



National Prisoner Resource Guide

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Welcome to the 2024 edition of EMPIRE Foundation LLC's National Prisoner Resource Directory. We're delighted to present this valuable resource to you, offering essential information on various organizations dedicated to supporting individuals within the prison system.

In this edition, we've introduced several new organizations. However, it's crucial to note that contact details and services may have undergone changes, so please verify the information before reaching out. To enhance your communication with the organizations listed, here are some helpful tips:

- Patience is key, as many of these groups operate as all-volunteer, grassroots organizations.
- Ensure your letters are clear, including your full return address on both envelopes and letters.
- Keep a detailed log of your outreach efforts, noting the organizations contacted and dates.
- Retain copies of all money orders or checks for your records.
- If you don't receive a response within three months, consider writing again, specifying that it's your second or third contact.

As we continue to monitor the evolving landscape of criminal punishment reform, we observe both progress and challenges. With over 2.3 million people incarcerated in state or federal prisons across the country, many endure unjust sentences and challenging conditions. Correspondents frequently share stories of unsafe conditions, inadequate food, overcrowding, untreated mental health issues, and a lack of accommodation for those with disabilities.

Our current focus revolves around maintaining and distributing this Directory. As an all-volunteer organization, we strive to respond to individual letters, although we cannot provide specific legal advice or referrals. Operating without a physical office with regular hours, we are unable to offer support over the phone and do not maintain a database of correspondents.

Feel free to share this Directory widely so that as many people as possible can benefit from the information. We encourage your input on updated or inactive organizations and welcome submissions about new organizations providing direct services to those inside, eligible for inclusion in our directory.

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Nationwide Organizations and Resources

AFSC Prison Watch Project

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

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

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

All of Us or None

4400 Market St · Oakland, CA 94608

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

Grassroots organizing project of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children. All of Us or None fights for the full restoration of our civil and human rights of formerly-and currently-incarcerated people and families. They are fighting against the discrimination that people face every day because of arrest or conviction history.

Amnesty International

311 W 43rd St 7th floor · New York, NY 10036

212-807-8400 · <http://www.amnestyusa.org>

Compiles information regarding prison conditions such as the use of prolonged solitary confinement and other abuses in prison for advocacy purposes; also works on police accountability and ending the death penalty. May not respond to individual letters.

Center for Constitutional Rights

666 Broadway 7th floor · New York, NY 10012

212-614-6464 · <http://ccrjustice.org>

Non-profit legal and educational organization committed to the creative use of law as a positive force for social change and dedicated to advancing and protecting constitutional rights.

Coalition for Prisoners' Rights Newsletter

PO Box 1911 · Santa Fe, NM 87504

<http://realcostofprisons.org/coalition.html>

Publishes a monthly newsletter with news about prisoners nationwide and is free to prisoners who send an SASE. Additional prisoner resource lists available. Back issues from 2009 are online

Critical Resistance

P.O. Box 22780 · Oakland, CA 94609-2301

510-444-0484 · <http://www.criticalresistance.org>

CR seeks to build an international movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex by challenging the belief that caging and controlling people makes everyone safe. CR also publishes "The Abolitionist," once a year, printed in both English and Spanish, which is free to prisoners. Previous editions of The Abolitionist are available online at: <https://criticalresistance.org/abolitionist/>

Death Penalty Information Center

1701 K Street NW Suite 205 · Washington, DC 20006

202-289-2275 · <http://deathpenaltyinfo.org>

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

Families Against Mandatory Minimums

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

202-822-6700 · <http://www.famm.org>

Nonprofit organization fighting for fair and proportionate sentencing laws that allow judicial discretion; improved prison conditions; and an increase in compassionate release. May not respond to letters.

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

PO Box 1160 · Washington, DC 20013

202-455-8076 (voice) 202-436-9278 (videophone) ·

<http://www.behearddc.org>

All volunteer organization that provides advocacy services for deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind inmates across the nation. HEARD's mission is to promote equal access to the justice and legal system for deaf defendants, detainees, prisoners, and returned citizens. HEARD created and maintains the only national database of deaf and deaf-blind prisoners and is the only organization that focuses on correcting and preventing wrongful conviction of deaf people. May not respond quickly to letters. Nationwide.

How to Justice

11 South 12th St · Richmond, VA 23219 · 919-727-8368

How To Justice's goal is to provide easy-to-read answers to your questions about your rights in prison, including conditions, medical care, visitation, and rights to communication. Write with general questions. Does not provide legal advice.

Just Detention International

3325 Wilshire Bl, Suite 340 Ms. Cynthia Totten, Esq., Bar #199266 · Los Angeles, CA 90010

213-384-1400 · <http://www.justdetention.org>

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

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Lewisburg Prison Project

PO Box 128 · Lewisburg, PA 17837
570-523-1104 · <http://www.lewisburgprisonproject.org>

The Lewisburg Prison Project (LPP) is affiliated with the PA Institutional Law Project (PILP). Together, we provide informational materials, advice, and representation on civil rights matters related to the conditions of confinement (medical, mental health, excessive force, etc.) of those incarcerated in Pennsylvania. We cannot provide legal advice or representation to those with claims that occur outside of Pennsylvania, and we do not assist with criminal matters, habeas cases, sentencing, or parole issues. Also provides informational materials and legal bulletins about prisoners' rights to people incarcerated throughout the United States. Resources available online, or write in for order form and to submit requests. Legal advice only provided in Pennsylvania; other resources nationwide.

National Center on Institutions and Alternatives

7130 Ruthland Rd. · Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 265-1490 · <http://www.ncianet.org>

Provides sentencing advocacy, capital case mitigation services, parole release advocacy, institutional designation and transfer, and release planning. Will research questions and provide advice regarding the Bureau of Prisons, the administrative remedy process, intensive confinement, RDAP, pre-release programming, home confinement and related issues. Serves federal prisoners nationwide.

Prisoner Visitation and Support

PO Box 58068 · Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-241-7117 · <http://www.prisonervisitation.org>

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS) is a volunteer visitation program for federal and military prisoners across the U.S., with special priority given to those on death row, in solitary confinement, serving long sentences, or not receiving regular visits. PVS volunteers visit once a month, with no religious or political agenda, to provide a listening ear to those who need one. Limited visiting for Spanish speaking prisoners. Serves federal and military prisoners only.

Root & Rebound

1610 Harrison St suite E-East · Oakland, CA 94612
510-279-4662 (re-entry hotline Fridays only) ·
<http://www.rootandrebound.org/roadmap>

Focused on reentry services for people released or preparing for release in California and South Carolina only. Offers a 1,211 page Reentry Guide for a \$20 fee, and a FREE Reentry Toolkit which is a condensed version of the Reentry Guide containing general legal information about people's rights in reentry.

Solitary Watch

PO Box 11374 · Washington, DC 20008
<https://solitarywatch.org/>

Solitary Watch works to expose and oppose the use of solitary confinement in U.S. prisons and jails. It has temporarily suspended its newsletter for incarcerated members. Solitary Watch also welcomes submissions of writing of up to 1000 words by those currently or formerly serving time in solitary. May not respond timely to letters. Serves people nationally.

The Sentencing Project

1705 DeSales Street NW, 8th Floor · Washington, DC 20036
202-628-0871 · <http://www.sentencingproject.org>

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

Vegetarian Resource Group

PO Box 1463 · Baltimore, MD 21203
410-366-8343 · <http://www.vrg.org>

The Vegetarian Resource Group is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public on vegetarianism and the interrelated issues of health, nutrition, environment, ethics, and world hunger. Publishes Vegan Journal magazine, as well as Veganism in a Nutshell, Vegetarianism in a Nutshell, Heart Healthy Eating, My Vegan Plate, and El Vegetarianismo en pocas palabras brochures. Serves people nationwide.

LEGAL RESOURCES

Abolitionist Law Center

PO Box 8654 · Pittsburgh, PA 15221
<http://abolitionistlawcenter.org>

The ALC is a public interest law firm inspired by the struggle of political and politicized prisoners, and organized for the purpose of abolishing class and race based mass incarceration in the United States. To accomplish this goal, the ALC engages in litigation on behalf of people whose human rights have been violated in prison, produces educational programs to inform the general public about the evils of mass incarceration, and works to develop a mass movement against the American penal system by building alliances and nurturing solidarity across social divisions. Only accepts very select cases, primarily in Pennsylvania

Columbia Legal Services

101 Yesler Way, Suite 300 Institutions Project · Seattle, WA 98104
206-382-3399 · <https://columbialegal.org/get-help/>

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

Disability Rights Texas

2222 West Braker Lane · Austin, TX 78758
512-454-4816 voice/TDD · <http://www.drxtx.org>

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

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Equal Justice Initiative

122 Commerce St · Montgomery, AL 36104
334-269-1803 · <http://www.eji.org/deathpenalty/innocence>

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

Family Law Project

University of Wisconsin Law School · 975 Bascom Mall
Madison, WI 53706
608-262-2240 · <http://www.law.wisc.edu/fjr/flp>

Wisconsin Law students work under an experienced family law attorney and clinical professor to represent incarcerated parents and others in their family law matters including divorce, paternity actions, child support, child placement, visitation, guardianship, etc. They also provide pro se information and forms. Serves Wisconsin only.

Florida Justice Institute

P.O. Box 370747 · Miami, FL 33137
786-342-6910 · <http://www.floridajusticeinstitute.org>

The Florida Justice Institute (FJI) is a public interest law firm that conducts civil rights litigation and advocacy in the areas of prisoners' rights, housing discrimination, disability discrimination, and other areas impacting the poor and disenfranchised. This includes cases for persons currently or formerly incarcerated in a Florida prison or jail involving mistreatment while incarcerated, or involving the conditions of the facility. Does not assist with criminal law cases or postconviction cases such as habeas corpus petitions. Only serves people in Florida.

