

## WOMEN AND PRISON

Beyondmedia Education  
4001 N. Ravenswood Ave. Suite 204-B  
Chicago IL 60613  
[www.womenandprison.org](http://www.womenandprison.org)

*Online forum on the effects of incarceration on women's lives. Accepts articles, visual work, personal narratives. Submissions reviewed and posted 3 times/year. Deadline dates are Jan. 15, May 15, and Sept. 15. (Mailed submissions should be postmarked by the deadline.)*

## WOMEN ORGANIZED TO RESPOND TO LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES (WORLD)

449 15th Street, Suite 303  
Oakland CA 94612  
(510) 986-0340  
[www.womenhiv.org](http://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.*

### Please order from these subject areas rather than specific titles!

Addiction / 12 step	Foreign language study	Poetry
Africa / Caribbean	Games / puzzles	Political science
African American	Gardening	Prison Legal News*
AIDS / HIV / Hepatitis C	Geology	Psychology
Alternative technology	Global corporatism	Racism
Anthropology	Global warming	Radical zines
Archeology	Grammar / writing	Reading / education
Architecture	Graphic novels	Reference works
Art / drawing	Health issues	Religion (specify)
Asia / Pacific	Historical fiction	Research
Astrology	History (specify time/area)	Romance
Astronomy	Humor	Science fiction
Biography / memoir	Incarceration	Sexual and other abuse
Biology	Indigenous peoples	Self-help
Brain science	Large-print books	Shamanism
Business topics	Latino / Chicano	Short stories
Career seeking	Law / courts	Sociology
Chemistry	LGBT / gender studies	South America
Comics	Literary criticism / essays	Spanish, books in
Computers	Literature / classics	Spirituality
Cookbooks / diet	Mathematics	Sports
Death / dying	Media studies	Statistics
Dictionaries	Middle East	Trades / automotive
Diseases (specify)	Music	Travel / outdoor
Drama	Mysteries / crime	UFO / conspiracy
Dreams	Mythology	War stories
Economics	National Geographics	Westerns
Engineering	Occult subjects	Wicca
Fantasy	Parenting	Women's health
Feminist theory	Philosophy / logic	Yoga / body work
Film	Photography	
Food / cookbooks	Physics	

\*when available

## INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT RESOURCE GUIDE



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## About Inside Books Project

Based in Austin, Texas, the Inside Books Project is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization sending 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

c/o 12th Street Books  
827 W. 12th Street  
Austin TX 78701  
(512) 655-3121 (voicemail only)  
[insidebooksproject@gmail.com](mailto:insidebooksproject@gmail.com)  
[www.insidebooksproject.org](http://www.insidebooksproject.org)

## About this Resource Guide

Inside Books Project thanks all the organizations and people listed within for their assistance with this guide! Users, **please send corrections** or updates to the address below — we need your help to keep this guide current.

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

This Resource Guide is sent free of charge to any prisoner in the U.S. Texas prisoners may include a request with their book order. Prisoners in other states and Texas prisoners not requesting books should write to the address below. Please include a donation of two stamps if possible (but do see note on stamps on next page!).

Inside Books Project  
ATTN: Resource Guide  
12th Street Books  
827 W 12th Street  
Austin TX 78701

## Donating to Inside Books

Inside Books Project receives over 15,000 request letters from prisoners every year asking for free books and educational materials. We process these letters, raise funds for postage costs, collect donated books and organize them in our library, staff regular volunteer sessions to reply to the request letters, and maintain the organization necessary to oversee this process.

We have no paid staff, all this is accomplished through donations of money, books, and volunteer time.

We understand that most incarcerated individuals may not be able to contribute to these efforts. However, we invite friends and family members of prisoners to consider a contribution of money, time, and/or books to help us continue to serve the educational needs of prisoners in Texas.

Inside Books Project is always in need of:

- **Money for postage** — over 79% of the money we collect goes directly to postage costs, which totaled over \$35,000 in 2014.
- **Volunteers** to answer letters and make packages for prisoners. Note that we only accept volunteer activity at our physical location — 3121 East 12th in Austin — during regular volunteer hours.
- **Book donations** for our library. See our website listed above for locations.

