# INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT RESOURCE GUIDE



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# About Inside Books Project

Based in Austin, Texas, Inside Books Project is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that sends free books and educational materials to people in Texas prisons. Inside Books Project works to promote reading, literacy, and education among incarcerated individuals and to educate the general public on issues of incarceration.

INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT PO Box 301029 Austin, TX 78703 insidebooksproject@gmail.com insidebooksproject.org

## **About this Resource Guide**

This Resource Guide is sent free of charge to any prisoner in the United States. Inmates in Texas can request to receive a Resource Guide along with a request for books. Prisoners in other states can write to the address listed above to request a Resource Guide.

Inside Books Project thanks all the organizations and people listed within for their assistance with this guide! Please send corrections or updates to:

Inside Books Project ATTN: Resource Guide Updates c/o 12th Street Books 827 W 12th Street Austin TX 78701

# **Contesting Book Denials**

If books or literature mailed to you are denied by TDCJ, we recommend that you contest the denial. If a prisoner appeals a mailroom officer's decision to censor a publication, the appeal goes to the Directors Review Committee and/or the Mail System Coordinators Panel in Huntsville. Pages cited by the mailroom as inappropriate are reviewed and if the book is denied, it takes a permanent place on the banned book list.

If the panel choose to censor the book, a mailroom official is responsible for notifying you and informing you of the appeals process. Many books are banned simply because they are not appealed, and this means the book will be denied to everyone else in the TDCJ. We encourage you to contest your publication denials, not only for your own sake but for other prisoners who may request the same title.

Book denials in a federal unit may be easier to challenge. According to Federal prison policy, "when a publication is found unacceptable ... the warden shall permit the prisoner an opportunity to review this material for purposes of filing an appeal.

## **Artist And Writer Resources**

#### AMERICAN DISSIDENT

217 Commerce Rd. Barnstable MA 02630 Considers for publication English, Spanish, or French poems and essays (650 words) that portray life in prisons for an outside audience. Write for guidelines. Sorry, no free subscriptions available.

ART OF PRISON SURVIVAL c/o Prison Foundation

2512 Virginia Ave., NW #58043 Washington, DC 20037 Bimonthly publication w/ profiles of prison artists. \$2 donation. Stamps accepted.

CREATIVE NONFICTION MAGAZINE GENERAL ENQUIRIES

5119 Coral Street Pittsburgh, PA 15224 No fiction accepted. Submissions under 5,000 words. Only responds if story is accepted.

#### FANTASY AND SCI FI MAGAZINE

C.C. Finlay – Editor, The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction P.O. Box 8420 Surprise, AZ 85374 Accept up to 25,000 word fiction story. One story per sub, typed, double spaced & with a SASE.

#### HASTINGS WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL

U.C. Hastings College of the Law 200 McAllister Street San Francisco CA 94102-4707 www.hastingswomenslj.org Seeking personal narratives, fiction & poetry from women in prison. Subscription \$45

# J JOURNAL: NEW WRITING ON JUSTICE

Department of English John Jay College of Criminal Justice 524 West 59th Street, 7th Fl New York, NY 10019 Published twice a year. "We're not interested in genre writing. Some of our best fiction, poetry and first-person narratives approach justice issues from outside the traditional field of crime, law, prison writing. We seek strong literary work first."

#### JOURNAL OF PRISONERS ON PRISONS

c/o J. Piché, Asst. Prof., Dpt.of Criminology University of Ottawa 120 University, Room 13049 Ottawa Ontario Canada K1N 6N5 www.jpp.org Prisoners and former prisoners may submit

papers, collaborative essays, interviews, book reviews, and photo or graphic essays. No fiction or poetry.

#### PEN AMERICAN CENTER PRISON WRITING PROGRAM

588 Broadway, Suite 303 New York NY 10012 www.pen.org/prison-writing/ Write for free Handbook for Writers in Prison and guidelines on annual Prison Writing Contest (annual deadline is Sept. 1).

#### THE PRISON ARTS COALITION

Online only at WWW.THEPRISONART. COM. an online platform for the network of people making art in and around the American prison system and those who are interested to learn more about this sector.

#### PRISONS FOUNDATION

2512 Virginia Ave. NW, #58043 Washington, DC 20037 publish books and guides by or about inmates and returning citizens as FREE downloads, including "How to Legally Avoid Being Placed on the Sex Offender Registry." We also sell prison art. (at www. safestreetsarts.org)

#### SAFE STREETS ARTS FOUNDATION

2512 Virginia Ave. NW, #58043 Washington DC 20037 Accepts and sells/distributes prisoner art, publishes prisoner books online, and stages annual shows at the Kennedy Center in DC. All services free; write for submission guidelines; state whether you are a writer or artist (SASE ensures quick reply).

### **Books-to-Prisoners Projects**

NOTE TO INMATES IN TEXAS: Please do not write to a book project if they do not serve Texas - they will not respond

### APPALACHIAN PRISON BOOK PROJECT

PO Box 601 Morgantown WV 26507 <u>aprisonbookproject.wordpress.com</u> Free reading material to prisoners in KY, MD, OH, TN, VA, and WV. Does not send to Texas prisoners.

#### ASHEVILLE PRISON BOOKS PROGRAM

67 N Lexington Ave. Asheville NC 28801 www.main.nc.us/prisonbooks/main.html Free reading material to prisoners in NC, SC, GA, and TN. Does not send to Texas prisoners

#### **BAUS BOOKS CIRCULATION**

c/o Buddhist Assoc. of USA Attn.: Book Circulation Dept. 3070 Albany Crescent , Bronx, NY 10463. Dozens of titles on Buddhism. \$2 each. Send SASE for catalog.

#### BOOKS THROUGH BARS – PHILADELPHIA

4722 Baltimore Ave. Philadelphia PA 19143 booksthroughbars.org Sends free reading material to prisoners in PA, NJ, DE, NY, MD, VA, WV. Does not send books to Texas prisoners.

#### FREEDOM INSIDE

PO Box 507 Ashland, OR 97520 *Free Christian books.* 

#### **INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT**

PO Box 301029 Austin, TX 78703 Free books to Texas prisoners. Read more about us on page 2.

#### ITHACA COLLEGE BOOKS THRU BARS

c/o Ithaca College Library PO Box 113 Brooktondale NY 14817 Free reading material to prisoners in NY, MA, PA, NH, VT, RI, CT and NJ Only. Does Not send books to TX inmates.

#### LOUISIANA BOOKS 2 PRISONERS

3157 Gentilly Blvd. #141 New Orleans, LA 70122 ab2p.org

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Serves AL, AK, LA, MS. Ask for a few types or general categories of books. Limit to one request every three months.

#### LOUISVILLE BOOKS TO PRISONERS PROJECT

c/o McQuixote Books 1512 Portland Ave. #1 Louisville, KY 40203 Only send books to inmates in Kentucy (KY). Does Not send books to TX inmates.

#### MAOIST INTERNATIONALIST MINISTRY OF PRISONS

PO Box 40799 San Francisco CA 94140 Revolutionary anti-imperialist group helps prisoners organize and educate themselves. Sends free books to prisoners, free subscription to newspaper Under Lock & Key.

#### MICROCOSM PUBLISHING

112C S. Main St. Lansing, KS 66043 microcosmpublishing.com Independent and small press publisher. 50% discount to prisoners. Write for catolog.

#### MIDWEST PAGES TO PRISONERS PROJECT

c/o Boxcar Books and Community Center 408 E. 6th St Bloomington, IN 47408 www.pagestoprisoners.org Free reading material to prisoners in IN, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, OK, and SD. Does not send books to Texas prisoners

#### NYC BOOKS THROUGH BARS

c/o Bluestockings Bookstore 116 Suffolk Street New York, NY 10002 www.booksthroughbarsnyc.org Free reading material to prisoners from all states except AL, FL, LA, MA, MI, MS, NC, PA, OH and WI, with a priority for NY.

#### NOLO PRESS

950 Parker St Berkeley, CA 94710 <u>www.nolo.com</u> Free legal docs online. Also publishes and sells "Legal Research" book and dozens of other law titles.

#### OPEN BOOKS PRISON BOOKS PROJECT

1040 N. Guillemard St. Pensacola FL 32501 www.openbookspcola.org Free reading material to prisoners in

### www.ncdbw.org

Assists defense teams on cases involving domestic violence survivors charged with crimes related to their abuse. No direct legal representation or advice, no social services. A very small nonprofit organization, they do what they can to answer requests for assistance promptly, but it may take a long time. Accepts collect calls. Phone or write.

#### WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY

PO Box 618

Quakertown, PA 18951 Women centered approach to drug and alcohol recovery. Send SASE for information. Pen pal program also.

## WOMEN ORGANIZED TO RESPOND TO LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES

(WORLD) 389 30th St Oakland, CA 94609 (510) 986-0340 www.womenhiv.org

Write for information and referrals concerning AIDS and other life threatening diseases. They also send a free quarterly newsletter with treatment information and advocacy tips.

# WOMEN'S PRISON ASSOCIATION AND HOME

c/o G. Lerner 110 Second Ave New York, NY 10003 wpaonline.org (646) 292-7742 Women only. Assists women being released with obtaining housing and healthcare.

### WOMEN'S PRISON BOOK PROJECT

c/o Boneshaker Books 2002 23rd Ave S Minneapolis MN 55404 www.wpbp.org

Free books and reading materials to women and transgender people incarcerated in state and federal facilities. Serves ONLY these states: AZ, CA, FL, IL, IN, KY, MS, and OH. Also sends books to women only in FEDERAL prisons in TX (No books for State prisons.)

#### 2000 ROSES FOUNDATION, INC.

P.O. Box 227015 Dallas, TX 75222 (214) 941-1333 www.2000roses.org

Provides safe transitional housing, education, job training, and entrepreneurial skills to help women live successfully after incarceration.

#### ACLU REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM PROJECT

915 15th St NW, 7th Floor Washington, DC 20005 www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights

Works to see that pregnant women who are incarcerated receive the reproductive health services they need. Write for a "Know Your Rights" fact sheet.

# CHICAGO BOOKS TO WOMEN IN PRISON

c/o RFUMC 4511 N. Hermitage Ave Chicago, IL 60640 Free reading material to incarcerated women in state prisons in AZ, CA, CT, FL, IL, IN, KY, MS and OH, as well as all federal prisons (including Texas). Does not send to women in Texas state prisons.

#### CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN PRISONERS

1540 Market Street, Suite 490 San Francisco, CA 94102 www.womenprisoners.org

Social justice organization with members inside and out, challenges the institutional violence imposed on women, transgender people, and communities of color by the prison industrial complex. Publishes irregularly The Fire Inside, a quarterly publication for and about women in prison.