Florida Legal Services

PO Box 533986 · Orlando, FL 32853
407-801-4350 · <http://floridalegal.org/our-projects>

The Florida Institutional Legal Services Project at Florida Legal Services focuses on systemic reform litigation, community lawyering, and policy advocacy to protect the rights of adults and youth who are incarcerated in prisons, jails, and juvenile justice facilities throughout Florida. The FILS Project publishes the Florida Manual for Incarcerated Parents (2008), which may be downloaded from their website or obtained by writing to the above address. The FILS Project also has reentry information packets available for download that include a list of resources for each county in FL to assist individuals who are returning to their communities from institutions. Only serves people in Florida.

Georgetown Law Journal Annual Review of Criminal Procedure

600 New Jersey Avenue NW Georgetown Law Office of Journal Administration - ARCP · Washington, DC 20001-2075
202-662-9457 · <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/georgetown-lawjournal/subscribe/subscribe-arcp/>

As a comprehensive survey of all criminal procedure in the federal courts. The ARCP is a single issue per year edition that 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, \$85 for standard retail rate. Also offers complimentary copies of older editions to those who are incarcerated that can provide proof of indigence.

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Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project

6 Everett Street Harvard Law School, Ste. 5107 · Cambridge, MA 02138 · 617-495-3127 · <https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap/>

Law student clinic providing service to indigent incarcerated people, including advocacy for those charged with violating prison regulations, people appearing before Parole Board and disciplinary hearings, and legal research assistance for those who are currently incarcerated. Because this program is university-affiliated, it may not be staffed during transitional periods in the academic schedule. Collect calls accepted. Provides post-conviction administrative advocacy, not direct pre-conviction litigation. Representation in Massachusetts only; provides legal research for incarcerated folks all over the country.

Legal Action Center

225 Varick St, 4th Floor · New York, NY 10014
212-243-1313 or Toll-free at 800-223-4044 · <http://www.lac.org>

The Legal Action Center (LAC) uses legal and policy strategies to fight discrimination, build health equity, and restore opportunity for people with arrest and conviction records, substance use disorders, and HIV or AIDS. They also help people fight for their right to medication for addiction treatment (MAT) or medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) Primarily serves people in New York state, but sends resources to incarcerated people throughout the US.

National Office of the NLG - Prison Law Project

P.O. Box 1266 · New York, NY 10009
212-679-5100 · <https://www.nlg.org/jailhouse-lawyers-handbook/>

The National Office of the National Lawyers Guild in New York does not provide lawyers or legal assistance; they offer free membership for jailhouse lawyers, which includes the ability to vote on national resolutions and to receive the quarterly publication, Guild Notes. Also publishes Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook with Center for

Constitutional Rights.

Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project

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

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

People's Law Office

1180 N Milwaukee Ave · Chicago, IL 60642-4019
773-235-0070 · <http://www.peopleslawoffice.com>

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

Prison Law Office

General Delivery · San Quentin, CA 94964
510-280-2621 · <http://www.prisonlaw.com>

The Prison Law Office litigates and monitors California and Arizona class action lawsuits regarding medical care, mental health care, and disabled access for prisoners. Serves Californians and Arizonans only.

Prison Legal News

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

Prison Legal News (PLN) is a project of the Human Rights Defense Center. It is a 72-page monthly journal covering prison related news, summaries of recent case-law decisions affecting prisoners, and analysis from across the country. A one-year subscription is \$30 for prisoners, \$35 for individuals and \$90 for lawyers and institutions. Single copies of current or back issues are \$5.

Southern Center for Human Rights

60 Walton Street NW · Atlanta, GA 30303-2122
404-688-1202 · <http://www.schr.org>

SCHR provides legal representation to people facing the death penalty in Georgia and Alabama only, as well as in cases of unconstitutional conditions of confinement. SCHR also provides free access to a number of publications and handouts, including your free speech rights in prison and Georgia parole handbook. Serves people in Georgia and Alabama only.

The MacArthur Justice Center

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law 375 E Chicago Ave · Chicago, IL 60611 · 312-503-8576
<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/macarthur>

The MacArthur Justice Center is a nonprofit law firm with locations in Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Washington D.C. It takes on cases regarding police misconduct, solitary confinement, wrongful convictions, and class actions around prison conditions and parole. Now also a law clinic at Northwestern law school. Write to Chicago address for other locations. Serves nationwide. Expect delay or form response.

LGBTQI-FOCUSED RESOURCES

Black and Pink

2406 Fowler Ave Suite 316 · Omaha, NE 68111
<http://www.blackandpink.org>

Black and Pink is a national prison abolitionist organization dedicated to abolishing the criminal punishment system and liberating LGBTQIA2S+ people and people living with HIV/AIDS who are affected by that system through advocacy, support, and organizing. It has 13 volunteer-led chapters, including in Albuquerque, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Missoula, New York City, and Portland OR. Pairs people with pen pals and sends newsletters; new pen pal website at <https://blackandpinkpenpals.org>. Write for more info and for local chapter information.

Black and Pink Minneapolis

2002 23rd Ave S c/o Boneshaker Books · Minneapolis, MN 55404
<https://mwtppp.wordpress.com/>

This project was formed to connect Midwest-based incarcerated trans/gender non-conforming people with other trans/gender nonconforming and allied community member correspondents for friendship. This project was initially launched to reach out to transgender prisoners who are placed in lock down (administrative segregation), and now accepts requests for correspondents from LGBTQIA2S+ individuals mainly in MN, IA, ND, and SD.

GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)

18 Tremont, Suite 950 · Boston, MA 02108
617-426-1350 · <https://www.glad.org/>

Advocacy to fight discrimination based on gender identity and expression, HIV status and sexual orientation. As part of this work, GLAD takes very select legal representation on behalf of LGBTQ prisoners. Has a victory in Sept. 2018 achieving transfer of a trans woman to a women's prison in Maine. Also has a New England centered resource guide. Mostly serves people in New England.

Hearts on a Wire

1315 Spruce St. William Way Center · Philadelphia, PA 19107
<http://heartsonawire.org>

Hearts on a Wire is a grassroots organization working to address the needs of incarcerated transgender people in Pennsylvania prisons. They are a group of trans and gender variant people building a movement for gender self-determination, racial and economic justice, and an end to policing and imprisoning our communities. Offers a free newsletter to incarcerated and detained people. Write to be added to their mailing list. In your letter asking to be added, please tell us something about your relationship to the trans community. Serves transgender people in Pennsylvania only.

Lambda Legal

120 Wall St, 19th Floor · New York, NY 10005-3919
212-809-8585 · <https://www.lambdalegal.org/>

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

LGBT Books to Prisoners

1202 Williamson St #1 c/o Social Justice Center Incubator · Madison, WI 53703
<https://lgbtbookstoprisoners.org/>

Volunteer-run organization that sends books and other educational materials, free of charge, to LGBT-identified people in prison across the US (except those in TX). Will send books in Spanish (enviar libros en Español). Sends one package of books per year. Prefers requests by topic/genre, but can occasionally fulfill specific requests. Serves all states except Texas.

National Center for Transgender Equality

1032 15th St NW Suite 199 · Washington, DC 20005
(202) 642-4542 · <https://transequality.org/>

Advocates for change policies and society to increase understanding and acceptance of transgender people. Its Racial and Economic Justice Initiative includes work on reforming detention conditions for transgender people in correctional facilities and in immigration detention. In 2019, NCTE published Failing To Protect & Serve, an audit of the policies at the 25 largest police departments and a model policy to help local advocates and law enforcement. Operating remotely in January 2022 and will continue to do so for an undetermined period of time. They are still active during the pandemic but remote status may impact phone and written responses. Will send resources nationwide.

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Prisoner Correspondence Project

QPIRG Concordia c/o Concordia University 1455 de Maisonneuve
Ouest · Montréal, QC H3G 1M8
<https://prisonercorrespondenceproject.com/>

The Prisoner Correspondence Project is a solidarity project for gay, lesbian, transsexual, transgender, gendervariant, two-spirit, intersex, bisexual and queer prisoners in Canada and the United States, linking them with people a part of these same communities outside of prison through a direct-correspondence program Letters to PCP in Canada cost \$1.15 in US postage. Has pen pals who speak/write French. Serves people nationally.

Queer Detainee Empowerment Project

308 W. 46th St. · New York City, NY 10036
347-645-9339 · <http://www.qdep.org>

Part of the Center for Transformative Action. Assists folks coming out of immigration detention in New York in securing structural, health/wellness, educational, legal, and emotional support and services. New York only.

Sinister Wisdom

2333 McIntosh Road · Dover, FL 33527
813- 502- 5549 · <http://sinisterwisdom.org/>

Publishes work by lesbians only - prose, poetry, essays, graphics, and book reviews. Will send free to women. Nationwide to women's prisons only.

Sylvia Rivera Law Project

147 West 24th Street, 5th Fl · New York, NY 10011
212-337-8550 x303 · <http://www.srlp.org>

Provides free legal services to released prisoners who are transgender, intersex, gender nonconforming people who are low-income, and/or people of color. They specialize in providing assistance on name changes, identity documents, public benefits, immigration, shelter and more. Operating remotely in January 2022 and will continue to do so for an undetermined period of time. They are still active during the pandemic but remote status may impact phone and written responses. New York area only.