Inside Books Project is a registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, and all donations are tax deductible. Please see [insidebooksproject.org/donate/](http://insidebooksproject.org/donate/) for information on donating.

## Receiving Books from IBP

We send free books and educational materials only to Texas prisoners. Texas prisoners can send a request letter to the address under “About Inside Books Project” on the previous

*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 Avenue  
Chicago IL 60611-3069  
(312) 503-2391  
<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/wrongfulconvictions/womensproject/>

*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 California 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 Street #701  
Brooklyn NY 11201  
(718) 852-2960  
[www.furee.org](http://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](http://www.lafuerzaunida.org)  
*Women's group that helps families achieve justice through education, organizing, and advocacy.*

### NATIONAL ADVOCATES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

875 6th Avenue, Suite 1807

New York NY 10001  
(212) 255-9252  
[www.advocatesforpregnantwomen.org](http://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 S. 9th Street, Ste. 302  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 351-0010 (accepts collect calls)  
[www.ncdbw.org](http://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. Very small nonprofit organization, tries to answer requests promptly, but replies may be delayed.*

### THE SENTENCING PROJECT

1705 DeSales Street NW, 8th Floor  
Washington DC 20036  
(202) 628-0871  
<http://www.sentencingproject.org>  
*Policy and advocacy organization promotes reforms in sentencing policy, addresses unjust racial disparities and practices, and advocates for alternatives to incarceration. A wealth of online publications and articles on the experience of women prisoners as well as drug policy, voting rights, juvenile justice, sentencing law and policy, racial disparities, felon disenfranchisement and more.*

### TENACIOUS: ART AND WRITINGS BY WOMEN IN PRISON

Victoria Law  
PO Box 20388  
Tompkins Square Station  
New York NY 10009  
*Seeking contributions to zine by women in prison. \$3 per zine, back issues available.*

## VETERANS AFFAIRS REGIONAL OFFICES

Phone for both: (800) 827-1000  
6900 Almeda Rd., Houston TX 77030  
701 Clay Ave, Waco TX 76799

## VETERANS ASSISTANCE LINES

**Recovery Helpline:** (800) 888-9383. 24-hour alcohol and drug abuse addiction and treatment hotline

**Texas Homeless Network:** (800) 531-0828. Provides a directory of organizations assisting homeless individuals.

**National AIDS Hotline:** (800) 822-7422. Information about AIDS services in your city or state

**VA Medical Centers:** (877) 222-8387

## VETERANS CONSORTIUM PRO BONO PROGRAM

2101 L Street NW, Suite 420  
Washington DC 20037  
Toll free (888) 838-7727  
[www.vetsprobono.org](http://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 download "Request Representation" form.

## VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Luther "Buster" Newberry  
Texas State Council President  
P.O. Box 1860  
Fritch TX 79036

Membership organization open to Vietnam veterans who served on active duty during a specified period. Free Agent Orange booklet available from the above address.

## VETERANS' LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

(800) 622-2520, option 2  
Free civil legal assistance by phone to low-income and/or disabled Texas veterans and their families at or below 200% of federal

poverty guidelines. No criminal cases accepted.

## SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES

1060 Howard Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
(415) 252-4788

<http://www.swords-to-plowshares.org>  
Community-based nonprofit organization helping veterans reentering the San Francisco Bay Area to break through the cultural, educational, psychological and economic barriers brought by their transition to the civilian world.

## Resources for Women

### 2000 ROSES FOUNDATION INC.

P.O. Box 227015  
Dallas TX 75222-7015  
(214) 941-1333  
<http://2000roses.org>

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

### ACLU REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM PROJECT

915 15th Street NW, 7th Floor  
Washington DC 20005  
[www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights](http://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.

### CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN PRISONERS

1540 Market Street, Suite 490  
San Francisco CA 94102  
<http://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

page. Please consider the following when requesting books:

**One request per person every three months.** We track requests based on the postmark date of your letter. For example, if you write on January 1st, we will not accept another request from you until April 1st. Requests sent more frequently are discarded.