# CENTER ON WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS (WOMEN'S PROJECT)

Northwestern University School of Law 357 East Chicago Ave Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 503-2391

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#### www.law.northwestern.edu

Focuses on litigation aimed at exonerating women in prison for crimes they didn't commit and on raising public awareness of factors that lead to their convictions.

#### THE FIRE INSIDE

c/o CA Coalition for Women Prisoners 1540 Market St, Suite 490 San Francisco, CA 94102 *Quarterly publication for and about women in prison.* 

# FAMILIES UNITED FOR RACIAL & ECONOMIC EQUALITY

81 Willoughby St #701 Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 852-2960

#### www.furee.org

Brooklyn-based multiracial organization made up almost exclusively of women of color. Organizes low-income families to build power to change the system so that all people's work is valued.

#### FUERZA UNIDA

710 New Laredo Hwy San Antonio, TX 78211 (210) 927-2294 www.lafuerzaunida.org Women's group that helps families achieve

justice through education, organizing, and advocacy.

#### NATIONAL ADVOCATES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

875 6th Ave, Suite 1807 New York, NY 10001 (212) 255-9252 www.advocatesforpregnantwomen.org Provides support nationwide for public defenders and other local lawyers faced with civil or criminal cases that raise legal and medical issues related to pregnancy.

# NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR THE DEFENSE OF BATTERED WOMEN

125 South 9th St, Suite 302 Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 351-0010 Florida Only. Does not send books to Texas prisoners.

#### PAPERBACK SWAP N SHOP

1115 FM 517 Rd East Dickinson, Texas 77539 (281)-834-7730 www.paperbackswapnshop.com

More than 30,000 paperback books for sale to inmates. Send SASE for more info. Also take orders over the phone

#### PRISON BOOKS COLLECTIVE

Publishing & Distribution PO Box 625 Carrboro, NC 27510 www.prisonbooks@gmail.com Was Internationalist Prison Books Collective. Free reading material to prisoners in AL and NC only. No books to Texas prisoners. Zine catalog available upon request to prisoners in any state.

#### THE PRISON LIBRARY PROJECT

915-C West Foothill Blvd. PMB 128 Claremont CA 91711 (909) 626-3066 www.prisonlibraryproject.org

Free reading and educational material to prisoners nationwide except AL, ME, MI.

# PRISONER EXPRESS

P.O. Box 6556 Ithaca NY 14851 prisonerexpress.org

Free books to prisoners nationwide. Please send 8 "forever" stamps and mention if hardback books are allowed.

#### PRISONERS LITERATURE PROJECT

c/o Bound Together Books 1369 Haight St San Francisco CA 94117 www.prisonersliteratureproject.com

Sends free reading material to prisoners in all states except Texas.

#### PROVIDENCE BOOKS THROUGH BARS c/o Paper Nautilus Books 5 Angell Street

Providence RI 02906 www.providencebtb.org

Sends free reading material to prisoners nationwide including targeted self-help and inspirational books upon request.

#### SECOND CHANCE BOOKS

PO Box 4149 Philadelphia, PA Publishes books about prison life written by an inmate in PA. Write for book list & prices.

#### THOMSON WEST REUTERS

610 Opperman Dr. Eagan, MN 55123 Sell books on legal topics such as "Rights of Prisoners", "Criminal Law ina a Nutshell". Send SASE for book list.

UC BOOKS TO PRISONERS

PO Box 515 Urbana IL 61803 <u>www.books2prisoners.org</u> Sends free reading material to prisoners in IL. Does not send to Texas prisoners.

#### WISCONSIN BOOKS TO PRISONERS

1202 Williamson St., #1 Madison, WI 53703 Free reading material to prisoners in WI only. Also hosts LGBT Books to Prisoners.

# **Death Penalty Resources**

CAMPAIGN TO END THE DEATH PENALTY PO Box 25730 Chicago IL 60625 www.nodeathpenalty.org

National grassroots organization working for the abolition of capital punishment.

#### COMPASSION

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140 W. South Boundary Street Perrysburg OH 43551 www.compassionondeathrow.net Bimonthly newsletter edited and written by Death Row prisoners, sent free to Death Row prisoners.

#### DEATH PENALTY INFORMATION

### CENTER

1015 18th St., NW, #704 Washington DC 20036 (202) 289-2275 www.deathpenaltyinfo.org

Analysis and information on issues concerning capital punishment. Detailed information by state. No legal services.

#### DEATH ROW SUPPORT PROJECT

Church of the Brethren PO Box 600, Dept P Liberty Mills IN 46946 www.brethren.org/drsp/ Pen pal service for Death Row prisoners only. Sponsored by Church of the Brethren but Death Row prisoners of all faiths or

but Death Row prisoners of all faiths or none are encouraged to write and tell about yourself. No online sign-up.

#### EQUAL JUSTICE USA

81 Prospect St. Brooklyn, NY 11201 <u>www.act.ejusa.org</u> National policy organization working to end the death penalty. Download Capital Defense Handbook for Defendants and

# MURDER VICTIMS' FAMILIES FOR RECONCILIATION

405 Morson St. Raleigh, NC 27601 www.mvfr.org

Their Families.

Supports family members of murder victims who opposed the death penalty; advocates for their needs and for replacing the death penalty with alternatives.

### NATIONAL CAPITAL CRIME ASSISTANCE NETWORK (NCCAN)

c/o Claudia Whitman 14985 Road 40.2 Mancos CO 81328 www.nccan.org

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Helps prisoners gain skills in summarizing case issues, identifying tasks, and finding resources to become effective advocates. Write to above address October thru May. From June thru September use 6 Tolman

### Rd, Peaks Island ME 04108.

### NATIONAL COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY 1620 L Street, NW, Suite 250

Washington DC 20036 www.ncadp.org Seeks to abolish the death penalty in the US. Many important online resources.

# OTHER DEATH PENALTY PROJECT

PO Box 1486 Lancaster, CA 93584 Send SASE for info. National grassroots campaign organized by inmates.

### TEXAS DEFENDER SERVICE

1927 Blodgett Street Houston Texas 77004 and

510 S. Congress # 304 Austin, Texas 78704 (713) 222-7788 (512)320-8300 www.texasdefender.org

Aims to improve the quality of representation afforded those facing a death sentence and

to expose and eradicate the systemic flaws. Provides limited direct representation.

## TEXAS MORATORIUM NETWORK

3616 Far West Blvd, Suite 117, Box 251 Austin Texas 78731 (512) 961-6389 www.texasmoratorium.org Grassroots organization mobilizing support

for a temporary halt on executions in Texas. Tracks and monitors executions.

### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT CLINIC

School of Law 727 E. Dean Keeton St. Austin TX 78705 www.utexas.edu/law/clinics/capital/

Law students work closely with attorneys in limited representation — at trial, appellate, and post-conviction stages of litigation of indigent defendants charged with or convicted of capital offenses. 1730 M St. NW, Suite 705 Washington, DC 20036 (800) 838-4357 www.nchv.org "Planning for Your Release: A Guide for Incarcerated Veterans." booklet for reintegration sent free to prisoners, also available as PDF from website.

# NATIONAL GULF WAR RESOURCE CENTER

1725 SW Gage Blvd Topeka, KS 66604 (866) 531-7183 www.ngwrc.org

# ngwrc.net

Education, advocacy, and support for veterans suffering from Gulf War Illness, Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Order free information and support guide. Second website invites "Forgotten Warriors" of Desert Shield through Operation Southern Watch to contribute their experiences.

# NATIONAL VETERANS LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

PO Box 65762 Washington, DC 20035 (202) 265-8305 www.nvlsp.org Publishes Veterans Benefits Manual, a 1,900-page treatise on veterans' law. Updated yearly. Ask your library to order a copy (\$158).

### NATIONAL VETERANS FOUNDATION

5777 Century Blvd, Suite 350 Los Angeles, CA 90045 (888) 777-4443 nvf.org/veterans/

Nongovernmental service staffed by veterans, answering requests for assistance or advice from online or by phone. Lifeline for Vets counselors access comprehensive database of local, national, communitybased, and government resources to help with financial problems, mental health issues, receiving benefits and healthcare, employment, housing, family counseling and many other issues.

# VETERANS AFFAIRS REGIONAL OFFICES

(800) 827-1000 6900 Almeda Rd Houston, TX 77030 701 Clay Ave Waco, TX 76799 Alcohol And Drug Abuse Addiction And Treatment Hotline: (800) 888-9383 VA Medical Centers: (877) 222-8387 Texas Homeless Network: (800) 531-0828.

### VETERANS CONSORTIUM PRO BONO PROGRAM

2101 L St NW, Suite 420 Washington, DC 20037 (888) 838-7727 www.vetsprobono.org Veterans whose benefits were denied by the Board of Veterans' Appeals and have appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims can ask for case review. Free representation if accepted. Write for or

# VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR

download "Request Representation" form.

P.O. Box 355 Champaign, IL 61824 (773) 569-3520 *Fight against war & for peace & social justice for all.* 

## VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

National Office: 8719 Colesville Rd, Suite 100 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (800) 882-1316 Texas Chapter: 5601 Stage Stop Cir Austin, TX 78738 *Membership organization open to Vietnam veterans who served on active duty during a specified period. Free Agent Orange booklet available from the above address.* 

# **Resources for Women**

Provides a Prisoner's Rights pamphlet for free. Focus on religious freedom.

#### SHALOM CENTER

6711 Lincoln Dr Philadelphia, PA 19119 (215) 844-8494 Jewish policy organization seeking to reunify political action and spiritual search.

#### SYDA FOUNDATION SIDDHA YOGA PRISON PROJECT

PO Box 99140 Emeryville, CA 94662 (510) 893-4648 <u>www.siddhayoga.org/syda-foundation/</u> <u>prison-project</u> Dedicated to disseminating the Siddha Yoga teachings and practices to incarcerated individuals. Sends free monthly newsletter

and Home Study Course to prisoners.

# Available in Spanish. SRAVASTI ABBEY

692 Country Lane Newport, WA 99156 *Provides newsletter and books on Buddhism to inmates.* 

### **Resources for Veterans**

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

810 Vermont Ave NW Washington, DC 20420 Veterans crisis line: (800) 273-8255, #1 Women veterans hotline: (855) 829-6636 VA Benefits: (800) 827-1000 Gl Bill: (888) 442-4551 Homeless: (877) 424-3838 Healthcare benefits: (877) 222-8387 Mammography Helpline: (888) 492-7844 Toxic issues, Agent Orange, Gulf War Syndrome: (800) 749-8387

### www.va.gov

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program available to those with honorable discharge. Send for application.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS Waco Region: 1 Veterans Plaza 701 Clay St Waco, TX 76799 (254) 299-9932 Houston: 6900 Almeda Rd. Rm. 1033 Houston, TX 77030 (713) 383-2715 San Antonio: 5788 Eckhert Rd. Rm. 2A112 San Antonio. TX 78240 (210) 699-5064 Membership organization serving disabled veterans. Learn how disability benefits withheld from incarcerated veterans can be made available to eligible dependents.