The Transformative Justice Law Project

203 N LaSalle, Suite 2100 · Chicago, IL 60601
312-558-1472 · <http://www.tjlp.org>

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

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

370 Turk St #370 · San Francisco, CA 94102
415-554-8491 · <http://www.tgijp.org/>

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

Transgender Law Center

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

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

Tranzmission Prison Project

PO Box 1874 · Asheville, NC 28802
<http://tranzmissionprisonproject.org>

An LGBTQ+ focused abolition and advocacy group based out of Asheville, NC. A volunteer-run, non-hierarchical organization providing free books, zines, resources and other means of support to incarcerated queer individuals nationwide.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES

Aid to Inmate Mothers

PO Box 986 · Montgomery, AL 36101-0986
334-262-2245, 800-679-0246 · <http://www.inmatemoms.org>

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

California Coalition for Women Prisoners

4400 Market St · Oakland, CA 94608
415-255-7036, ext. 4 · <http://womenprisoners.org/>

CCWP is a grassroots abolitionist organization, with members inside and outside prison, that challenges the institutional violence imposed on women, transgender and non-binary people, and communities of color by the prison industrial complex (PIC). The struggle for racial and gender justice is central to dismantling the PIC and CCWP prioritizes the leadership of the people, families, and communities most impacted in building this movement. CCWP visits incarcerated people in CA women's prisons and produces a newsletter "The Fire Inside," free to incarcerated people. CCWP offers a variety of advocacy programs as well. Primarily works with individuals in California but mails the newsletter to people around the country. L.A. Chapter – PO Box 291585, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

CCWP Writing Warriors

4400 Market St California Coalition for Women Prisoners · Oakland, CA 94608 · 415-255-7036 ext. 314
<http://www.womenprisoners.org>

Writing Warriors Advocacy through Correspondence project establishes supportive relationships between volunteers in the community and people incarcerated at the women's prisons in California. It is different from a traditional pen pal program because it is part of a collective undertaking which trains correspondents to promote advocacy for incarcerated people. Writing Warriors volunteers primarily communicate via GTL email but can also correspond thru U.S. mail via the CCWP Oakland office address. Only provides services to California prisons.

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Chicago Books to Women in Prison

4511 N Hermitage Ave · Chicago, IL 60640
<https://chicagobwp.org/>

All-volunteer, not-for-profit organization that sends paperback books (including Spanish books) free of charge to women and trans people in prisons nationwide. They send three books in a package. Please provide at least six general options of genre or subject matter. Currently serves state prisons in Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi and Ohio, as well as all federal prisons. The only jail they serve is Cook County Jail. Libros en español también Twitter: twitter.com/chicagobwp/ Instagram: [instagram.com/chicagobwp/](https://www.instagram.com/chicagobwp/)

Hour Children

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

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

National Defense Center for Criminalized Survivors

Defense Center 540 Fairview Ave N Suite 208 · St Paul, MN 55104
215-763-1144 or 800-903-0111 ext. 3 · <https://www.bwjp.org/>

BWJP is the national non-profit leader at the intersection of gender-based violence and the law. BWJP is organized as a dynamic collection of national policy and practice centers which provide support, education, best practice, and innovation to advocates, systems professionals, community leaders, and policy experts. The National Defense Center for Criminalized Survivors (NDCCS), formerly known as the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women, is one of BWJP's seven National Centers. NDCCS addresses the unique needs of victims and survivors of gender-based violence who have been criminalized as a result of their experiences of being abused. NDCCS does not provide direct legal representation; it works with defense teams of survivors by providing case-specific technical assistance, resources, and support. NDCCS works nationwide.

Tulane University Women's Prison Project

6329 Freret Street · New Orleans, LA 70118
<https://law.tulane.edu/clinics/womens-prison-project>

Law student clinic focused on incarcerated individuals who are also survivors of abuse. Provides individual representation for pre-trial, post-conviction, parole, and clemency proceedings where abuse was a factor in the crime of conviction. Expect delays during the summer. Should also be able to provide services in Russian, Italian, and French. Serves survivors in Louisiana only, but will consult nationwide with defense attorneys.

Women's Prison Book Project

3751 17 Ave S · Minneapolis, MN 55407
612-871-7110 · <https://wpbp.org>

Provides women and transgender persons in prison with free reading materials covering a wide range of topics. WPBP also has a free resource guide for women and trans prisoners and a newsletter which publishes prisoner articles. Partners with Black and Pink Minneapolis' pen pal project (see LGBTQ resource section). Ofrecen materiales de lectura en Español. Only serves women and trans prisoners.

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Women's Prison Association

110 Second Ave · New York, NY 10003
646-292-7742 · <http://www.wpaonline.org>

The Women's Prison Association (WPA) offers a range of services aimed at helping women in the New York City area. Their direct service network is organized in three broad areas; Residential and Family Services; Reentry Services; and neighborhood based services. Provides transitional planning and education in NY women's prisons, as well as HIV counseling and testing. Serves women in New York state only.

INNOCENCE PROJECTS

Alaska Innocence Project

P.O. Box 201656 · Anchorage, AK 99520
907-279-0454

All cases for consideration by AKIP should be submitted by mail to the address above with a brief factual summary of the case and a list of the evidence which might be available to prove innocence. No other documents should be submitted for initial review. AKIP does not accept telephone or e-mail applications.

Arizona Justice Project

111 E Taylor St Suite 365 · Phoenix, AZ 85004
602-496-0286 · <http://www.azjusticeproject.org>

Accepts both DNA and non-DNA cases and represents indigent Arizona prisoners whose claims of innocence have gone unheeded. They also conduct post-conviction DNA testing in cases of forcible rape, murder, and non-negligent homicide cases, shaken baby syndrome and arson and other cases where the testing might demonstrate actual innocence. Serves Arizona only.

California Innocence Project

California Western School of Law 225 Cedar St · San Diego, CA 92101 · 619-525-1485 · <http://californiainnocenceproject.org>

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

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Center on Wrongful Convictions

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law 375 E Chicago Ave · Chicago, IL 60611-3069 · 312-503-2391
<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/wrongfulconvictions>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in the United States, both DNA and non-DNA Cases. Will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases. No sentence requirements. All requests must come directly from the person seeking representation. Also has Women's Project monitoring potential cases of wrongfully convicted women across the country.

Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth

50 Hurt Plaza East Suite 350 · Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 373-4433 · <https://www.georgiainnocenceproject.org/>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Georgia; DNA and non-DNA cases; you must have at least five years left on your sentence to serve in prison, or you must be on the Georgia Sex Offender Registry. Serves Georgia Only.

Great North Innocence Project

229 19th Avenue South, Suite 285 · Minneapolis, MN 55455
612-624-4779 · <http://www.greatnorthinnocenceproject.org>

Reviews wrongful conviction cases where newly discovered evidence is identified and can provide clear and convincing proof of actual innocence. Actual innocence means the defendant played no role in the commission of the crime. Serves Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota only.

Hawaii Innocence Project

2515 Dole Street, Suite 255 William S. Richardson School of Law, Attn: Jennifer Brown · Honolulu, HI 96822
808-956-6547 · <https://www.hawaiiinnocenceproject.org/>

Legal non-profit clinic accepts applications from anyone who has been convicted of a crime occurring in Hawai'i AND is factually innocent of that crime. Applications can be downloaded from the website or can be mailed to you. Serves Hawaii only. Expect delays in the summer and due to covid.

Idaho Innocence Project

1910 University Dr c/o Biology Department, Boise State University · Boise, ID 83725-1515
208-426-4207 · <https://www.boisestate.edu/innocenceproject/>

Idaho prisoners with at least 5 years remaining on their sentence must write a letter directly for assistance, clearly stating his or her innocence. The project accepts only post-conviction cases from prisoners who do not currently have legal counsel. They will respond to the letter and let the prisoner know if any further information is needed before making a decision about their case. Do not send any legal documents or originals. Serves Idaho Only.

Illinois Innocence Project

One University Plaza University of Illinois Springfield · Springfield, IL 62703-5407
(217) 206-6569 · <https://www.uis.edu/illinoisinnocenceproject/>

Reviews cases where the applicant claims to be actually innocent of the crime(s) for which he or she is convicted. Must be substantial new evidence to support a claim of innocence, such as DNA evidence. Must have at least 8 years left on your sentence and not already be represented. Cannot take on all applicants. Expect delays, especially during summer. Serves Illinois only.

Innocence and Justice Clinic

Wake Forest University Law School: Attn: Innocence & Justice Clinic 1834 Wake Forest Road · Winston-Salem, NC 27106
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. Serves North Carolina only.

Innocence Matters

PO Box 1098 · Torrance, CA 90505
310-755-2518 · <http://www.innocencematters.org>

A very small number of post-conviction cases are accepted where Innocence Matters assumes the role of the lead lawyer, but only if the following criteria are met: Inmate is currently serving time for a Los Angeles County case; is factually innocent; is indigent and is willing to take and able to pass a polygraph; or if inmate has been rejected by the California Innocence Project. Please understand that we have a long waiting list and it will be many months before you hear back from us. DO NOT SEND CASE MATERIALS! LARGE ENVELOPES WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED. Due to the incredibly high volume of requests we receive, there is no guarantee we will handle your case even if you are eligible for our services.

Innocence Project (national)

40 Worth St, Suite 701 · New York, NY 10013
212-364-5340 · <http://www.innocenceproject.org>

The Innocence Project works to exonerate the wrongly convicted through DNA testing and reforms to the criminal justice system to prevent future injustices. They accept only cases in which DNA testing can prove innocence. Write to request intake form. Accepts applications nationwide EXCEPT from AZ, CA, IL, MI, OH, WI or Puerto Rico.