**Always include your TDCJ number,** as well as your unit name, address, and information about any special guidelines and rules for receiving books in your unit.

**Expect a wait from 2 to 6 months.** We process your letters as quickly and efficiently as we can, but various factors, especially the request backlog, can slow progress.

**Stamps.** We welcome donations of stamps to offset postage costs; however you should check with your mail service, which may have a policy of removing them. Please leave donated stamps on their original backing — reattached stamps are often unusable.

**Getting the books you want.** Our library of donated books is unlikely to have exact titles, so please suggest **areas of interest** (listed on back page) rather than book titles. If you state a wide range of subject areas, you'll have a better chance of ending up with a good choice. Our legal materials are particularly limited — please see the legal section of this guide for better sources.

### Sharing your essays, articles, book reviews, fiction, poetry, and artwork.

We love to get your work and want to hear about issues related to library access, health care, and anything else of concern to you or other prisoners. **Please indicate on all submissions whether you give consent** for publication — in our newsletter, on our online blog, or in fundraising projects.

**Notebooks/journals.** We regret that we're no longer able to send journals due to a recent ruling by TDCJ.

**What's an SASE?** Self-addressed stamped envelope

**Español.** Aceptamos cartas en español, y nuestra biblioteca incluye libros y otros materiales en español. También en estas páginas se encuentra una sección en español.

## 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 who ever requests that book. We encourage you to contest your publication denials, not only for your own sake but for future prisoners who may request the same title. To contest denials, write Ombudsman Coordinator, PO Box 99, Huntsville TX 77342-0099 or [ombudsman@tdcj.state.tx.us](mailto:ombudsman@tdcj.state.tx.us)

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."

**To report censorship** and other TDCJ abuses, write Texas Civil Rights Project, c/o The Michael Tigar Human Rights Center, 1405 Montopolis Drive, Austin TX 78741-3436, or [questions@texascivilrightsproject.org](mailto:questions@texascivilrightsproject.org)

## Artists' & Writers' Resources

### THE 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.*

### CELL DOOR MAGAZINE

c/o Claudia Whitman  
14985 Road 40.2  
Mancos CO 81328  
[www.lairdcarlson.com/celldoor/](http://www.lairdcarlson.com/celldoor/)  
*Magazine written by prisoners and close associates — submit writings about your experience in prison and upon reentry: poetry, short stories, art, op-ed commentary. Send subscription orders or submissions to the above address from Oct. through May. From June through Sept. use 6 Tolman Rd, Peaks Island ME 04108.*

### HASTINGS WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL

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

### JOURNAL OF PRISONERS ON PRISONS

c/o Justin Piché, Assistant Professor  
Department of Criminology  
University of Ottawa  
120 University, Room 13049  
Ottawa Ontario Canada K1N 6N5  
[www.jpp.org](http://www.jpp.org)  
*Prisoners and former prisoners may submit papers, collaborative essays, interviews, book reviews, and photo or graphic essays. No fiction or poetry.*

### MURIEL RUKEYSER POETRY WALL

Cathedral of St John the Divine

1047 Amsterdam Avenue  
New York NY 10025  
*"Where poems will always be accepted."  
Send poetry in any language for display on church walls. Viewers are encouraged to take prisoners' poems and write to them.*

### PEN AMERICAN CENTER PRISON WRITING PROGRAM

588 Broadway, Suite 303  
New York NY 10012  
[www.pen.org/prison-writing/](http://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).*

### PRISONER EXPRESS PROGRAM

127 Anabel Taylor Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca NY 14853  
[www.prisonerexpress.org](http://www.prisonerexpress.org)  
*Write for semi-annual free newsletter: art, poetry, essays, math, history, book club, chess programs. Coordinates pen pal, distance learning, and art programs.*

### 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).*

### THE SUN MAGAZINE

Subscription Department  
P.O. Box 5837  
Harlan IA 51593-1337  
(888) 732-6736  
<http://thesunmagazine.org>  
*Independent, ad-free monthly magazine publishing personal essays, short stories, interviews, poetry, and photographs by emerging and established artists. Free subscription to prisoners. Send submissions to: The Sun, 107 North Roberson Street, Chapel Hill NC 27516.*

