination and liberty.
- Prisons should utilize all remedial, educational, medical, and spiritual forms of assistance to treat the prisoner's needs and facilitate his return to society as a law-abiding member.
- Government or private agencies should be available for the after care of released prisoners

Treatment

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

Education and Recreation

- The ongoing education of prisoners is to be facilitated, and schooling of illiterates and youthful prisoners is to be considered compulsory.
- Recreational and cultural activities are to be made available.

For a full copy of the Mandela Rules, write to: **United Nations | Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice | New York, NY 10017**

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