Innocence Project at the UVA School of Law

University of Virginia School of Law 580 Massie Rd · Charlottesville, VA 22903 · 434-924-3732
<http://www.innocenceprojectuva.org/contact>

Evaluates cases of wrongful convictions if three criteria are met: (1) the inmate must have been convicted of a crime in Virginia, (2) the conviction must be final, and (3) the inmate is actually innocent of the crime of which he or she was convicted. Decision is based on the likelihood of being able to prove innocence, the availability of legal remedies, and capacity. To be considered, send a letter requesting their application packet. Serves Virginia only.

Innocence Project New Orleans

4051 Ulloa Street · New Orleans, LA 70119
504-943-1902 · <http://www.ip-no.org>

Accepts cases of factual innocence; must be serving a life sentence or a near-life sentence with at least 10 years left to be served; direct appeal has been denied; cannot afford an attorney; is not serving a sentence on another conviction. Serves Louisiana and South Mississippi only.

Innocence Project of Florida

1100 E Park Avenue · Tallahassee, FL 32301
850-561-6767 · <http://www.floridainnocence.org>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Florida; DNA and Non-DNA cases. No sentence requirements. Does not accept federal cases or cases on direct appeal. Also provides transitional and aftercare services to exonerees. Serves Florida only.

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Innocence Project of Iowa
19 S. 7th St. · Estherville, IA 51334
<http://www.iowainnocence.org>

Reviews and litigates cases of wrongful conviction in Iowa. It partners with the Midwest Innocence Project and the Wrongful Conviction Division of the State Public Defender of Iowa in its review and litigation of cases. Most likely to take cases that include: DNA evidence; mistaken eyewitness identification; false confessions; convictions due to police, prosecutorial, or judicial neglect or misconduct; unreliable scientific methods, tests, or procedures; false witness testimony; and egregious defense counsel neglect or misconduct. Write for a questionnaire. Serves Iowa only.

Innocence Project of Texas
300 Burnett St, Suite 160 · Ft. Worth, TX 76102
<https://innocencetexas.org/>

The Innocence Project of Texas can only review cases that meet the following tests: The prisoner is claiming actual innocence; the conviction is a felony which took place in a Texas state court; and all direct appeals have been completed. Does not accept requests for assistance via email, phone, or fax. Serves Texas state prisoners only (no federal).

Kentucky Innocence Project
Department of Public Advocacy 5 Mill Creek Park · Frankfort, KY 40601
502-564-8006
<https://dpa.ky.gov/home/about-dpa/offices-andbranches/kip/>

Prospective clients should meet the following criteria: a Kentucky conviction & incarceration; a minimum ten-year sentence; a minimum of three years until eligible to go before the parole board or if parole has been deferred, a minimum of three years to the next appearance before the parole board; new evidence of innocence discovered since the conviction which can be investigated; and a claim of actual innocence. Serves Kentucky only.

Korey Wise Innocence Project at Colorado Law
University of Colorado Law School Wolf Law Building, 404 UCB · Boulder, CO 80309-0404
303-492-2640 ·
<http://www.colorado.edu/law/academics/clinics/korey-wiseinnocence-project>

The Korey Wise Innocence Project (fKWIP) will not take cases in which the defendant already has a lawyer, or is entitled to a lawyer at state expense. The KWIP will take a case only where there is a genuine and provable claim of innocence. The KWIP gets involved only when the traditional methods of appealing a conviction have failed. Only Colorado cases will be accepted (state and federal). Write for a copy of evaluation criteria.

Loyola Law School's Project for the Innocent
Alarcón Advocacy Center 919 Albany St.
Los Angeles, CA 90015 · 213-736-8141
<https://www.lls.edu/academics/experientiallearning/clinics/projectfortheinnocent/>

Dedicated to the exoneration of the wrongfully convicted. If a true claim of innocence is provable, clinic students will help draft a habeas petition. Must have case for factual innocence, have exhausted all their appeals, and are no longer represented by an attorney. Serves California only. Expect delays in the summer.

McKinney Wrongful Conviction Clinic
Wrongful Conviction Clinic, Indiana Univ McKinney School of Law
530 W New York St, Rm 111 · Indianapolis, IN 46202-3225
317-274-5551 · <https://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/practice/clinics/clinics-wrongful-conviction.html>

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

Michigan Innocence Clinic
701 S. State Street University of Michigan Law School · Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3091 · 734-763-9353
<http://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/innocenceclinic/>

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

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project
1413 K St. NW, Suite 1100 · Washington, DC 20005
202-888-1766 · <https://exonerate.org/>

Free investigative and legal assistance to innocent prisoners convicted in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia who have provable claims of innocence, either by DNA testing or by other newly discovered evidence. The prisoner must not be currently represented by another attorney in his or her criminal case, or have the right to appointed counsel in the case. Write in for questionnaire. District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia only.

Midwest Innocence Project
3619 Broadway Blvd., Suite 2 · Kansas City, MO 64111
816-221-2166 · <http://www.themip.org>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in AR, IA, KS, MO, and NE; applicants must have more than 10 years left to serve on their sentence and Iowa applicants must have more than 7 years left to serve on their sentence; cannot be currently represented by another attorney except for Iowa applicants; must have exhausted all appeals. Also reviews death penalty cases. Partners with the Iowa State Public Defender Wrongful Conviction Division, if you write to both organizations, expect only one response from the Midwest Innocence Project. Serves Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska only.

Montana Innocence Project
PO Box 76067 · Missoula, MT 59807
406-243-6899 · <http://www.mtinnoenceproject.org>

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

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New England Innocence Project

1035 Cambridge St Ste 28A · Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 945-0762 · <http://www.newenglandinnocence.org>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT in which the prisoner has a claim of factual innocence; no time requirement DNA and non-DNA cases; will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases; may consider child abuse cases. Serves New England states, except New York.

New Mexico Innocence and Justice Project

P.O. Box 36719 · Albuquerque, NM 87176-6719
<https://nmijp.org>

NMIJP's primary mission is to provide assistance and referrals to people wrongfully convicted in our state. NMIJP is an independent organization, and has no affiliation with any other project in New Mexico. They will be opening to review and refer cases soon. In the meantime, please direct questions or concerns to info@nmijp.org. Serves New Mexico only.

North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence

PO Box 52446 · Durham, NC 27717-2446
919-489-3268 · <http://www.nccai.org/>

Accepts cases of actual innocence in North Carolina and South Carolina; DNA and non-DNA cases; will consider arson and shaken baby syndrome cases, and may consider child abuse cases; typically limited to those in custody or with post-conviction restrictions, but exceptions are made. Serves North Carolina and South Carolina only.

North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission

Administrative Office of the Courts PO Box 2448 · Raleigh, NC 27602 · 919-890-1580 · <http://www.innocencecommission-nc.gov>

The North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission was created by the North Carolina General Assembly in 2006 and is charged with providing an independent and balanced truth-seeking forum for credible post-conviction claims of innocence in North Carolina. The Commission is separate from the appeals process. A person exonerated by the Commission process is declared innocent and cannot be re-tried again. Serves North Carolina only.

Northern California Innocence Project

500 El Camino Real Santa Clara Univ School of Law · Santa Clara, CA 95053
408-554-4790 · <http://ncip.org/>

Accepts actual innocence cases for people convicted in a Northern or Central California county; DNA and non-DNA cases; no minimum sentence requirements. The applicant must have been convicted in state court of a serious felony. Will consider cases involving faulty forensic science, police or prosecutor misconduct, ineffective assistance of counsel, eyewitness misidentification, false testimony and false confessions. Northern and Central California only.

Ohio Innocence Project

University of Cincinnati College of Law PO Box 210040 · Cincinnati, OH 45221-0040
513-556-0752 · <http://www.law.uc.edu/oip>

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

Ohio Public Defender Wrongful Conviction Project

250 East Broad St, Suite 1400 Attn: Project Director, Joe Bodenhamer · Columbus , OH 43215
800-686-1573 · <https://opd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opd/lawlibrary/innocence/innocence>

Cases accepted for review: Cases of actual innocence in Ohio; non-DNA cases only; arson cases; Shaken Baby Syndrome cases; child sex abuse cases; all other claims of actual innocence. Ohio only.

Oklahoma Innocence Project

Oklahoma City University School of Law 800 N Harvey Ave · Oklahoma City, OK 73102
405-208-6161 · <http://www.okinnocence.com/>

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

The Exoneration Project

311 North Aberdeen St Third Floor Suite E · Chicago, IL 60607
<http://www.exonerationproject.org>

Legal clinic reviewing cases of innocence for people who have gone to trial and were found guilty of crimes they did not commit. They consider post-conviction cases from across the nation for individuals wrongfully convicted of different types of crimes and with different sentence lengths, including cases where a defendant has served their complete sentence or pled guilty. They do not consider cases of self-defense. In order to apply for representation, the defendant must be innocent of the crime and the trial must be completed and have resulted in a conviction. Expect delays in the summer. Will consider cases nationwide.

The Last Resort Exoneration Project

One Newark Center Seton Hall University School of Law · Newark, NJ 07102 · 973-642-8500
<https://law.shu.edu/exoneration-project/index.cfm>

Free investigative and legal services to the convicted innocent of New Jersey who have substantial claims of factual innocence and are willing to cooperate with requests aimed at discovering the truth. Serves New Jersey only.

Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project

Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Texas Southern University 3100 Cleburne St · Houston, TX 77004
713-313-1139
http://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/centers/criminal_justice

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

University of Baltimore Innocence Project Clinic

1420 N Charles St · Baltimore, MD 21201
410-837-6543 · <http://law.ubalt.edu/clinics/innocenceproject.cfm>

The University of Baltimore Innocence Project Clinic seeks to identify individuals who have been convicted in Maryland state courts of crimes they did not commit and to provide them with assistance in the investigation of their claims. In appropriate cases, representation will be provided in post-trial litigation efforts to secure exonerations.