[www.va.gov](http://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

[www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)  
*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:  
7329 Fannin Street  
Houston TX 77030  
(713) 791-1414, Ext. 2321  
4800 Memorial Drive  
Waco TX 76711  
(800) 423-2111, Ext. 53699  
[http://www.va.gov/homeless/reentry\\_guides.asp](http://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.*

### NATIONAL COALITION FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

333 1/2 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE  
Washington DC 20003-1148  
Toll-free: (800) 838-4357  
<http://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  
Toll free (866) 531-7183  
<http://www.ngwrc.org>  
Operation Forgotten Warrior II <http://www.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

2001 S Street NW, Ste. 610  
Washington DC 20009  
(202) 265-8305  
[www.nvlsp.org](http://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 Boulevard Suite 350  
Los Angeles CA 90045  
Toll-free Lifeline for Vets: (888) 777-4443  
9:00 to 5:00 Pacific Standard Time  
<http://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, community-based, and government resources to help with financial problems, mental health issues, receiving benefits and healthcare, employment, housing, family counseling and many other issues.*

### MIRACLES PRISONER MINISTRY

4118 County Hwy B  
Wisconsin Dells WI 53965  
(608) 253-4622

*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.*

### NALJOR PRISON DHARMA SERVICE

<http://sourcepointglobaloutreach.org/naljor-prison-dharma-service/>

*Buddhist resource materials online. No longer mailing materials directly to prisoners, but 29-page resource directory and teachings on wisdom, compassion, and nonviolence are available online.*

### PAN AMERICAN LITERATURE MISSION

5215 East Fort Lowell Road  
Tucson AZ 85712  
(520) 326-1787

*Free Bible correspondence courses and Bibles to prisoners — English only.*

### PRISON FELLOWSHIP

44180 Riverside Parkway,  
Lansdowne VA 20176  
[www.prisonfellowship.org](http://www.prisonfellowship.org)

*Faith-based ministry sends free book on reentry, Shortimer, to prisoners as well as quarterly newspaper, Inside Journal.*

### PRISON MINDFULNESS INSTITUTE

11 South Angell St. #303  
Providence RI 02906  
[www.prisonmindfulness.org](http://www.prisonmindfulness.org)  
[www.prisondharmanetwork.net](http://www.prisondharmanetwork.net)

*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  
[www.pmabcf.org](http://www.pmabcf.org)

*Free Bible correspondence courses in*

*English and Spanish with Bibles and literature. Prison visitation and inside programs in some areas.*

### SHALOM CENTER

6711 Lincoln Drive  
Philadelphia PA 19119  
(215) 844-8494

*Jewish policy organization seeking to reunify political action and spiritual search.*

### SYDA FOUNDATION YOGA PRISON PROJECT

PO Box 99140  
Emeryville CA 94662

[www.siddhayoga.org/syda-foundation/prison-project/](http://www.siddhayoga.org/syda-foundation/prison-project/)

*Free 20-page monthly newsletter and home study course in Siddha Yoga meditation for prisoners in English or Spanish. Write to receive an introductory packet and enroll in the course.*

## Resources for Veterans

### CHRISTIAN PEN PALS

Attn: Veterans' Ministry  
PO Box 2112  
Statesville NC 28687

*Free pen pals for incarcerated veterans. To register, send name, TDCJ number, address, birth date, length of sentence, release date, education level, dates of military service, religion, and a statement about you and what you want in a pen pal.*

### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

810 Vermont Avenue NW  
Washington DC 20420

**Veterans crisis line:** (800) 273-8255, #1  
**Women veterans hotline:** (855) 829-6636  
**VA Benefits:** (800) 827-1000  
**GI 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

## Books-to-Prisoners Projects

### APPALACHIAN PRISON BOOK PROJECT

PO Box 601  
Morgantown WV 26507  
<https://aprisoonbookproject.wordpress.com>  
*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](http://www.main.nc.us/prisonbooks/main.html)  
*Free reading material to prisoners in NC, SC, GA, and TN. Does not send to Texas prisoners.*