### HEALTH CARE FOR RE-ENTRY VETERANS (HCRV) PROGRAM

Texas regional offices: D.H. Sands, LCSW Healthcare for Rentry Vets Program **Conroe VA Outpatient Clinic** 3rd Floor 690 South Loop 336 West Conroe, TX 77304 Warren Pearson, LCSW Health Care for Reentry Veterans 4800 Memorial Dr #116B (713) 791-1414 Ext. 2321 4800 Memorial Dr Waco, TX 76711 (800) 423-2111 Ext. 53699 www.va.gov/homeless/reentry\_guides.asp Government agency addressing re-entry needs of incarcerated veterans with prison outreach and pre-release assessments, as well as linkage to medical, psychiatric, social services, employment services, and short-term case management upon release. Reentry guide for Texas available from above website.

IRAQ VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR P.O. Box 3565 New York, NY 10008

#### NATIONAL COALITION FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

# Education

#### ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY PRISON COLLEGE PROGRAM

Office of Extended Studies Attn: Jim Bullington 208 Edgemont Blvd., Suite 3000 Alamosa, CO 81101 *Correspondence courses offered for \$185 a semester. Write for catalog* 

#### **BLACKSTONE CAREER INSTITUTE**

1011 Brookside Road, Suite 300 P.O. Box 3717 Allentown PA 18106-3717 (800) 826-9228 Paralegal, medical, dental, physical therapy, pharmaceutical assistant correspondence courses. Write for free information.

# COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM

Southwestern Regional Office 4330 Gaines Ranch Loop, Suite 200 Austin, TX 78735 Phone: 866-392-3017

Program enables students to receive college credit for what they already know. All tests are administered electronically, with exceptions only for disability; however prisoners can request special accommodation. The cost per test is \$80. Practice tests and information about which institutions (2,800 colleges and universities) accept CLEP credits are available online.

#### EDUCATION BEHIND BARS NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 69 Berryville AR 72616 www.prisoneducation.com Bimonthly newsletter from prisoner Christopher Zoukis, focused on prison education and its advocacy. Online only, accepts submissions from incarcerated and non-incarcerated individuals.

#### FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) (800) 433-3243

www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/ Anyone seeking student aid should file this ten-page application. Download, or request from this number; they recommend calling between 3 and 6 p.m. CST. You should never pay to file this form or to have someone do it for you.

#### INCARCERATED RE-ENTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Rio Salado College 2323 West 14th Street Tempe AZ 85281-6942 Toll-free: (877) 517-8345 Onsite educational programs in Arizona; distance learning for all states, associate degrees. Write for catalog. Tuition fee is \$245 per credit hour.

# INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLEGE & SEMINARY

P.O. Box 530212 Debary Florida 32753 (877) 391.3741

#### www.iccscampus.org

Offers affordable Theology degrees to inmates.

#### LEVEL

411 W Monroe St Austin, TX 78704 <u>learnlevel.org</u> *Provides free printed educational and job training guides for people in prison. Send a letter to request content.* 

#### OHIO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PROGRAM FOR THE INCARCERATED

Ohio University Correctional Education 102 Haning Hall 1 Ohio University Athens OH 45701 *Correspondence courses. Write for free catalog of courses and tuitions.* 

#### THE PRISON SCHOLAR FUND

1752 NW Market St # 953 Seattle, WA 98107 www.prisonscholars.org Seeking partners and investors willing to supply talent and funds for educational grants to prisoners. Write with a summary of your post-secondary goals and the classes you're interested in. Accepted scholars are funded for a single class, with further requests considered upon successful completion of the first course.

#### PRISONERS' CORRESPONDENCE GUIDEBOOK

www.prisonlegalnews.org/store/ Guidebook with current information on prisoner education opportunities, available by October 2015. \$49.95 — Ask your library to order from this online bookstore.

(see PLN address under "Pubs & Mags")

#### PROFESSIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

430 Technology Parkway Norcross, GA 30092 Online correspondence courses, including law degrees, available. Write for more info.

#### WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

804 FM 2821 Rd W B, Huntsville, TX 77320 (936) 291-5300 windhamschooldistrict.org Academic and vocational education for eligible offenders incarcerated within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

### **Family Resources**

#### AMACHI TEXAS

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas 1400 Tillery Street Austin TX 78721 (512) 472-5437 www.amachi-texas.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters program provides mentors for children (6–16) of incarcerated parents, including those on parole or probation. In 32 Texas cities and counties.

# BEHIND THE WALLS: FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF TEXAS INMATES

TAMU Press, John H. Lindsey Building

Lewis Street, 4354 TAMU College Station, TX 77843 224 pages. Book for families & outsiders by former inmate Jorge Renaud about life in Texas prisons & how family/spouses can help and receive help in TDCJ., \$19.

#### CORRECTIONS.COM

www.corrections.com/LINK/LINK/37259 Online prison-related news, information for families, forums, and inmate locator

database by state, prison, or jail.

#### DCS PRISON CALLS

1969 S. Alafaya Trail #405 Orlando, FL 32828 (888) 925-1400 ocsprisoncalls.com Helps families to pay less for collect prison calls. Send SASE for more info.

#### FAMILIES AGAINST MANDATORY MINIMUMS

1100 H Street NW Washington DC 20005 (202) 822-6700 Policy activist organization, website with valuable information for families, data from prisoners sentenced to mandatory minimums.

#### FREEBIRD PUBLISHERS Box 541

North Dighton MA 02764 1-888-712-1987 (toll free) www.freebirdpublishers.com Website with services for prisoners: books, self-publishing, art work, education. Order The Best 500+ Non Profit Organizations for Prisoners and Their Families, \$14.99 + \$4 shipping.

#### GALAXY COUNSELING SERVICES

1025 South Jupiter Rd. Garland, TX 75042 (972) 272-4429 Family counseling, group therapy, anger mgmt services. Free info on request. 5 offices in Texas.

GIRL SCOUTS BEYOND BARS

Mt. Zion Bible Church 2603 W. Wright St Pensacola, FL 32505 (850) 434-0058 www.chapellibrary.org

Free to prisoners: Bible, Christian booklets, study courses, audiotapes. Write for order form with over 100 free titles.

#### **COMPASSION WORKS FOR ALL**

Dharma Friends PO Box 7708 Little Rock, AR 72217 Buddhist-based monthly newsletter, "Dharma Friends", free to prisoners. Support in meditation practice, healing and psychological guidance, and some reentry counseling and resource information through letter-writing.

#### DHARMA FRIENDS PRISON OUTREACH PROJECT

PO Box 7708 Little Rock, AR 72217 Send SASE for information. Free newsletter and guidance for those leaving prison.

#### HUMAN KINDNESS FOUNDATION PO Box 61619

Durham NC 27715 (919) 383-5160 www.humankindness.org

Publishes "We're All Doing Time: a Guide for Getting Free," an interfaith publication for obtaining personal and spiritual freedom. English or Spanish version free to prisoners. Write for free copy of this and newsletter, "A Little Good News." Regretfully unable to fill pen pal requests.

#### IAS PRISON PROJECT

14 Commerical Blvd, Suite 101 Novato, CA 94949

### www.ias.org

Islamic resources and outreach on Sufism to men and women in US state and federal prisons. Write for free quarterly newsletter.

ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF NORTH TEXAS)

840 Abrams Road Richardson, TX 75081 <u>www.iant.com</u> Sends Qurans and pamphlets on Islamic study to prisoners and prison libraries.

# JEWISH PRISONER SERVICES

PO Box 85840 Seattle, WA 98145 (206) 617-2367 jpsi.org Provides educational, religious, cultural and spiritual resources to Jewish inmates, releases, and their families, including free Torahs, prayer books, and other Jewish literature.

### MIRACLES PRISONER MINISTRY

PO Box 217 Lake Delton, WI 53940 Spiritual Recovery correspondence course based on the Bible, a 12-step program, and

A Course in Miracles, for prisoners, friends, and families. Year-long study, minimum commitment of 60 days. Workbooks supplied at no cost.

#### PRISON MINDFULNESS INSTITUTE

PO Box 206 South Deerfield, MA 01373 www.prisonmindfulness.org Free books to prisoners on mindfulness practices, Buddhism, and other contemplative paths. Online directory of prison dharma organizations.

#### **PRISON MISSION ASSOCIATION**

PO Box 2300 Port Orchard, WA 98366 <u>www.pmabcf.org</u> Free bible correspondence courses in English and Spanish with bibles and literature. Prison visitation and inside programs in some areas.

#### RUTHERFORD INSTITUTE

Legal Dept PO Box 7482 Charlottsville, VA 22906 Prison Legal News Address in the "Legal" section of this Resource Guide. 750 Pg. soft cover manual for prisoners. Comprehensice legal manual for post conviction relief. Shows you how to research law, study your rights, take steps to challenge conviction. Written in plain language. Actual size example of forms

#### SAN QUENTIN NEWS

(Habeas, etc.) Costs \$49.95

Friends of San Quentin News PO Box 494 San Quentin, CA 94964 Only prisoner-operated newspaper in California. Free to inmates in CA. Donations accepted.

### SELF HELP IN PRISON (SHIP)

2620 Bellvue Way NE #200 Bellevue, WA 98004 Free newsletter with a SASE. Also sells books. Offers self help courses.

### SOLITARY WATCH

PO Box 11374 Washington, DC 20008 www.solitarywatch.com

Information, advocacy, and resources relating to solitary confinement. Publishes a downloadable quarterly edition and mails free print copies to prisoners on request.

# SOUTH CHICAGO ARA / ABC ZINE DISTRO

POBox 721 Homewood, IL 60430 More than 1,000 different zines available about prison issues & politics. Send SASE for free catalog. Zines are free but donations welcome.

#### TURNING THE TIDE

c/o Anti-Racist Action?PART POBox 1055 Culver City, CA 90232 *Anti-racist newspaper published quarterly. Free to prisoners but donations & stamps encouraged.* 

# VOICES.CON

PO Box 361 King City, CA 93930 8 page newsletter about prison life. Takes submissions. Send SASE.