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University of Miami Law Innocence Clinic

1311 Miller Drive · Coral Gables, FL 33146

305-284-2339

<http://law.miami.edu/academics/clinics/innocence-clinic>

The clinic handles cases involving innocent individuals incarcerated for a minimum of 10 years who have new evidence ranging from recanting witnesses to new witnesses discovered by students to prosecutorial misconduct and ineffective assistance of counsel. The clinic also accepts cases involving DNA evidence. Florida only.

Washington Innocence Project

PO Box 85869 · Seattle, WA 98145

206-636-9479 · <https://wainnocenceproject.org/>

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

West Virginia Innocence Project

West Virginia University College of Law PO Box 6130 ·

Morgantown, WV 26506

304-293-7249 · <https://wvinnocenceproject.law.wvu.edu/>

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

Wisconsin Innocence Project

University of Wisconsin Madison Law School 975 Bascom Mall ·

Madison, WI 53706-1399

608-262-1002 · <https://law.wisc.edu/fjr/clinicals/ip/>

The Wisconsin Innocence Project (WIP) is a clinic at the University of Wisconsin Law School. WIP reviews cases of actual innocence. Must be incarcerated in Wisconsin, have at least seven years left of your sentence, and have a significant chance that substantial new evidence may be found to support a claim of innocence. This newly discovered evidence (NDE) could be physical evidence that was not previously subjected to forensic examination, such as DNA testing. NDE may also include non-physical evidence, such as from an eyewitness who was previously unknown or a recantation from a victim, if such a recantation is supported by other new evidence. Serves Wisconsin only.

WMU-Cooley Law School Innocence Project

300 South Capitol Ave WMU-Cooley Law School · Lansing, MI

48933 · 517-371-5140

www.cooley.edu/academics/experiential-learning/innocence-project

Accepts cases of actual innocence in Michigan; DNA cases only; must be in custody; no time requirement. Students assist assigned attorneys with reviewing case files, screening applications, investigating facts, conducting interviews, and analyzing cases. Serves Michigan only.

HEALTH CARE RESOURCES

AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania

1211 Chestnut St, Suite 600 · Philadelphia, PA 19107

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

Nonprofit public-interest law firm providing free legal assistance to people living with HIV and AIDS, including PA prisoners. Also has an office in New Jersey at 709 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd., Voorhees Township, NJ, 08043. English and Spanish spoken. Serves Pennsylvania and New Jersey only.

AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania

1211 Chestnut St, Suite 600 · Philadelphia, PA 19107

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

Nonprofit public-interest law firm providing free legal assistance to people living with HIV and AIDS, including PA prisoners. Also has an office in New Jersey at 709 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd., Voorhees Township, NJ, 08043. English and Spanish spoken. Serves Pennsylvania and New Jersey only.

Health Library (Stanford Health Care)

211 Quarry Road, ste 201 Hoover Pavilion · Palo Alto, CA 94303

800-295-5177 · <http://healthlibrary.stanford.edu>

Our medical librarians are here to help you find answers to your health-related questions and connect you to support resources. We provide scientifically based information to help you make informed decisions about your health and health care. This is a free service open to all. Examples of requests include a general overview of a new diagnosis, treatment options and meditation and mindfulness resources. Please note we cannot take a list of symptoms and offer a diagnosis, nor do we offer advice or recommendations.

National Hepatitis Corrections Network

1621 South Jackson Street, Suite 201 · Seattle, WA 98144

206-732-0311 · <http://www.hcvinprison.org>

The NHCN serves as a hub of resources and information about hepatitis C in prisons and jails, including publishing resources about Hep C treatment in prison and producing educational materials for incarcerated people about hepatitis. The NHCN is a program of the Hepatitis Education Project (HEP), a nonprofit organization based in Seattle, WA. Serves people nationally.

Prison Health News

4722 Baltimore Avenue · Philadelphia, PA 19143

215-326-9431 · <https://prisonhealthnews.wordpress.com/>

Publishes a newsletter four times a year for people in prison about health issues like COVID-19, hepatitis C, HIV, diabetes, asthma, depression, PTSD, exercise, nutrition and more. Prison Health News strives to lift up the voices and expertise of currently and formerly incarcerated people. On their website, articles on many health topics are available for download. Write to them for a free subscription. Serves people nationally.

TPAN

5537 N. Broadway · Chicago, IL 60640

773-989-9400 · <https://www.tpan.com/>

The Test Positive Aware Network. Publishes Positively Aware, a bimonthly magazine covering HIV/AIDS treatment, research, policy and lifestyle.

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REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE)

P.O. Box 2310 · Washington, DC 20013-2310
202-789-2126 · <http://www.curenational.org>

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

Compassion Prison Project

8726 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Suite D #4201 · Los Angeles, CA 90045
<https://compassionprisonproject.org>

Compassion Prison Project (CPP) creates trauma-informed prisons and communities. We do this through trauma-awareness education and programming. CPP's Trauma-to-Transformation day-long workshop kicks off a powerful 16-week compassion-based curriculum entitled Trauma Talks. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are addressed and tools are given to support the healing process. Both outside volunteer and in-prison peer-to-peer facilitation reinforce our work. Write for information if you want to receive an ACE information packet, support getting a program into your facility or if you'd simply like to get on a waiting list for a nonromantic correspondent who can provide support and encouragement. We believe in you.

CURE-SORT

PO Box 1022 · Norman, OK 73070-1022
405-639-7262 · <http://www.cure-sort.org>

CURE-SORT (Sex Offenders Restored through Treatment) has information, resources, contacts, and support to individuals, families, treatment providers, and professionals who work with issues of sexual abuse and its prevention. CURE-SORT is an issue chapter of Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE). Provides info nationally.

Narcotics Anonymous

PO Box 9999 · Van Nuys, CA 91409
818-773-9999 · <http://www.na.org>

NA publishes a wide variety of materials concerning drug addiction and recovery, some of which are expressly produced for persons currently incarcerated, including Behind the Walls. Offers services in many different languages. También ofrece literatura en español, incluyendo Entre Rejas. Has many pamphlets and booklets available for free download from the internet. Ask friends or family to print and send to you directly. If you are looking for meeting locations for parole plans, ask a friend or family member to look on website for listings: <http://www.na.org>. Provides information nationally. Expect delays due to covid.

SYDA Foundation Prison Project

PO Box 99140 · Emeryville, CA 94662
323-219-5362
<http://www.siddhayoga.org/syda-foundation/prisonproject>

Dedicated to disseminating the Siddha Yoga meditation teachings and practices to incarcerated individuals. Sends its free monthly In Search of the Self meditation course with a companion newsletter to interested seekers. Write or call to get signed up. Serves people nationally.

The Insight Prison Project

PO Box 29 · San Quentin, CA 94964
415-459-9800 · <http://www.insightprisonproject.org>

IPP offers transformational restorative justice based programs for incarcerated people, which are supported by crime survivors and community volunteers. IPP currently conducts 13 weekly classes at San Quentin State Prison, involving some 175 prisoners. IPP's Victim Offender Education Group (VOEG) is a nationally recognized restorative justice program. IPP also offers our VOEG program in 15 other prisons. IPP provides in-prison services in California, Massachusetts, Oregon, and Colorado. IPP does NOT currently offer correspondence courses, books, pen pals, or legal services.

The Osborne Association

809 Westchester Avenue · Bronx, NY 10455
718-707-2600 · <http://www.osborneny.org>

Osborne offers a wide range of direct services to justice system-involved people and their children and families. Our programs and services are evidence- and experience-based and designed to reduce crime and reliance on incarceration, heal the damage and trauma of crime and incarceration, and enhance opportunity for those affected by crime and incarceration. Offers services to incarcerated parents as well. Write for list of programs and services. The Osborne Association has three locations: in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Newburgh. Only Serves People in New York

FREE BOOK PROGRAMS

Alabama Books to Prisons Project

4413 5th Avenue South · Birmingham, AL 35222
<https://www.burdockbookcollective.com/books-to-prisons>

Run through the Burdock Book Collective, this program fulfills book requests and manages a penpal program for people incarcerated in Alabama prisons. LGBTQA friendly: "As queers and allies ourselves, we aim to provide a space for personal expression and communication free from homophobia and transphobia."

Appalachian Prison Book Project

PO Box 601 · Morgantown, WV 26507
<https://appalachianprisonbookproject.org/>

The Appalachian Prison Book Project (APBP) sends free books and provides educational opportunities to people incarcerated in the Appalachian region. We serve six states: Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. You can request by topic area or title, and we will do our best to find a good book for you.

Asheville Prison Books

67 N. Lexington c/o Downtown Books & News · Asheville, NC 28801 · <http://avlpb.org>

Sends free reading material to folks incarcerated in North Carolina and South Carolina, including county jails, detention centers, state prisons, and federal facilities. They do not have a catalogue, but try to match requests to books as best they can. Serves people in North Carolina and South Carolina only.

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Athens Books to Prisoners

PO Box 45 · Rutland, OH 45775

<http://athensbookstoprisoners.weebly.com>

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

Big House Books

PO Box 55586 · Jackson, MS 39296

<https://bighousebooksms.org/>

A volunteer-run nonprofit sending books to inmates in Mississippi correctional facilities since 2015. Big House Books doesn't judge a book by its cover. We believe in literacy for all – including those in our correctional facilities. Mississippi only.