### BOOKS THROUGH BARS — NYC

c/o Bluestockings Bookstore  
172 Allen Street  
New York NY 10002  
<http://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.*

### BOOKS THROUGH BARS — PHILADELPHIA

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

### CHICAGO BOOKS TO WOMEN IN PRISON

c/o RFUMC  
4511 N. Hermitage Ave.  
Chicago IL 60640  
<http://chicagobwp.org>  
*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.*

### CONNECTICUT PRISON BOOK CONNECTION

P.O. Box 946  
Rocky Hill CT 06067-0946  
*Free books to prisoners nationwide with priority for the Northeast (CT, MA, RI, NH, VT, ME).*

### DC BOOKS TO PRISONS PROJECT

PO Box 34190  
Washington DC 20043-4190  
[www.dcbookstoprisoners.org](http://www.dcbookstoprisoners.org)  
*Prisoners in any state can write for books, but because of limited funds they place lower priority on New England, OR, WA, PA, OH, NY, NJ, WI, and IL. Indicate general area of interest and list prison restrictions. Stamps are appreciated.*

### INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT

c/o 12th Street Books  
827 W. 12th St  
Austin TX 78701  
<http://insidebooksproject.org>  
*Free books to Texas prisoners. Read about us on pages 2 and 3.*

### PRISON BOOKS COLLECTIVE

Publishing & Distribution  
PO Box 625  
Carrboro, NC 27510  
<https://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.*

### ITHACA COLLEGE BOOKS THRU BARS

c/o Ithaca College Library  
PO Box 113  
Brooktondale NY 14817  
[www.facebook.com/ICBTB/](http://www.facebook.com/ICBTB/)  
*Free reading material to prisoners in New York state only.*

**LGBT BOOKS TO PRISONERS**

c/o Rainbow Bookstore Co-operative  
426 W. Gilman Street  
Madison WI 53703  
<http://lgbtbookstoprisoners.org>  
*Sends free books to LGBT-identified prisoners nationwide.*

**LOUISIANA BOOKS 2 PRISONERS**

c/o Iron Rail Book Collective  
1631 Elysian Fields Ave. #117  
New Orleans LA 70117  
<http://lab2p.org>  
*Serves all states except California and Texas. Ask for a few general types or categories of books. Limit to one request every three months.*

**MAOIST INTERNATIONALIST MINISTRY OF PRISONS**

PO Box 40799  
San Francisco CA 94140  
<http://prisoncenstorship.info>  
*Revolutionary anti-imperialist group helps prisoners organize and educate themselves. Sends free books to prisoners, free subscription to newspaper Under Lock & Key.*

**MIDWEST PAGES TO PRISONERS PROJECT**

c/o Boxcar Books and Community Center  
118 S Rogers St.  
Bloomington IN 47404  
[www.pagestoprisoners.org](http://www.pagestoprisoners.org)  
*Free reading material to prisoners in AZ, AR, FL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, OK, SD, TN, and WI. Does not send books to Texas prisoners.*

**OPEN BOOKS PRISON BOOKS PROJECT**

1040 N. Guillemard St.  
Pensacola FL 32501  
[www.openbookspcola.org](http://www.openbookspcola.org)  
*Free reading material to prisoners in Florida. Does not send books to Texas prisoners.*

**PRISON BOOK PROGRAM**

c/o Lucy Parsons Bookstore

1306 Hancock St. Suite 100  
Quincy MA 02169  
[www.prisonbookprogram.org](http://www.prisonbookprogram.org)  
*Sends free reading material to prisoners in all states except CA, IL, MI, MD, NV, and TX. "National Prisoner Resource List" free to prisoners in any state.*

**THE PRISON LIBRARY PROJECT**

915-C West Foothill Blvd. PMB 128  
Claremont CA 91711  
(909) 626-3066  
<http://prisonlibraryproject.org>  
*Free reading and educational material to prisoners nationwide except AL, ME, MI.*