# **Religious & Spiritual**

AHAM MEDITATION CENTER Attn: Prison Ministry 4368 NC Highway 134 Asheboro, NC 27205 www.aham.com Serious seekers of inner peace may write for meditation aids. Living Free While Incarcerated or Freeing Yourself From the Prison of the Mind sent free of charge with "no charge" invoice. No pen pal service.

# AMERICAN ARAB ANTI-

DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE See address in Legal Resources section of this Resource Guide. Write to report incidents of discrimination.

### AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

101 N. independence Mall East FL8 Philadelphia, PA 19106 www.americanbible.org Free Bibles in English or Spanish, including large print and study guides. Can arrange with a chaplain to have books sent.

# AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE

1501 Cherry Street Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215) 241-7000 www.afsc.org Quaker policy organization working to improve prison conditions and end prison privatization and mass incarceration.

## CATHOLIC HOME STUDY

PO Box 363 Perryville, MO 63775 www.catholichomestudy.com Offers free courses on the Catholic faith.

CHAPEL LIBRARY

### (CENTRAL TEXAS)

12012 Park Thirty-five Circle Austin TX 78753 Program allows incarcerated mothers and their daughters to spend positive time together to break the incarceration cycle and enhance the bond between mother and daughter during incarceration

# LEGAL SERVICES FOR PRISONERS WITH CHILDREN

1540 Market St. Suite 490 San Francisco, CA 94102 *California only. Offers info & referrals. No legal aid.* 

### THE MESSAGES PROJECT

P.O. Box 8325 Norfolk, VA 23503 <u>www.themessagesproject.org</u> Nonprofit that enables children of incarcerated parents to maintain & rebuild relationships with their mothers & fathers by recording videos of their children & sharing it with their incarcerated parent.

### NATIONAL FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

12410 Milestone Center Drive, Suite 600 Germantown, Maryland 20876 Helps keep families together by having father's involved in their children's lives

#### PRISONTALK ONLINE

PO Box 73151 Houston TX 77273-0151 www.prisontalk.com Free online forum for prisoners and their families. Some service links outdated, bu

families. Some service links outdated, but forum current.

### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MINISTRIES

1229 Avenue J Huntsville TX 77340 (936) 291-2156 www.rjmntexas.net

Operates hospitality houses in Huntsville and Gatesville for family visits. Also works inside, providing parolees with helpful reentry information. Website offers many references under the categories of Re-Entry, Juvenile, Families, Penpals, and Residential Aftercare, among others.

#### SAFER SOCIETY FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 340 Brandon VT 05733-0340 (802) 247-3132 www.safersociety.org

Sells books for survivors of sexual abuse, and persons in treatment. National online database of treatment services. Free storybook for children of incarcerated parents can be requested by a home-based caregiver, available in Oct. 2015.

### TEXAS ADVOCACY PROJECT

800 Brazos St. Austin TX 78701 (512) 476-5377 Family Violence Line: (800) 374-4673 Family Law Hotline: (800) 777-3247 Sexual Assault Hotline: (800) 296-7233 www.texasadvocacyproject.org Legal solutions to end violence, phone lines staffed by attorneys during business hours to assist Texans on a variety of civil legal concerns related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking as they pertain to family law. Be prepared with specific and accurate information, including a copy of any court orders.

#### **TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COALITION**

1714 Fortview Road, Suite 104 Austin Texas 78704 (512) 441-8123 www.texascjc.org Policy advocacy organization addresses problems with Texas criminal justice. No legal assistance to prisoners. Maintains online database of Texas resources by county and responds to requests for specific information. Down-loadable publications: New Start Reentry Guide and How to Write Parole Packets.

TEXAS COUNCIL ON FAMILY VIOLENCE PO Box 163865 Austin, Texas 78716 (512) 794-1133

INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT RESOURCE GUIDE

#### www.tcfv.org

Website listing information and statewide resources. Above hotline is national.

#### **TEXAS CURE**

P.O. Box 38381 Dallas TX 75238-0381 (214) 460-5713 www.texascure.org

#### Nonlegal mediation. When prisoners have exhausted all grievance remedies on the institutional level, we mediate regarding prison conditions, policies, and related matters. Where appropriate we interact with prison officials or contact legislators.

#### **TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 300220 Austin TX 78703-0004 (512) 371-0900 www.tifa.org

Membership organization (\$25) providing support, education, and advocacy for prisoners and families through monthly meetings, website, storybook project for incarcerated parents, a newsletter and more. Multiple chapters across the state.

# TEXAS LEGAL SERVICES CENTER HOTLINES

Legal Hotline (800) 622-2520, option 2. Health Law Program (866) 979-4343 (Medicare information) Crime Victims: (888) 343-4414 www.tlsc.org/texas-legal-services-center These are called "hotlines" but you have to leave a message for callback.

## **Health Resources**

# DISABILITY RIGHTS EDUCATION & DEFENSE FUND

3075 Adeline St., Suite 210 Berkeley, CA 94703 (510) 644-2555 www.dredf.org Provides assistance to state prison inmates

concerining medical advice, provides referrals. Write for list of pubs. on disability

#### rights & Newsletter

# CENTER FOR PRISONER HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS

Miriam Hospital/The Alpert Medical School of Brown University 8 Third Street, 2nd floor Providence, RI 02906 (401) 793-2057 Seeks to improve the health and human rights of criminal justice populations through education, research, and advocacy.

#### EPILEPSY FOUNDATION

8301 Professional Place E, Ste. 200 Landover MD 20785 Toll-free helplines: (800) 332-1000 Español: (866) 748-8008 www.epilepsyfoundation.org Advocacy for those living with epilepsy.

#### THE GIVE BACK YOGA FOUNDATION

900 Baseline Road 13B Boulder, CO 80302 *Write for Free yoga book.* 

#### HCV ADVOCATE

PO Box 427037 San Francisco CA 94142 <u>hcvadvocate.org</u> Monthly newsletter on Hepatitis C. Free sample issue sent to prisoners, subscription \$12/yr. Online fact sheets in Spanish.

#### JUST DETENTION INTERNATIONAL

3325 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 340 Los Angeles, CA 90010 (213) 384-1400 www.justdetention.org

Health and human rights organization seeking to end sexual abuse in detention. Sends Survivor's Packet with a state-bystate guide to legal and psychological counseling for incarcerated and reentering survivors and their families. Legal mail to Cynthia Totten, Esq., CA Attorney Reg. #199266 at the same address.

MIND FREEDOM INTERNATIONAL PO Box 11284 Eugene OR 97440-3484 700 Kent St. Durham NC 27701 www.cap-press.com

Publishes 192 academic books in criminal justice including state-specific analyses of 12 state justice systems (no Texas yet). No catalog available, order online.

#### COALITION FOR PRISONERS' RIGHTS PO Box 1911

Santa Fe NM 87504 Short monthly newsletter sent free to prisoners nationwide since 1976, also the booklets Psychological Soldier, a Guide to a Healthy Life in Solitary and Doing Your Time with Peace of Mind. Send SASE and be prepared to wait for a response.

#### EAST BAY PRISONER SUPPORT

P.O. Box 22449 Oakland CA 94609 <u>eastbayprisonersupport.wordpress.com</u> *Free anarchist/radical zines for prisoners in TX and CA, and for female/queer prisoners nationwide. Write for catalog.* 

### FORTUNE NEWS

Attn.: Fortune News Subscriptions 29-76 Northern Blvd. Long Island City NY 11101 www.fortunesociety.org Prisoner support to prisoners in New York City area. Email from website for subscription to free newsletter on criminal justice issues.

#### **INDIANA PRISONER ZINE DISTRO**

c/o MWPP 408 E. 6th St. Bloomington, IN 47408 Free zines on various prison and political issues, available ONLY to Indiana prisoners.

#### JOURNAL OF PRISONERS ON PRISON

c/o J. Piche, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Criminology, Univ. of Ottowa, 120 University , Room 13049, Ottowa, Ontario, Canada K1N 6N5 *Prisoners and former prisoners may submit papers, collaborative essays, interviews, book reviews and photo or graphic essays.*  No fiction or poetry.

#### JUSTICE DENIED

PO Box 66291 Seattle WA 98166 www.justicedenied.org

To report a wrongful conviction, send a first-class stamp or SASE with request for an information packet. Write for catalog of books on prison issues plus reference and legal self-help. Publishes quarterly online magazine (accepts written submissions) relating to wrongful conviction.

#### THE MILITANT

306 W. 37th St. 13th Floor New York, NY 10018 <u>themilitant.com</u> Socialist newsweekly published in the interests of working people. Reduced cost subscriptions for prisoners - \$6 for six months or \$12 for a year.

#### THE PAPERBACK SHOP

4817 FM 646 Suite B Dickinson TX 77539 (281) 534-3370 www.imailtoprison.com Purchase a "grab bag" of used paperbacks

for a Texas inmate, a 3-foot stack of books for \$30 to \$54. Order by phone, on-line or in person. Also mails books and offers magazine subscriptions to prisons and jails from coast to coast.

#### PRISON LEGAL NEWS

Details and address in the "Legal" section of this Resource Guide.

# PRISON GRIEVANCES: WHEN TO WRITE, HOW TO WRITE

www.prisongrievances.com

Graphic novel explaining grievance rules and regulations in Texas prisons. Ask your librarian to order a copy for the prison library — \$10.00 from Amazon.com. Also available in Spanish, "Prison Grievances en Español. NOTE : This publication is BANNED in Texas prisons.

PRISONER'S GUIDE TO SURVIVAL

#### (713) 526-5738

Radio show airs Friday night 9:00–11:00 p.m. on Houston Pacifica radio. Created by Ray Hill, former convict turned advocate. Long distance call-ins at 9:20 p.m.

#### PRISON WATCH PROJECT

American Friends Service Committee 1501 Cherry St. Philadelphia, PA 19102 afsc.org/story/survivors-manual-thosesuffering-solitary/

Write for free publications, including Survivors Manual: Surviving in Solitary, a powerful collection of voices from solitary, artwork and poetry. Download PDF online

#### SEX OFFENDERS RESTORED THRU TREATMENT (SORT)

c/o CURE-SORT P.O. Box 1022 Norman, OK 73070-1022 (405) 639-7262 www.cure-sort.org Send SASE. Offers support for victims and offenders.

### SOLITARY WATCH

POBox 11374 Washington, DC 20008 Send SASE for newsletter & info about solitary confinement

#### SOUTHERN CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

83 Poplar St NW, Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 688-1202 www.schr.org Send SASE for info. Prison class action suits & death penalty work. only in southern US

### **TEXAS CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECT** MICHAEL TIGAR HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER

1405 Montopolis Drive Austin, TX 78741 (512) 474-5073 Protects the civil rights of all Texans.

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Prison issues working on : ending solitary confinement, debtors prison, unfair bail practices, & mental health care in TX jails.