Books Behind Bars - New Jersey

PO Box 2611 · Wildwood, NJ 08260

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

grassroots, volunteer-run prison abolition project that provides free books upon request to people incarcerated in New Jersey prisons. Please include your name, ID number, facility name, address, and the kind of books you want. Since all of our books are donated, we can't guarantee exact titles (though we do our best). New Jersey only.

Books Behind Bars - Virginia

Friends of the Jerrson-Madison Library 1500 Gordon Ave · Charlottesville, VA 22903

<http://booksbehindbars.info>

Serves people incarcerated in Virginia only. Write with requests for up to three books per month. They will do their best to fulfill all requests, but cannot guarantee specific title availability

Books Through Bars

4722 Baltimore Ave · Philadelphia, PA 19143

215-727-8170 · <http://www.booksthroughbars.org>

Free books across the Eastern Seaboard. Prisoners may request by topic (not exact title or author), and provide several areas of interest if possible. Sends to DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA & VA only.

Books to Prisoners (Seattle)

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

206-527-3339 · <http://www.bookstoprisoners.net>

Volunteer run, donation-based organization providing free reading materials to incarcerated individuals. Request by subject or genre. Does not ship to prisons that require all books sent be new. Write directly to request (no requests by email or phone). Supported by partners Portland Books to Prisoners, Books to Prisoners Olympia, and Books to Prisoners Spokane. Serves people nationwide. Long turnaround time; cannot serve people in short-term facilities.

Connecticut Prison Book Connection

PO Box 946 · Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0946

CT Prison Book Connection is an all-volunteer run organization that sends free books to prisoners in CT, MA, RI, NH, VT, ME, as well as TX, CA, and any Federal facilities. All books are donated from various sources. Individuals may request books by subject/genre. Please request multiple topics of interest in order to get something desired. Books in different languages are provided but are on a first come first serve basis and are very limited in number

DC Books to Prisoners

PO Box 34190 · Washington, DC 20043

<http://dcbookstoprisoners.org>

Request reading material by mail. Please request by prioritized subject and not specific book title (we rely on donations), and list prison restrictions if known. DC Books to Prisons responds to state and federal prisoners in AK, AL, AR, CA, CO, DE, GA, HI, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, and WY as well as federal prisoners (only) in AZ and requests from DC residents in federal prisons in all states. Please wait 5 months between requests.

Great Falls Books Through Bars

PO Box 391 · Greenfield, MA 01302

<https://www.greatfallsbooksthroughbars.org>

All volunteer group that distributes books to contribute to the education, entertainment and support of incarcerated people. Will read requests and find the closest matches they can among their book collection.

Inside Books Project

PO Box 301029 · Austin, TX 78703

512-655-3121 · <http://www.insidebooksproject.com>

Sends free books and literature to prisoners in Texas only. Also sends a very informative prisoner resource guide free to prisoners in all states. Free or with donation of 2 loose first class stamps. Please no SASE. Serves people in Texas prisons only.

Liberation Library

2040 N Milwaukee Ave c/o In These Times · Chicago, IL 60647

<http://www.liberationlib.com>

The only organization that provides books of their choosing to youth in Illinois prisons. Volunteer-run. Write for a catalog of options.

Liberation Lit

PO Box 45071 · Kansas City, MO 64171

816-377-8682 · <http://liberationlit.org>

Abolitionist group of volunteers sending books to individuals incarcerated in Missouri and Kansas only. Also runs a small pen pal program.

Lopez Books

PO Box 327 · Lopez Island, WA 98261

<https://www.lopezbookshop.com>

Books to prisoners program serving Washington and Alaska only. Send with general requests by genre and/or topic.

Louisiana Books 2 Prisoners

3157 Gentilly Blvd. #141 · New Orleans, LA 70122

504-272-7323 · <http://www.lab2p.org>

Sends books to people who are locked up in jails, prisons, and ICE facilities in Louisiana, Alabama, and Arkansas. Write in your book requests by topic or genre, or have a friend print the optional order form from our website and mail to you. Spanish resources available. No law books.

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Midwest Books to Prisoners

1321 N Milwaukee Ave, PMB #460 · Chicago, IL 60622
<https://www.midwestbookstoprisoners.org/>

All-volunteer collective that sends books, zines, and other reading materials to incarcerated people free of charge. Also available are printed legal resources and customized internet newsletter subscriptions: tell us what you're looking for. We focus on midwestern states but we answer all requests. We also send materials in Spanish / también enviamos materiales en español.

Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project

PO Box 1324 · Bloomington, IN 47402
812-727-0155 · <http://www.pagestoprisoners.org>

Midwest Pages to Prisoners provides free books and zines to prisoners in these ten Midwest states only: AR, IA, IN, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, OK, & SD. In your letter, please tell us what type of reading material you are interested in—sharing subjects and genres of interest is most helpful.

Missouri Prison Books Program

6271 Delmar Books c/o Subterranean Books · St. Louis, MO 63130
<http://missouriprisonbooks.org>

All volunteer organization that sends free books on request to incarcerated people in Missouri.

NYC Books Through Bars

c/o Bluestockings Bookstore 116 Suffolk Street · New York, NY 10002 · <http://www.booksthroughbarsnyc.org>

Has a large assortment of fiction and non-fiction, including political and history books, and other educational books. Does not send religious texts. Fills requests from all states except AL, FL, LA, MA, MI, MS, NC, PA, OH & WI. Priority for New York prisoners.

Open Books & the Prison Book Project

c/o Open Books Bookstore 1040 N Guillemard St · Pensacola, FL 32501
850-453-6774 · <http://www.openbookspcola.org>

The Prison Book Project sends free books to indigent prisoners in Florida prisons. Write with categories of books you would like. Serves people in Florida only.

Pittsburgh Prison Book Project

PO Box 71357 · Pittsburgh, PA 15213
<https://pghprisonbookproject.org/>

All-volunteer non-profit organization that sends free educational books and quality reading material to people incarcerated in Pennsylvania. pFormerly Book 'Em. Request books by subject/genre (they usually can't fill specific book requests by title). Pennsylvania only.

Prison Book Program

c/o Lucy Parsons Bookstore 1306 Hancock St, Suite 100 · Quincy, MA 02169 · 617-423-3298 · <http://www.prisonbookprogram.org>

Free books and print resources to people in prisons and jails in all 50 states. Offers a free National Prisoner Resource List and a free legal primer (We The People).

The Insight Prison Project

PO Box 29 · San Quentin, CA 94964
415-459-9800 · <http://www.insightprisonproject.org>

IPP offers transformational restorative justice based programs for incarcerated people, which are supported by crime survivors and community volunteers. IPP currently conducts 13 weekly classes at San Quentin State Prison, involving some 175 prisoners. IPP's Victim Offender Education Group (VOEG) is a nationally recognized restorative justice program. IPP also offers our VOEG program in 15 other prisons. IPP provides in-prison services in California, Massachusetts, Oregon, and Colorado. IPP does NOT currently offer correspondence courses, books, pen pals, or legal services.

Prison Books Collective Publishing and Distribution

PO Box 625 · Carrboro, NC 27510
919-443-9238 · <https://prisonbooks.info>

The Prison Books Collective Publishing and Distribution is a books-to-prisoners nonprofit based in Durham, NC, that sends books to prisoners in Alabama and North Carolina and maintains an extensive zine catalog available across the US. PBC sends books to incarcerated men in NC and incarcerated people of all genders in AL, sending literature into federal, state, and county facilities. (Women in NC should mail the NC Women's Prison Book Project.) PBC sends zines across the nation; our catalog, available online or by mail, includes radical essays, guides, games, and Words of Fire, our literary magazine of art and writing by incarcerated people, which is always accepting submissions.

Prison Library Project

915-C W. Foothill Blvd PMB 128 · Claremont, CA 91711
909-626-3066
<http://www.claremontforum.org/prison-library-project/>

Our volunteer-led mission is to provide incarcerated individuals across the country with free reading resources, emphasizing educational and self-improvement literature.

Prisoners Literature Project

c/o Bound Together Books 1369 Haight St · San Francisco, CA 94117 · 510-749-4160 · <http://www.prisonlit.org>

All-volunteer grassroots organization that sends free books to prisoners across the U.S. Please request types of books, not specific titles.

Read Between the Bars

PO Box 44014 c/o Daily Planet Publishing · Tucson, AZ 85733
<http://www.readbetweenthebars.com>

Grassroots collective in Tucson sending free books since 2007. Serves people in Arizona federal detention centers only.

RedBird Books-to-Prisoners

PO Box 10599 · Columbus, OH 43201

Dedicated to providing Ohio prisoners with free books and reading materials. Send requests by subject with priority to individuals incarcerated in Ohio

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Urbana-Champaign Books to Prisoners

PO Box 515 · Urbana, IL 61803
708-782-4608 (voicemail only) · <http://www.books2prisoners.org>

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

Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project

The Social Justice Center 1202 Williamson Street #1
Madison, WI 53703 · 608-257-6050
<https://wisconsinbookstoprisoners.org/>

Wisconsin Books to Prisoners is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that sends books free of charge to state and federal prisoners in Wisconsin. Does not respond to email inquiries. Please request by genre or subject category. Sends to Wisconsin only.

NEWSLETTERS AND MAGAZINES

Anarchist Black Cross Los Angeles

P.O. Box 11223 · Whittier, CA 90603
<https://www.abcf.net/>

The Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) is on the frontline in supporting those imprisoned for struggling for freedom and liberty with a focus on the overall support and defense of political prisoners and prisoners of war. Write for information on political prisoners and for addresses of other chapters in Bakersfield CA, Inland Empire CA, Orange County, Lancaster PA, Philadelphia PA, and New York City.

The Angolite

Louisiana State Penitentiary, 17544 Tunica Trace c/o Cashiers
Office · Angola, LA 70712
<https://files.deathpenaltyinfo.org/legacy/documents/AngoliteSubscriptionForm.pdf>

The Angolite is published and edited by prisoners at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, LA. Write for order form with costs for subscription.

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The Militant

306 W. 37th Street, 13th floor · New York, NY 10018
<http://www.themilitant.com>

The Militant is a socialist newsweekly published in the interests of working people in English as well as several pages in Spanish every week. The Militant covers key questions in U.S. and international politics and the struggles of working people. Subscriptions for people in prison are discounted at \$6 for six months or \$12 for the year. Free subscriptions may be provided based on need. Write for an order form.

News & Letters

P.O. Box 3345 · Oakland, CA 94608
312-431-8242 · <http://www.newsandletters.org>

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

Prisoner Express

PO Box #6556 CTA / Durland Alternatives Library
Ithaca, NY 14851 · 607-255-6486 · <http://www.prisonersexpress.org>

Prisoner Express News is published every six months and sent free of charge to incarcerated individuals throughout the United States. They are also available for download online. PE also sends books and educational packets as available. Prisoner Express has ongoing programs in creative writing, chess, meditation, journaling and art. Sends to people nationally.

San Quentin News

Main Street · San Quentin, CA 94964
<http://sanquentinnews.com>

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

Slingshot Magazine

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

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

Turning the Tide: Journal of Inter-communal Solidarity

PO Box 1055 · Culver City, CA 90232
<http://www.antiracist.org>

Published by Anti-Racist Action - Los Angeles/People Against Racist Terror (ARA-LA/PART) since 1988. Issues released at least quarterly; 5-6 issues some years. Free to prisoners; subscriptions for non-prisoners are \$12 for low income; \$20 regular; \$30 international/institutional; \$50 sustainer. Payable to "Anti-Racist Action" at above address. Back issues may be available.

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East Bay Prisoner Support

PO Box 22449 · Oakland, CA 94609
<http://www.eastbayprisonersupport.wordpress.com>

Formed in 2007 as a prison abolitionist, anti-authoritarian collective. Write to receive a catalog of anarchist, decolonial, queer liberation, anti-capitalist, black, brown and indigenous-oriented literature (zines), sent free to prisoners in any state. También enviamos literatura gratuita en español.

Forbidden Books Library, LLC

PO Box 534 RE: ORDER FORM · Schererville, IN 46375

Publishes and distributes "The Texas Write Writer's Survival Guides" including THE TEXAS CITEBOOK which contains 1,400+ Texas caselaws on 100 legal topics and has a foreword by the National Lawyers Guild. To receive an order form and more info send SASE.

Freebird Publishers

221 Pearl St. Ste. 541 · North Dighton, MA 02764
774-406-8682 · <http://www.FreebirdPublishers.com>

Offers prisoner titles such as Cell Chef Cookbook, Life With A Record, Start Thinking Outside Prison, Post-Conviction Relief series, Habeas Corpus Manual, and many books, guides, photos, and a wide variety of gifts, all made in the USA. Send a preaddressed stamped envelope for their packet of color brochures. To see more best to order their 88-page color catalog send \$5 and add \$5 more for shipping with tracking.

Haymarket Books

PO Box 180165 · Chicago, IL 60618
773-583-7884 · <http://www.haymarketbooks.org>

Haymarket Books is a nonprofit, radical book distributor and publisher based in Chicago. They believe that activists need to take ideas, history, and politics into the many struggles for social justice today. The books they offer reflect their values and are mostly nonfiction. Write to request free books on themes around Black liberation, radical history, women's liberation, and poetry. Serves people nationally

Pathfinder Press

PO Box 162767 · Atlanta, GA 30321-2767
404-669-0600 (voice mail only) · <http://www.pathfinderpress.com>

Pathfinder Press is a publisher which carries books on the works of revolutionary and working class leaders, in many different languages. Prisoners receive a 50% discount off the cover price, with a flat rate of \$2.75 for shipping and handling per order (one or more titles). Write for a free catalog. Serves people internationally.

PM Press

PO Box 23912 · Oakland, CA 94623
<http://www.pmpress.org>

PM Press carries counter-culture, anti-prison, and similar titles including The Prison-Industrial Complex and the Global Economy, Let Freedom Ring: A Collection of Documents from the Movements to Free U.S. Political Prisoners, and more.

The Paperback Shop

4817 FM 646 B · Dickinson, TX 77539
281-534-3370 · <http://www.imailtoprison.com>

A family operated used bookstore that has specialized in mailing books to inmates for 25 years. Send an S.A.S.E for our information and one page info/order form. This is a bookseller, not a free books program. Please, read the information and instructions on the form before sending a list of books wanted. They carry new and used paperbacks, magazine subscriptions, calendars, and puzzles. They do not have a catalog, but will work with you to send the books that you want. Families & Friends can also order online. Nationwide service, but depends on state regulations for receiving books in your state.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Adams State University Prison College Program

Prison College Program Office 208 Edgemont Bl, Suite 3000 · Alamosa, CO 81101
719-587-7671 or 1-800-548-6679 ·
<https://www.adams.edu/academics/print-based/>

Take courses and earn a degree through print-based correspondence! ASU-PEP offers Associates's, Bachelor's, and Masters's degrees. Courses through ASU-PEP are \$264 per credit hour and the MBA degree is \$350 per credit hour. Print-based courses offered as part of the Paralegal I & II, and advanced Paralegal certificate programs have a tuition rate of \$948 and are offered in collaboration with the Center of Legal Studies (CLS). Other courses offered through CLS follow the undergraduate tuition rates. Please note tuition rates do not include the cost of books. Write for course catalog and application information. Serves people nationally.

Ashland University Correctional Education

26 W. Main St · Ashland, OH 44805
419-207-6922 ·
<https://www.ashland.edu/founders/programs/correctional-education>

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

Bard Prison Initiative

PO Box 5000 · Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000
845-758-7308 · <http://bpi.bard.edu>

The Bard Prison Initiative (BPI) creates the opportunity for incarcerated men and women at Bayview, Eastern, Elmira, Green Haven, and Woodbourne Correctional Facilities to earn a Bard College degree while serving their sentences. BPI enrolls nearly 300 incarcerated men and women across a full spectrum of academic disciplines, and offers over 60 courses each semester

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Blackstone Career Institute

PO Box 3717 · Allentown, PA 18106-0717
800-826-9228 · <https://blackstone.edu>

Blackstone's accredited Paralegal Certificate Program enables students to learn about the law and the paralegal field by studying at their own pace and at their facility. It can be completed in less than a year and provides information that can be put into practice while incarcerated and once released. No computers, proctors, or facility instructors are required. Soft-covered books and materials are used for ease of entry into most institutions. Their Paralegal certificate program includes the 900 clock hours of coursework needed to sit for the Accredited Legal Professional (ALP) exam and/or the Professional Paralegal (PP) certification, or the Certified Legal Assistant/Certified Paralegal (CLA/CP) exam. Write for enrollment information. Currently serves all states.

College Guild

PO Box 696 · Brunswick, ME 04011
207-729-0043 · <http://www.collegeguild.org/>

Grassroots education nonprofit providing free correspondence courses to incarcerated people covering subjects in science, writing, history, art, and culture. send name, ID number, and mailing address with a request to be put on the waiting list.

Cornell Prison Education Program

300 Kennedy Hall c/o Cornell University · Ithaca, NY 14853
607-255-9091 · <http://cpep.cornell.edu>

The Cornell Prison Education Program brings together Cornell faculty and graduate students to teach a free college-level liberal arts curriculum to a select group incarcerated at several correctional facilities near Cornell University. New York State only

Education Justice Project

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
1001 S. Wright St. · Champaign, IL 61820
217-300-5150 · <http://www.educationjustice.net>

The Education Justice Project (EJP) is a comprehensive college-in-prison program at Danville Correctional Center in central Illinois. Students earn transferable University of Illinois credit. EJP publishes two reentry guides, Mapping Your Future: A Guide to Successful Reentry in Illinois and A New Path: A Guide to the Challenges and Opportunities After Deportation. Mapping Your Future focuses on Illinois resources, but much of the information it contains is useful to people in other states. Hard copies are available for free from EJP and it is available for download. A New Path is a guide for people getting deported to Mexico and Central America. It is also available for free and online. Both are published in English and Spanish.

Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison

PO Box 862 · Ossining, NY 10562
914-941-0794 · <http://www.hudsonlink.org>

Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison provides college educations, life skills and re-entry support to incarcerated men and women incarcerated in NY state correctional facilities. Hudson Link also provides wraparound alumni services. Through Hudson Link, degree-granting college programs are offered to prisoners at Fishkill, Sing Sing, Greene, Shawangunk and Sullivan Correctional Facilities for Men and Taconic Correctional Facility for Women, with the following degrees offered: Associates Degree in Liberal Arts, Associate and Bachelor's Degrees in Behavioral Science, and Bachelor Degree in Organizational Management. Serves New York state only.

Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program

1938 Liacouras Walk, MB 299-06, Suite 301 Temple University · Philadelphia, PA 19122
215-204-5163 · <http://www.insideoutcenter.org>

Organization supporting education model that brings together campus-based college students with incarcerated students for a class held inside jail or prison. this is a training center for Inside-Out education programs all across the country. it does not directly teach students. Write to find out if there is an inside-out program in your state.

Level

411 W Monroe St · Austin, TX 78704
<http://learnlevel.org>

Level provides free printed educational, job training and personal development guides for people in prison anywhere in the US. Send a letter to request content.