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON

JAIL STANDARDS PO Box 12985 Austin TX 78711 (512) 463-5505 Receives complaints on county jails only do not send complaints about TDCJ.

#### **TEXAS JAIL PROJECT**

1712 E. Riverside Drive, Box 190 Austin TX 78741 (512) 597-8746 info@texasjailproject.org Working to improve prison conditions by helping families solve prisoners' issues. Publicizes widespread abuse and neglect in Texas city and county jails and maintains informative website on jail news. No legal support. For jails only, TDCJ prisons not included. Email for more immediate reply

## **Publications & Newsletters**

#### THE ABOLITIONIST

c/o Critical Resistance 1 904 Franklin St., Suite 504 Oakland, CA 94612 Newsletter free to prisoners.

#### AMERICAN DISSIDENT

217 Commerce Rd. Banstable, MA 02630 Send poems in English, Spanish, French and essays (650 words max) with a dash of personal risk, stemming from experience, conflict and/or involvement with power.

#### **AK PRESS**

674- A 23rd Street Oakland CA 94612 (510) 208-1700 www.akpress.org Collective publishing anarchist books. 30% discount if shipped to a correctional facility. Send 3 stamps for catalog.

#### CAROLINA ACADEMIC PRESS

INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT RESOURCE GUIDE

#### www.mindfreedom.org

Membership organization advocates for rights of people with mental disabilities. Information and advocacy resources available — no direct medical or legal aid.

#### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS PO Box 9999

Van Nuys CA 91409 (818) 773-9999, ext. 135 www.na.org Publishes Behind the Walls (price: 95 cents) a booklet for prisoners. Those who will be incarcerated for at least six months can request a free subscription to Reaching Out. a quarterly recovery-oriented newsletter. Materials in Spanish and other languages.

#### NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL **ILLNESS**

3803 N. Fairfax Dr., Suite 100 Arlington VA 22203 HelpLine: (800) 950-6264 www.nami.org

HelpLine staff respond to questions about mental health symptoms, treatment, support options, and legal issues but do not give legal advice. Se habla español.

#### NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

(800) 273-8255 Needs a description and any other contact info.

#### POSITIVELY AWARE

5050 N. Broadway St. Suite 300 Chicago IL 60640 www.positivelyaware.com National magazine on HIV/AIDS. Covers treatment, social issues, financial, and legal matters. Free subscriptions to HIV-positive individuals. Issues also available on website.

#### **PRISON HEALTH NEWS**

c/o Books Through Bars 4722 Baltimore Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19143 (215) 326-9431 prisonhealthnews@gmail.com

### prisonhealthnews.wordpress.com Quarterly newsletter written by and for prisoners and ex-prisoners, covering such topics as HIV, hepatitis C, addictions and more. Write for free subscription.

#### PRISON YOGA PROJECT: A PATH FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY

P.O. Box 426 Bolinas CA 94964 www.prisonyoga.org Excellent yoga manual for men or women (specify), free from this address to people in prison. Focuses on self-reflection and personal discipline, contains guides for physical poses, breathing, and meditation.

#### THE PROJECT ON ADDRESSING PRISON RAPE

Washington College of Law 4300 Nebraska Ave NW, Suite Y110C Washington, DC 20016 Phone: 202-274-4403 www.wcl.american.edu/endsilence/ Many downloadable publications including AN END TO SILENCE: Inmates' Handbook on Identifying and Addressing Sexual Abuse, 3rd Ed., September 2014. Online

#### RAPE. ABUSE AND INCEST NATIONAL **NETWORK (RAINN)**

directory to US crisis centers.

2000 L Street NW Suite 406 Washington DC 20005 Sexual assault hotline: (800) 656-4673 www.rainn.org Works to prevent sexual assault, help victims, and bring rapists to justice.

#### **REACHING OUT**

c/o NA World Svcs. **POBox 9999** Van Nuys, CA 91409 Quarterly newsletter, free to incarcerted addicts. Send SASE.

# SMART RECOVERY (SELF **MANAGEMENT & RECOVERY** TRAINING)

7304 Mentor Ave, Suite F

Mentor, OH 44060 Toll free: (866) 951-5357 <u>smartrecovery.org</u> Send SASE for info. Helps people over *come* & *recover from addictive behaviors* 

#### SURVIVORS OF INCEST ANONYMOUS

World Service Office PO Box 190 Benson MD 21018 www.siawso.org Free literature and 12-step program for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

# TEXAS ASSOCIATION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

6200 La Calma Drive, Suite 110 Austin, TX 78752 Victim assistance line: (888) 343-4414 www.taasa.org

Connects sexual assault survivors to rape crisis centers around Texas.

#### **TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD**

Attention: Investigations P.O. Box 2018 Austin, TX 78768-2018 (512) 305-7100 www.tmb.state.tx.us Investigates medical malpractice reports on MDs and physician assistants.

#### **"TURN IT UP!"**

c/o Sero Project POB1233 Milford, PA 18337 Free One-Issue health magazine & Resource Guide for inmates with HIV or Hepatitis

#### **Immigration Resources**

#### ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

330 Second Avenue South, Suite 800 Minneapolis MN 55401 Immigrant Clients: (612) 341-9845 Asylum Hotline: (612) 746-4674 www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/ legal\_services\_-\_free Free legal services to immigrants seeking asylum and afraid to return home, detained, trafficked, harmed in detention. Website in English, Spanish, and French. Servicios legales gratuitos a los inmigrantes que buscan asilo. Sitio web en inglés, español y francés.

#### CENTRAL TEXAS COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

(888) 3737-888 North Texas CAHT: Free & Anonymous 24 / 7 Hotline: (214) 823.1911 www.ctcaht.org/Services for Victims.html Helps trafficking victims get certified by the Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement to be eligible for Foodstamps, Medicaid, etc. Also helps with legal services, life necessities, employment help, housing and more. Ayuda a las víctimas de la trata a obtener la certificación de la Oficina de Refugiados de Salud y Servicios Humanos para ser elegible para Foodstamps, Medicaid, etc. También ayuda con servicios legales, necesidades de vida, ayuda para el empleo, vivienda y más.

# COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FOR VISITING IMMIGRANTS IN CONFINEMENT

P.O. Box 40677 San Francisco, CA 94140 Hotline (385) 212-4842 <u>www.endisolation.org/resources/for-</u> families/

Addresses the isolation and abuse of people in immigration detention through visitation, independent monitoring, storytelling, and advocacy. Website answers basic questions on detention, detainee locator services. Family resource directory on above website.

#### **GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP**

2301 E. Cesar Chavez St. Austin, TX 78702 (512) 499-8111 grassrootsleadership.org

Coordinates a visitation program at the T. Don Hutto immigrant detention center for women in Taylor, Texas, and advocates for an end to family detention. Coordina

### Lewisburg PA 17837-0128

www.lewisburgprisonproject.org

Helps prisoners in Pennsylvania with issues that arise from confinement. Valuable online PDF, Prisoners' Rights Handbook: A Guide to Correctional Law Decisions of the Supreme Court.

# MEXICAN-AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE & EDUCATIONAL FUND

634 S. Spring St. 11th Floor Los ANgeles, CA 90014 *Provides referrals. Write for more info.* 

# MOTHERS (AND FATHERS) FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SOCIAL SYSTEMS

3737 Atlanta St Dallas, TX 75215 421 South Ayers Ft. Worth, TX 76103 *Gathers data from inmates sentenced to Mandatory Minimums, to submit a case for profiling. send written summary.* 100s *received but few used.* 

# NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND

EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. 40 Rector Street, 5th floor New York NY 10006 (212) 965-2200 www.naacpldf.org

Litigation, advocacy, and public education to eliminate the improper role of race in the criminal justice system. Scholarships for African American law students.

### NATIONAL CURE

P. O. Box 2310 Washington DC 20013-2310 (202) 789-2126 www.curenational.org

Membership organization working in prison reform. Special issue chapters provide help to incarcerated veterans, non-citizens, women, death row prisoners, sex offenders.

#### NATIONAL LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASSOCIATION

1901 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20006

#### (202) 452-0620 www.nlada.org

Devoted to the delivery of legal services to those who cannot afford counsel. Provide advocacy, guidance, information, training, and technical assistance for members of the equal justice community, especially those working in public defense and civil legal aid. Also have a national listing of free legal services.

PRISON ACTIVIST RESOURCE CENTER PO Box 70447 Oakland CA 94612 www.prisonactivist.org Working to expose and challenge institu-

tionalized racism and classism of prison industrial complex. Resource guide free to prisoners, updated March 2015

#### **PRISON LAW OFFICES**

General Delivery San Quentin, CA 94964 (415) 457-9144

www.prisonlaw.com.

California Inmates ONLY. Nonprofit public interest law firm that provides free legal services to adult and juvenile offenders to improve their conditions of confinement. provides direct services to thousands of prisoners and juveniles each year, advocates for policy changes, and, engages in impact litigation.

# PRISON POLICY INITIATIVE

PO Box 127 Northampton MA 01061 <u>www.prisonpolicy.org/research.html</u> This page contains links to virtually all the criminal justice research — racism, policing, corrections, the private prison industry, and more, organized by category and date. No legal assistance, but annually updated nationwide list of free legal assistance to incarcerated people on non-criminal matters.

#### THE PRISON SHOW

KPFT 90.1 FM Houston 419 Lovett Blvd Houston TX 77006

#### Seattle, WA 98177

Provides pen pal, secretarial, and general support. Send a SASE to participate. Non-denominational.

#### WRITEAPRISONER.COM

POBox 10 Edgewater, FL 32132 Penpal listings. \$40 for 1 year. Send SASE.

# **Prisoner Support**

#### ACLU NATIONAL PRISON PROJECT

915 15th Street NW, 7th Floor Washington DC 20005 www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights/ Litigates to make U.S. prisons, jails, and other detention facilities comply with the Constitution, domestic law, and international human rights principles, but doesn't assist individuals with criminal cases. Prisoner Assistance Directory available online only. The following "Know Your Rights" series available by mail, but expect long wait.

State Headquarters P.O. Box 8306 Houston, TX 77288-8306 713.942.8146 www.acluatx.org Handles city, countyk state and federal prison condition cases.

#### ACTUAL INNOCENCE CLINIC

UT School of Law 727 East Dean Keeton St Austin, TX 78705 (512) 471-1317 www.utexas.edu/law/clinics/innocence/ Screens & investigates claims of actual innocence. Not all cases accepted.

#### CORRLINKS -- INMATE EMAIL SYSTEM

www.prisoninmates.com/listing/corrlinks Bureau of Prisons' official email system for federal inmates. Inmates pay to send/ receive email without full access to the Internet. Available in a few state prisons.