Mount Tamalpais College

PO Box 492 · San Quentin, CA 94964
415-455-8088 · <http://www.mttamcollege.edu>

Mount Tamalpais College is an independently accredited liberal arts college inside San Quentin State Prison. We offer a 61-unit Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts as well as a college preparatory program in math and writing. We offer 20 college courses each semester, allowing students to complete the coursework necessary for transfer to any California State University or University of California campus. The sole requirement for participation is a high school diploma or GED. No student is excluded based on age, length of sentence, commitment offense, or time left to serve. We charge no fees or tuition and provide all the necessary textbooks, course readers, and school supplies. We only provide education to people based in San Quentin State Prison in California.

Ohio University Correctional Education

Grosvenor 018 1 Ohio University · Athens, OH 45701
800-444-2420 · <https://www.ohio.edu/ecampus/print/correctional/>

Ohio University offers print-based courses to earn degree or simply take courses. Offers Associates, Bachelors, and Legal Studies Certificate courses. Write for a student inquiry packet and application, or get family/friends to download from the internet and mail directly to you. Offers courses nationally.

Upper Iowa University

PO Box 1857 Self Paced Degree Program · Fayette, IA 52142
800-553-4150 · <http://www.uiu.edu/online/self-paced/courses.html>

Upper Iowa University offers a Self-Paced Degree Program, with courses in paper format that can be completed at a distance. The Self-Paced paper format is structured around written assignments and proctored exams. Offers associate degrees in business administration, criminal justice, liberal arts, psychology, and social science. Write for tuition costs (\$990 per course 2021-22 academic year) and course catalog. Write, do not call. Serves students nationwide.

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PRISON WRITING AND ARTS PROGRAMS

PEN Prison Writing Program

588 Broadway, Suite 303 · New York, NY 10012
212-334-1660 · <https://pen.org/prison-writing/>

The PEN prison writing program provide hundreds of imprisoned writers across the country with free writing resources, skilled mentors, and audiences for their work. Its program supports free expression, and encourages the use of the written word as a legitimate form of power. In addition to mentoring, PEN publishes a national list of prison-based creative writing programs, sponsors an annual writing contest, publishes the free book Handbook for Writers In Prison, conducts workshops, and seeks to promote prisoners' work publicly through literary publications and readings. Serves writers nationally.

Prison Creative Arts Project

701 E. University Ave. 1801 East Quadrangle, LSA Residential College · Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734.647.6771 · <https://lsa.umich.edu/pcap>

Brings those impacted by the justice system together with the University of Michigan community for artistic collaboration, mutual learning, and growth. Its programs include weekly creative arts workshops, exhibitions, a literary journal, and a community of formerly incarcerated creators. Write to PCAP to join the newsletter mailing list and receive its calls for art and writing. Michigan only.

Prisons Foundation

2512 Virginia Ave NW, #58043 · Washington, DC 20037
202-393-1511 · <http://www.prisonsfoundation.org/>

Prisons Foundation publishes books written by or about prisoners. Their publishing program includes posting books onto their website for download. They also exhibit art created in prison (see www.SafeStreetsArts.org). Write directly for book submission guidelines prior to sending a manuscript.

Safe Streets Arts Foundation

2512 Virginia Ave NW, #58043 · Washington DC 20037,
<https://safestreetsarts.info/>

Accepts and sells/distributes prisoner art, publishes prisoner books online, and stages annual shows at the Kennedy Center inDC. All services free; write for submission guidelines; state whether you are a writer or artist (SASE ensures quick reply).

The Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project

1061 Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum Auburn University · Auburn, AL 36849
334-844-8946 OR 334-844-3240 · <https://apaep.auburn.edu/>

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. Serves Alabama only.

The American Prison Writing Archive

3400 N. Charles St. Johns Hopkins University · Baltimore, MD 21218 315-859-4221 · <https://prisonwitness.org/>

Digital archive of non-fiction essays that offers the public first-hand testimony to the living and working conditions experienced by prisoners, prison employees, and prison volunteers. All prisoners can contribute.

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American Bible Academy

PO Box 1627 · Joplin, MO 64802-1627
<http://www.abarc.org/>

Free English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses for prisoners. All courses are 120 pages in length. Info also available from www.abarc.org

Anthroposophical Prison Outreach Project

1923 Geddes Ave · Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734-662-9355 x238 · <http://www.anthroposophy.org>

Do you feel that there must be some meaning in your prison experience that is still to be discovered? Or that you can give it meaning? If so, you might be interested in Anthroposophy — the path from the spirit in man to the spirit in the universe. Anthroposophy embraces a spiritual view of the human being and cosmos, but its emphasis is on knowing, not just faith. It is a path in which the human heart, and our capacity for thinking, are essential. Write for package of literature containing a booklet titled SelfDevelopment in The Penitentiary, articles and meditation exercises.

Association For Research and Enlightenment

c/o Prison Outreach Program ·
215 67th St. Virginia Beach, VA 23451
800-333-4499 or 757-428-3588

Books about the life and work of Edgar Cayce, prayer, meditation, ancient mysteries, dreams, death and the afterlife, reincarnation and karma, the Bible, universal laws, self-transformation, and prophecy. Prisoners are limited to one book every two months.

BBI Media

PO Box 687 · Forest Grove, OR 97116
503-430-8817 · <http://www.bbimedia.com/>

Offers free subscriptions to prison chaplains and prison libraries at women's facilities. Requests must be submitted on official prison letterhead. Publishes Witches & Pagans and SageWoman.

Chuang Yen Monastery

2020 Route 301 Attn. Rev. Richard Baksa, Prison Program · Carmel, NY 10512
845-225-1819 or 845-228-4288 · <https://www.baus.org/en/>

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

Compassion Works For All

PO Box 7708 · Little Rock, AR 72217-7708
(501) 508-4334 · <http://www.compassionworksforall.org>

Provides monthly Dharma Friends newsletters, and also the following resource lists; Personal Health and Nutrition, 12 Step and Buddhism, Buddhist Resources, Christian Spiritual Resources, Hindu and Yoga Spiritual Resources, Other Spiritual and Psychological Healing Resources, Todd Fletcher's Buddhist Resource List, Ani Tendron's Recommended Buddhist Readings.

Human Kindness Foundation Prison-Ashram Project

Human Kindness Foundation PO Box 61619 · Durham, NC 27715
919-383-5160 · <https://humankindness.org/>

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

ISKCON Prison Ministry

PO Box 2676 · Alachua, FL 32616
<https://iskconprisonministry.org/>

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

Islamic Society of North America

6555 S. County Road 750E · Plainfield, IN 46168
317-839-8157 · <http://www.isna.net>

ISNA's vision is to be an exemplary and unifying Islamic organization in North America that contributes to the betterment of the Muslim community and society at large. Sends Qurans and other introductory books on Islamic study to prison libraries and inmates. Ability to send books depends on the prison's policies. Also publishes a bi-monthly magazine, Islamic Horizons for \$24/year. Serves people nationwide.

Jewish Prisoner Services International

PO Box 85840 · Seattle, WA 98145-1840
206-617-2367 · <http://jpsi.org>

JPSI is a Jewish chaplaincy organization that strives to fulfill the Talmudic obligation of all Jews being responsible for each other, along with other religious mandates of their faith. JPSI strives to insure that Jewish prisoners are permitted to practice their faith by providing the advocacy and religious materials to further that goal. Write for a prisoner info form. Serves Jewish prisoners nationally; expect delay in response.

Maoist Internationalist Ministry of Prisons

PO Box 40799 · San Francisco, CA 94140
<http://www.prisoncensorship.info>

Maoist Internationalist Ministry of Prisons, MIM(Prisons), is a revolutionary anti-imperialist group fighting criminal injustice, helping prisoners to organize and educate themselves. Sends books to prisoners, and offers prisoners a free subscription to their newspaper. Write to MIM(Prisons) for a free prisoner subscription and to get involved in revolutionary organizing and education projects.

Masjid Sunnah Grand Rapids Inmate Assistance Program

2312 S. Division Ave · Grand Rapids, MI 49507
616-755-8181 · <http://masjidsunnah.org/IAP>

Write for free Qur'an, prayer rugs, and kuffis as well as other books on Al-Islam. Conducts visits in Michigan. Nationwide services.

Mother Earth Ministries

P.O. Box 35906 · Tucson, AZ 85740-5906
<http://motherearthministries.org>

Wiccan clergy are available to counsel, teach, provide information, and answer questions, by mail and sometimes in person, to incarcerated individuals. We provide assistance to inmates wishing to make Wicca their official religion. Copies of the book, Enchantment Encumbered, are available for \$20 (including shipping, and we accept stamps as payment).

Prison Mindfulness Institute (Prison Dharma Network)

PO Box 206 · South Deerfield, MA 01373
<https://www.prisonmindfulness.org>

Goal is to provide prisoners, prison staff and prison volunteers, with the most effective, proven tools for rehabilitation, selftransformation, and personal & professional development through mindfulness-based interventions (MBI's). The Prison Dharma Network works with volunteers who offer meditation inside prisons. Its Books Behind Bars program will mail mindfulness, meditation, and Buddhism to people inside prison.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Internet Presence Services

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Are you weary of witnessing oppression and yearn for a platform to articulate your advocacy for prison reform? Alternatively, do you find yourself in search of a means to elucidate your situation or legal case? My name is Kerry, and I offer web design and marketing services catering to individuals in correctional facilities seeking assistance in these areas. Whether it's social media management, marketing, illustration, design, or web development, I am committed to providing the necessary support. Feel free to reach out to me via email, or have a family member contact me, and I will gladly share testimonials and showcase portfolio pieces. Additionally, let's discuss ways in which I can bring your story to the world..

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