#### **CRITICAL RESISTANCE**

1904 Franklin Street, Suite 504 Oakland CA 94612 <u>www.criticalresistance.org</u> International movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex. Free quarterly newspaper written mostly by prisoners, The Abolitionist, in English and Spanish.

#### DISABILITY RIGHTS EDUCATION AND DEFENSE FUND

3075 Adeline St. Suite 210 Berkeley CA 94703 (510) 644-2555 Legal aid for disability-related civil rights violations. Research and advocacy on "School-to-Prison Pipeline."

### FAMILIES AGAINST MANDATORY MINIMUMS (FAMM)

1100 H St. NW Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20005 Chapters in 30 states. Write for newletter. info on Booker & Fanfan decisions. Provides amicus briefs. Send SASE for info

#### THE JERICHO MOVEMENT

PO Box 2164 Chesterfield, VA 23832 Support group for Political Prisoners. Several chapters around US. Write for addresses & more info.

#### JUST DETENTION INTERNATIONAL

3325 Wilshire Blvd., #340 Los Angeles, CA 90010 Works to end sexual violence against men, women, & youth in all forms of detention. Newsletter & survival packet available.

#### JUVENILE LAW CENTER

c/o RG Schwartz 1315 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 625-0551

#### www.jlc.org

Public interest law firm to help improve conditions for youth in prison. Does individual case work, litigation & amicus briefs.

**LEWISBURG PRISON PROJECT, INC.** PO Box 128 un programa de visitación en el centro de detención de inmigrantes T. Don Hutto para mujeres en Taylor, Texas.

# EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW (EOIR)

www.justice.gov/eoir/index.html

Dallas Office: 1100 Commerce St #404, Dallas TX 75202, (214) 767-1814

El Paso Office: 700 E. San Antonio Avenue, Suite 750, El Paso TX 79901, (915) 534-6020

Houston Office: Continental Center II, 600 Jefferson, Suite 900, Houston TX 77002, (713) 718-3870

San Antonio Office: 800 Dolorosa Street, Suite 300, San Antonio TX 78207, (210) 472-6637

www.justice.gov/eoir/free-legal-servicesproviders/

Conducts immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings. Website above gives directory of free legal service providers by state. Get updates 24/7 on individual immigration cases at (800) 898-7180. Procedimientos judiciales de inmigración, revisiones de apelaciones y audiencias administrativas. El Web site arriba da el directorio de los abastecedores legales libres del servicio por el estado. Obtenga actualizaciones 24/7 sobre casos individuales de inmigración. at (800) 898-7180.

# FLORENCE IMMIGRANT RIGHTS PROJECT

PO Box 654 Florence, AZ 85132 (520) 868-0191 firrp@firrp.org Provides free legal & social serivces to detained immigrants in Arizona ONLY. Privacidad de servicios legales y sociales gratuitos para lost immgrantes detenidos en Arizona SOLO.

#### NATIONAL IMMIGRATION PROJECT OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD 14 Beacon St., Suite 602

### Boston, MA 02108

www.nationalimmigrationproject.org

Online directory of immigration attorneys by state. Policy work in the areas of criminal and deportation defense, victims of crimes and intimate partner violence, raids and immigration enforcement, non-citizens living with HIV/AIDS, and defending political rights. Directorio en línea de abogados de inmigración por estado.

# NATIONAL NETWORK FOR IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RIGHTS

310 8th Street, Suite 310 Oakland, CA 94607 (510) 465-1984 www.nnirr.org

Works to defend and expand the rights of all immigrants and refugees, regardless of immigration status. Trabaja para defender y ampliar los derechos de todos los inmigrantes y refugiados, sin importar su estatus migratorio.

#### TAHIRIH JUSTICE CENTER

National Office: 6402 Arlington Blvd. Suite 300 Falls Church, VA 22042 Houston Office: 1717 St. James Place, Suite 450, Houston, TX 77056 (713) 496-0100 www.tahirih.org Offices in Houston, Baltimore, and DC,

legal / social services for ethnically diverse immigrant women and girls who have suffered female genital mutilation, rape, torture, human trafficking, honor crimes, forced marriage, widow rituals, and/or domestic violence. Call or apply online. Oficinas en Houston, Baltimore y DC, servicios legales y sociales para mujeres inmigrantes y niñas étnicamente diversas que han sufrido mutilaciones genitales femeninas, violación, tortura, trata de personas, crímenes de honor, matrimonios forzados, rituales de viudez y / o violencia doméstica. Llame o solicite en línea.

### US CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE SERVICIO DE CIUDADANÍA E INMIGRACIÓN (800) 375-5283

www.uscis.gov

The government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States.

Dallas Field Office: 6500 Campus Circle Drive East, Irving TX 75063
El Paso Field Office: 1545 Hawkins Boulevard, El Paso TX 79925
Harlingen Field Office: 1717 Zoy Street, Harlingen TX 78552
Houston Field Office: 126 Northpoint Drive, Houston TX 77060.
San Antonio Field Office: 8940 Fourwinds Drive, San Antonio TX 78239

### Información en Español

#### ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

330 Second Avenue South, Suite 800 Minneapolis, MN 55401 Línea de cliente: (612) 341-9845 Línea de ayuda de asilo: (612) 746-4674 hrights@advrights.org

www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/ legal\_services\_\_\_free/

Servicios legales gratuitos a los refugiados e inmigrantes de bajos ingresos quienes buscan asilo, temen regresar a su país, han estado detenidos, traficados, o dañados en detención. Información en inglés, español y francés en el web.

#### ACLU NATIONAL IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS PROJECT (PROYECTO NACIONAL DE DERECHOS DE LOS INMIGRANTES)

125 Broad St., 18th Floor New York City, NY 10004 (212) 549-2500

#### aclu.org

Trabaja para defender los derechos civiles y constitucionales de los inmigrantes

#### **AMERICAN GATEWAYS**

314 E. Highland Mall Blvd Ste. 501

Austin, TX 78752 (512) 478-0546 ext. 200 5835 Callaghan Rd Suite 300, San Antonio, TX 78228 (512) 478-0546 www.americangateways.org/programas-yservicios/

Previamente el "Proyecto de Asilo Político." La única organización que ICE permite entrar en los centros de detención. Ayudan y representan a los refugiados que apliquen para asilo político en los EE UU, y ofrecen consejería legal a inmigrantes maltratadas para la petición de residencia bajo el Acta de Violencia Contra la Mujer y otras programas.

#### CARIDADES CATÓLICAS DEL CENTRO DE TEJAS

Oficina de Asuntos Migratorios 1625 Rutherford Austin, TX 78754 (512) 651-6100 Asesoran a inmigrantes documentados e indocumentados sobre sus derechos pero no ayudan con problemas de la deportación o la remoción.

#### HUMAN KINDNESS FOUNDATION

PO Box 61619 Durham NC 27715 (919) 383-5160 www.humankindness.org Las personas encarceladas pueden recibir gratis "Todos Estamos Encarcelados," una publicación interreligiosa dedicada a la obtención de la libertad personal y espiritual.

#### **IMMIGRATION EQUALITY**

40 Exchange Place, 17th floor New York NY 10005 (212) 714-2904 (cobros revertidos) www.immigrationequality.org Información para inmigrantes lesbianas, homosexuales, bisexuales, transgéneros, y positivos SIDA.

# LA RAZA CENTRO LEGAL, INC.

Attn.: Lawyer Referral Servicio 474 Valencia St. #295

#### <u>voatx.org</u>

Provide services for ex-offenders and their families. 40 offices in US.

#### WELCOME HOUSE, INC.

c/o D. Johnson 921 N. Peak St. Dallas, TX 75204 donjohnsoned@sbcglobal.net Offers housing for males, food, clothing and AA services. Also, counseling and education assistance.

# Pen Pal Programs

#### **ABOLITION APOSTLES**

501 N. Jefferson Davis Parkway #791410 New Orleans, LA 70119 National prison ministry based in New Orleans. Connects folks inside with volunteers outside for pen-pal letter writing. Christian ministry but you don't have to be Christian to participate.

## ADOPT AN INMATE

P.O. Box 1543 Veneta OR 97487 info@adoptaninmate.org Arranges outside communication for prisoners, which may include pen pal, visitation, and more. Send an SASE with your name, prisoner ID, and mailing address to be placed on a waiting list. No fee, not faith-based but tries to match requests for spiritual connection.

#### FRIENDS BEYOND THE WALL

Attn: New Ad Orders 2600 South Road, Suite 44-244 Poughkeepsie NY 12601 www.friendsbeyondthewall.com Pen pal listings since 1999. Write for order form. \$30/6 months, \$40/1 year, \$60/2 years. 250 words with picture. If you pay for a year and get no mail in the first six months you get another six months free.

INMATE-CONNECTION.COM PO Box 83897 Los Angeles CA 90083 www.inmate-connection.com Accepts 200 words with photo for \$40/year. Download or write for application.

#### INMATES MATTER TOO

P.O. Box 111842 Carrollton, TX 75011 www.inmatesmattertoo.org

Seeking inmate writers, authors and artists who seek to share their gift to uplift other inmates and or their family members and friends. Self-help/growth, Christian based writing/drawing, etc (anything that encourages positivity and growth. Submit a SASE and a short letter sharing about yourself. No more than 500 words.

#### **MEET-AN-INMATE**

Arlen Bischke P.O. Box 845 Winchester, OR 97495 <u>www.meet-an-inmate.com</u> Pen pal listings since 1998. Write for application or sign up online. 250 words with two photos:\$35/1 year, \$50/2 years. No ads for county jail prisoners if sentence is less than six months. No refunds or adjustments for non-receipt of mail.

#### **OUTLAWS ONLINE**

PO Box 333 Inverness FL 34451 www.outlawsonline.com Pen pal listings, from \$10 yearly for just photo and address to \$30 for one or more photos, address, description and bio. No word limit specified.

#### PRISON PEN PALS

P. O. Box 235 East Berlin PA 17316-0235 www.prisonpenpals.com

Address with photo — \$10 per year, 200 words – \$20, up to \$100 per year for slide show with photos, artwork, etc. Request an application by mail. Include SASE.

PURPLE LOTUS MINISTRIES P.O. Box 77252

#### of reentry services by state.

#### PRISONER ASSISTANT

482 Summit Wind Drive, Suite 704 Lake Harmony, PA 18624-0704 (570) 722-5800

#### www.prisonerassistant.com

Rehabilitation and reentry planning services. Establish a bank account at nonprofit bank with \$100, including a \$25 registration fee, and choose level of support for monthly fees ranging from \$5 to \$50. Establish banking history and gain online profile for the outside. Other services available -- write for brochure.

#### PRISON ENTREPENEURSHIP PROJECT

PO Box 926274 Houston, TX 77292-6274 (832) 767-0928 POBox 836617 Richardson, TX 75083-6617 (214) 575-9909 Texas inmates ONLY. Helps newly released TX inmates find housing, jobs, transportation, counseling, services, health care.

#### SALVATION ARMY - TX DHQ

Correctional Ministries Team 1221 River Bend Dr. Dallas TX 75235 (214) 956-6000 www.salvationarmytexas.org Write for regularly updated listing of halfway houses, information on pen pals, a free residential rehabilitation center, missing person locator referrals, and Bible

correspondence course for prisoners.

#### SECOND CHANCE / STRIVE

6145 Imperial Ave, San Diego, CA 92114 <u>secondchanceprogram.org</u> *California only. Offers employment help and job training for ex-offenders.* 

SET MY WAY FREE MINISTRIES, INC. 221 North Hogan St. #141 Jacksonville, FL 32202

#### (877) 344-8035

society.

Send SASE for info. Offers proofreading pro se litigation papers & in writing parole plans for a small fee. Not lawyers & cannot give legal advice.

#### SKYWAY TRUCKING SCHOOL

16934 Smoke Tree St Hesperia, CA 92345 (760) 947-2779 Send SASE for info. Prisoner friendly.

#### TEXAS REENTRY SERVICES, INC.

1408 Saint Louis Ave Fort Worth, TX 76104 (817) 834-2833 <u>texasreentry.wixsite.com/txrs</u> Developed a wrap-around style of services for persons coming out of incarceration that assists with the reintegration needs of the individual through intensive case management services in order to ease the transition for ex-offenders into mainstream

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF GOODWILLS** 12400 Hwy 71 West, Ste. 350, PMB #174 Austin TX 78738 (512) 263-8920

www.texasgoodwills.org/locations.html Call or write for locations of walk-in job placement centers: assessment, training, retention, and other support services. Website lists Texas locations in 14 cities.

#### **TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

Labor Market Information Department (866) 938-4444 101 E. 15th Austin, TX 78778

twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdbs/wdbmap.html Online directory to 28 local workforce development boards for job search resources, training programs, resume and application preparation, career development.

### VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

800 W Wintergreen Rd, Hutchins, TX 75141 (972) 225-5472 San Francisco, CA 94103 Maneja todo tipo de problemas legales. Enviar un SASE para información

# LATINO COMMISSION ON AIDS

ATTN: Araceli Quiñones 24 West 25th Street, 9th Floor New York NY 10010 (212) 675-3288 Escribese para que le manden informa-ción gratis en español sobre la SIDA.

#### **CONSULADO MEXICANO**

410 Baylor St. Austin TX 78703 (512) 478 2866 4507 San Jacinto St. Houston, TX 77004 (713) 955-5814 127 Navarro St San Antonio,TX 78205 (210) 227-1817 Ayuda para los mexicanos encarcelados. Se le pueden hacer visita, contactar su familia en México, y clarificar su situación legal.

### CONSULADO GENERAL EL SALVADOR

8300 Bissonnet St #400 Houston, TX 77074 (214) 637-1500

#### CONSULAR GENERAL DE GUATEMALA

3013 Fountain View Dr #210 Houston, TX 77057 (713) 953-9531

# NATIONAL NETWORK FOR IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RIGHTS

310 8th St., Ste. 303 Oakland CA 94609 (510) 465-1984 www.nnirr.org Trabajan para defender y ampliar los derechos de todos los inmigrantes y refugiados. Información y análisis.

# MEXICAN-AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE & EDUCATIONAL FUND 634 S. Spring St. 11th Floor

Los ANgeles, CA 90014

Escribe para mas informacion. Solo en GA, ILL, TX, CA & DC. Con un SASE.

### PRISON GRIEVANCES [QUEJAS] EN ESPAÑOL

#### www.prisongrievances.com

amazon.com

Una novela gráfica que explica las reglas que gobiernan el proceso de las quejas en las instituciones correccionales de Texas. Se vende en Amazon a \$9.00.

#### PROJECT INFORM

273 9th Street San Francisco CA 94103 Se puede escribir para información en español sobre la SIDA.

#### **TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD**

Attention: Investigations Mail Code 263 P.O. Box 2018 Austin TX 78768 (512) 305-7010 Las quejas sobre los médicos o los asistentes médicos en el Estado de Texas se pueden presentar para investigarse.

# Legal Resources

#### AMERICAN ARAB ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE Legal Department

Legal Department 1990 M Street, Suite 610 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 244-2990 legal@adc.org Civil rights organization defending the rights of people of Arab descent and promoting their rich cultural heritage. Receives discrimination complaints by phone or mail.

# ANNUAL REVIEW OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

c/o Office of Journal Administration-ARCP 600 New Jersey Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001-2075 (202) 662-9457 www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/lawjournals/subscribe/arcp/ Information on federal criminal procedure, habeas corpus relief, and prisoners' rights. Special rate to correctional facility address is \$25 for 45th edition (July 2016), check or money order only, includes shipping and handling. Request order form via mail or download from website.

# CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CENTER FOR MUSLIMS IN AMERICA

833 E Arapaho Rd, Ste 102 Richardson, TX 75081 (972) 914-2507 <u>clcma.org</u>

Provides pro bono legal representation in federal courts and administrative proceedings for qualified individuals and organizations where the representation is in the interest of the Muslim community. Limited to federal cases - does not take state cases.

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

Federal Bureau of Investigation Attn: FOI/PA Request Record/Information Dissemination Section 170 Marcel Drive Winchester, VA 22602 *Must provide complete name & address, provide any info that may help them locate info seeking, & describe in detail. Appeals can Not be sent to above address.* 

#### THE INNOCENCE NETWORK

#### http://innocencenetwork.org

Online directory to organizations providing pro bono legal and investigative services to individuals seeking to prove innocence in crimes of which they've been convicted.

#### THE INNOCENCE PROJECT

Intake Department 40 Worth St., Suite 701 New York NY 10013 (212) 364-5340 www.innocenceproject.org Assists prisoners convicted of crimes that occurred in the US (except CA, OH, WA, or WI) whose innocence can be proven through DNA testing of physical evidence. Write to request form for review or download from website. For projects accepting non-DNA cases see Innocence Network.

#### **TEXAS INNOCENCE PROJECTS**

All investigate DNA or non-DNA cases for actual innocence but do not provide legal representation. Before filing an innocence claim, read Chapter 13 of the Offender Legal Handbook (11th Ed., 2010) in your law library. If you meet requirements and criteria, fill out two forms from the Handbook: the Texas Prisoner Innocence Questionnaire and the Consent for Release of Information. Mail to one of the clinics listed below. Courts require new. clear. and convincing evidence of your innocence that was not available at time of trial and not considered by the court. If you claim innocence on convictions involving more than one victim, fill out a questionnaires for each one.

#### ACTUAL INNOCENCE CLINIC

The University of Texas School of Law 727 East Dean Keeton Street Austin TX 78705

# INNOCENCE PROJECT OF TEXAS

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

# INNOCENCE PROJECT, THURGOOD

MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW Earl Carl Inst. for Legal & Social Policy

Texas Southern University 3100 Cleburne Street Houston Texas 77004

#### INNOCENCE PROJECT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Texas A&M University School of Law 1515 Commerce Street Fort Worth TX 76102 Formerly known as Wesleyan University Innocence Project.

# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER INNOCENCE PROJECT

# (646) 862-9396 <u>wwwtldef.org</u>

In-house legal program brings test-case litigation with wide impact in all areas of transgender civil rights. Call or write if you feel you've been discriminated against because of gender identity or expression.

#### TRANZMISSION PRISON PROJECT

P.O. Box 1874 Asheville NC 28801 <u>tranzmission.org</u> Offers books, zines, and information to LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual) and women prisoners. No longer offers pen pal connections.

# Parole & Pre-Release

#### 211 TEXAS

TX Health & Human Services Comm. (877) 541-7905 www.211texas.org

Web directory by zip code of Texas resources for housing/shelter, employment, food/nutrition, veterans, crisis/emergency, income/expenses, legal aid/victims, criminal justice, aging/disability, health/medical, mental health, and child care/education.

#### ALL OF US OR NONE

c/o Legal Svcs for Prisoners w/Kids 1540 Market St., Ste. 490 San Francisco, CA 94102 *Fights for full restoration for ex-prisoners. Send SASE.* 

#### EXODUS MINISTRIES INC.

4630 Munger Avenue, Suite 110 Dallas TX 75204 (214) 827-3772 Provides a 16-unit apartment building for reentering Christian mothers with no more than 3 children. Twelve-month program includes parenting, budgeting and finance, Bible studies, drug rehabilitation, and counseling. Write for application or download from website.

#### FAIR SHAKE INC.

PO Box 63 Westby, WI 54667 information@fairshake.net Prisoners can write for free 90-page reentry kit. Online resource offers vast directory of information and tools for families anticipating reentry of a member. Downloads on hundreds of subjects including legal roadblocks for reentering prisoners by state.

#### GALAXY COUNSELING CENTER

1025 South Jupiter Rd. Garland TX 75042 (972) 272-4429 Family counseling, group therapy, anger management services. Centers in Dallas, Garland, Plano, and Richardson Texas. Nonprofit, sliding scale based on income.

#### **HELP FOR FELONS**

www.helpforfelons.org

Very useful website with directories and practical information on searching for employment, housing, reentry programs, scholarships, loans, and grants. Some info updated regularly with date noted.

#### IMPACT PUBLICATIONS

7820 Sudley Rd., Suite 100 Manassas, VA 20109 (703) 361-7300 Many books for ex-offenders: Write for catalog and order form.

#### LEGAL ACTION CENTER

810 1st St., NE, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20002 <u>lac.org/roadblocks-to-reentry/</u> Online state-specific database on legal barriers with criminal record (2009).

# NATIONAL REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER

22 Cortland St. 22nd Floor New York NY 10007 (877) 332-1719 <u>csgjusticecenter.org/reentry/reentryservices-directory/</u> No direct services to individuals. Online list

#### **DEFENDERS (GLAD)**

30 Winter Street, Suite 800 Boston MA 02108 Legal services limited to prisoners in northeast, but all may write to receive resource guide with information about LGBTQ and HIV rights across New England and beyond.

#### LAMBDA LEGAL

National Office: 120 Wall St., 19th Fl. New York, NY 10005 3500 Oak Lawn Avenue, Ste. 500 Dallas, TX 75219 (214) 219-8585 www.lambdalegal.org

Limited representation in impact cases challenging criminal laws directed at or disproportionately applied against members of the LGBT and HIV-positive communities and government actions that fund, support or facilitate discrimination

LGBT BOOKS TO PRISONERS

c/o Rainbow Bookstore Co-operative 426 W. Gilman Street Madison, WI 53703 www.gbtbookstoprisoners.org Sends up to 2 packages a year of free books to LGBT-identified prisoners in every state except Texas. Does not send books to Texas inmates

# MIDWEST TRANS PRISONERS PEN PAL PROJECT

c/o Boneshaker Books 2002 23rd Ave. South Minneapolis, MN 55404 Free, volutneer-run organization that connects Midwest incarcerated trans/gender people with other trans/gender & allied community member pen pals for friendship. Serves ONLY the following states :IA, IN, MN, MO, ND and SD. Penpal list is online so any info you share in your opening letter about yourself may be posted for others to see. Does not offer penpals for Texas inmates.

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#### RIGHTS

870 Market St., Suite 370, San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 392-6257 www.nclrights.org Provides legal info and resources, including attorney names. Also assist Trans prisoners.

#### PRISONER CORRESPONDENCE PROJECT

QPIRG Concordia c/o Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve O Montreal, QC H3G 1M8 info@prisonercorrespondenceproject.com *Resource and pen pal program for lesbian/ gay/bisexual/transgender inmates.* 

#### SERO PROJECT

P.O. box 1233 Milford PA 18337 Write for free copy of Turn It Up!, a singleissue magazine for inmates living with HIV and/or hepatitis. Personal stories and advice from the inside on HIV, hepatitis and diabetes, nutrition, exercise, meditation and more. Includes 12-page resource guide

#### SINISTER WISDOM

2333 McIntosh Road Dover, FL 33527 *A Multicultural Lesbian Literary & Arts Journal. Free copies offered to women in prison.* 

# TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE LAW PROJECT

203 N. Lasalle, Suite 2169 Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 558 1472 <u>www.tjlp.org</u> Provide free, life-affirming, and genderaffirming holistic criminal legal services to low-income transgender people targeted by the criminal legal system.

#### TRANSGENDER LEGAL DEFENSE & EDUCATION FUND, INC. 20 West 20th Street, Suite 705 New York NY 10011

Criminal Justice Institute U of H Law Center 100 Law Center Houston TX 77204-6060 *Formerly known as Texas Innocence Network.* 

For a list of other states' innocence projects, write for the Prisoner Resource Directory, Prison Activist Resource Center, PO Box 70447, Oakland CA, 94612.

#### JAILHOUSE LAWYER'S HANDBOOK

c/o National Lawyers' Guild 132 Nassau Street, Room 922 New York NY 10038 <u>www.jailhouselaw.org</u> *A resource for prisoners wishing to file a lawsuit regarding prison conditions and/ or staff abuse. Write to request a copy* — *\$2 check, money order, or stamps. Also available as a free download.* 

#### JAILHOUSE LAWYER'S MANUAL

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

www3.law.columbia.edu/hrlr/jlm/toc/ 9th edition (2011). Handbook on prisoners' rights and how to use judicial process on federal and state levels, emphasis on New York State law. Immigration & Consular Access Supplement on immigration law for non-citizens. Handbook \$30 shipped directly to correctional institution; supplement \$5. Check or money order. only. Chapters online as free downloads.

#### LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS

600 East Weatherford Street Fort Worth TX 76102 (800) 955-3959, (888) 529-5277 (Centralized intake hotline) www.lanwt.org

Provides free civil legal services to eligible low-income residents in 114 Texas counties, with regional offices in fifteen Texas cities.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION 3333 K Street NW, 3rd Floor Washington DC 20007-3522 (202) 295-1500 <u>www.lsc.gov</u> US government website for searching sources of legal aid to eligible low-income residents in specific communities.

#### LEGAL SERVICES SUPPORT

State Bar of Texas P.O. Box 12487 Austin TX 78711-2487 (800) 204-2222, XT 1855 www.texasbar.com/referraldirectory/ Refers low-income clients to Legal Aid programs in their community for civil issues only — unable to help prisoners. No direct legal services for clients, representation, or pro bono referrals. 2015 Referral Directory: Legal Services and Other Resources for Low-IncomeTexans, available by download.

#### LONE STAR LEGAL AID

1415 Fannin Street Houston TX 77002 (800) 733-8394 www.lonestarlegal.org Help for eligible clients with civil matters, limited representation. Offices in Angleton, Beaumont, Belton, Bryan, Conroe, Galveston, Houston, Longview, Nacogdoches, Paris, Texarkana, Tyler, Waco.

#### NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD (NLG)

132 Nassau St. Room #922 New York, NY 10038 (212) 679-5100 www.nlg.org Provides Jailhouse Lawyer's Handbook (158 pages) to assist inmates in filing federal lawsuits regarding poor conditions in prison or abuse by prison staff. Send \$2 in money order, stamps or check to order paper copy. Available free online at jailhouselaw.org.

#### **OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS**

2001 Evans Road Cary NC 27513 (800) 445-9714 www.oup.com Publishes these legal manuals. Check or money order only. Add \$5.50 shipping for first book, \$1.50 for each additional book.

Brief Writing and Oral Argument (9th ed., 2010). Legal writing and oral presentation, legal document samples,trial and appellate advocacy techniques — \$49.95.

An Introduction to the Legal System of the U.S. (4th ed. 2010). U.S. legal system structure and function — \$41.95

Prisoners' Self-Help Litigation Manual (4th ed., 2010). Legal research, prisoners' rights, federal postconviction remedies, law library requirements, civil rights forms, parole,litigating in federal courts. — \$41.95

#### PRISON CONSULTANT

Harvey R. Cox, M.S. P.O. Box 1551 Weatherford TX 76086 (817) 596-845 www.prisonconsultant.com

Retired warden provides fee-based advice and assistance on federal pre-sentence report review, prison orientation, initial placement, transfers, administrative remedies, petition for commutation of sentence, compassionate release, expert witness testimony. No charge for review and opinion.

#### PRISON JUSTICE LEAGUE

P.O. Box 49988 Austin TX 78765 www.prisonjusticeleague.org

Works for civil rights of Texas prisoners through impact litigation in such issues as prison rape and unhealthful conditions. No wrongful conviction cases or other criminal matters, but feel free to write about conditions inside. Legal mail: PJL, Special Legal Counsel Brian McGiverin, 1405 Montopolis Drive, Austin TX 78741.

#### **PRISON LEGAL NEWS**

P.O. Box 1151 Lake Worth FL 33460 (561) 360-2523 www.prisonlegalnews.org Independent 56-page monthly with review and analysis of prisoner rights, court rulings and other news on international and national (state and federal) fronts. Price to prisoners: \$30/year subscription. Also operates Prison Phone Justice website (see above), with upto-date information on the effort to control charges for prisoner phone conversations, and an online bookstore featuring prisonrelated topics. Encourages submission of first-person accounts of life inside as well as information on unpublished court rulings.. Also Publish "PRISONER'S GUERILLA HANDBOOK TO CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAMS IN US" \$49.95.

# THE SCHOOL OF PARALEGAL STUDIES PROFESSIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Ashworth College 6625 The Corners Parkway, Suite 500 Norcross, GA 30092 Send SASE for info. Offers a paralegal correspondence course.

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER 400 Washington Ave. Montgomery AL 36104 (334) 956-8200

#### www.splcenter.org

Advocates for prisoners' rights focusing on impact litigation in the areas of children's rights, economic justice, immigrant justice, LGBT rights, and mass incarceration. Applications for case review online only Send SASE for info. Also tracks hate crimes and racist organizations.

#### TDCJ OFFENDER GRIEVANCE PROGRAM

Attn.: KELLI WARD, PO Box 99 Huntsville TX 77342-0099 Grievances must be filed from within units per TDCJ policy. Use this address only to comment on the grievance procedure.

#### SPECIAL LITIGATION SECTION

US Dept. of Justice, Civil Rights Div. 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, DC 20530 Send SASE for info. Enforces federal civil rights statutes regarding conditions of confinelment, law enforcement misconduct and religious rights. Write describing incidents.

# SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Public Information Office 1 First Ave. NW Washington, DC 20543 (202) 479-3211 supremecourt.gov

Provides up to 5 cases decided by court each term for free. Must provide name of case requesting. Also will provide upon request a list of cases decided, guide to filing a petition in the Supreme Court and copy of their rule book.

# TEXAS COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE

Attention: CAAP 1414 Colorado St Austin TX 78701 Grievance Helpline (800) 932-1900 Dispute resolution service of the State Bar for filing a lawyer-related grievance, can provide information about the disciplinary process or refer to other resources. Services

# TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

6808 Hill Meadow Drive Austin TX 78736 (512) 478-2514 www.tcdla.com Online referrals to attorneys.

in Spanish. Thai. and Laotian.

### TEXAS FAIR DEFENSE PROJECT

314 E. Highland Mall Blvd., Suite 108 Austin, TX 78752 (512) 637-5220 www.fairdefense.org Call for help if you're threatened with revocation of parole or probation because of criminal justice debts. Detailed online information about the steps in getting court representation after being charged.

### TEXAS PRISONERS NETWORK SUPPORT

3005 S. Lamar Blvd., Suite D-109-224 Austin, TX 78704 brokenchains.us

Free internet listing. Website has many resources for TX inmates & families.

#### **TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID**

Main office : 4920 N. I-35 Austin , TX 78751 Hotline: (888) 988-9996 Rural Legal Aid (800) 369-0574 www.trla.org

Free legal services to low-income residents in sixty-eight counties of Southwest Texas. Offices in Austin, San Antonio, Brownsville, Laredo, El Paso, Del Rio and more. Online applications for uncontested divorce, protective orders, and issues with schools.

#### WESTLAW REFERENCE ATTORNEYS

1-800-REF-ATTY (733-2889), via email at west.westlawnextresearch@ thomsonreuters.com, or through the Live Chat link on the website.

Offers frree legal research and advice.

### YOUTH LAW CENTER

c/o M.Yee, 200 Pine St., #300 San Francisco, CA 94104 Handles major inst. & class action on behalf of juveniles only.(up to age 22) Cannot assist individuals. Send SASE.

## L-G-B-T Resources

#### **BLACK AND PINK**

614 Columbia Rd Dorchester MA 02125 (617) 519-4387 www.blackandpink.org Volunteer organization lists queer and transgender prisoners on a pen pal website, distributes a monthly newsletter of primarily queer/trans prisoner writing, and advocates for specific prisoner needs when possible.

#### **GLBTQ LEGAL ADVOCATES AND**