**PRISONER EXPRESS**

127 Anabel Taylor Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca NY 14853  
[prisonerexpress.org](http://prisonerexpress.org)  
*Free books to prisoners nationwide -- please send 8 "forever" stamps and specify areas of interest.*

**PRISONERS LITERATURE PROJECT**

c/o Bound Together Books  
1369 Haight St  
San Francisco CA 94117  
[www.prisonersliteratureproject.com](http://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](http://www.providencebtb.org)  
*Sends free reading material to prisoners nationwide including targeted self-help and inspirational books upon request.*

**READ BETWEEN THE BARS**

c/o Daily Planet Publishing  
P.O. Box 1589  
Tucson AZ 85702-1589  
<http://readbetweenthebars.com>  
*Sends free reading material to prisoners in AZ only. No books to Texas prisoners.*

*improve prison conditions and end prison privatization and mass incarceration.*

**CATHOLIC HOME STUDY**

PO Box 363  
Perryville MO 63775-0363  
[www.catholichomestudy.com](http://www.catholichomestudy.com)  
*Offers free courses on the Catholic faith.*

**CHAPEL LIBRARY**

MT. ZION BIBLE CHURCH  
2603 W. Wright St.  
Pensacola FL 32505  
(850) 434-0058  
[www.chapellibrary.org](http://www.chapellibrary.org)  
*Free to prisoners: Bible, Christian booklets, study courses, audiotapes. Write for order form with over 100 free titles.*

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**

(877) 537-0003  
*Call to request a free Book of Mormon.*

**COMPASSION WORKS FOR ALL**

Dharma Friends  
PO Box 7708  
Little Rock AR 72217-7708  
*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.*

**CROSSROADS BIBLE INSTITUTE**

PO Box 900  
Grand Rapids MI 49509-0900  
(800) 668-2450  
<http://cbi.fm>  
*International ministry offering Bible correspondence courses and a Life Skills Program, free of charge to prisoners.*

**HUMAN KINDNESS FOUNDATION**

PO Box 61619  
Durham NC 27715  
(919) 383-5160  
[www.humankindness.org](http://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**

P. O. Box 2382  
San Rafael CA 94912  
[www.ias.org](http://www.ias.org)  
*Islamic resources and outreach on Sufism to men and women in US state and federal prisons. Write for free quarterly newsletter.*

**INTERNATIONAL PRISON MINISTRY**

P.O Box 2868  
Costa Mesa CA 92628-2868  
(800) 527-1212  
[www.chaplainray.com](http://www.chaplainray.com)  
*Bibles, concordances, and other Christian literature free to prisoners.*

**ISKCON PRISON MINISTRY**

3759 McCreary's Ridge Road NBU #46  
Moundsville WV 26041  
[www.iskconprisonministry.org](http://www.iskconprisonministry.org)  
*Write for free books on Krishna consciousness, yoga, and meditation.*

**ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF NORTH TEXAS)**

840 Abrams Road  
Richardson TX 75081  
[www.iant.com](http://www.iant.com)  
*Sends Qurans and pamphlets on Islamic study to prisoners and prison libraries.*

**JEWISH PRISONER SERVICES INTERNATIONAL**

PO Box 85840  
Seattle WA 98145-1840  
(206) 528-0363  
<http://jpsi.org>  
*Educational, religious, cultural and spiritual resources to Jewish prisoners, releasees, and their families.*

### **PRISON ACTION NEWS**

Boston ABC  
PO Box 230182  
Boston MA 02123  
[prisonactionnews@riseup.net](mailto:prisonactionnews@riseup.net)  
*Semi-annual journal of worldwide prison resistance, written mostly by prisoners. Write to above address for subscription. Submissions to: PAN, PO Box 832, Watertown MA 02472 or email above. Many useful PDFs on website such as Handbook on Surviving Solitary Confinement, How to Use the Law Library, etc.*

### **PRISON LEGAL NEWS**

[www.prisonlegalnews.org](http://www.prisonlegalnews.org)  
*Online bookseller offering many titles pertinent to prisoners including many legal resources. Also publishes a 56-page monthly magazine. Details and address in the "Legal" section of this Resource Guide.*

### **PRISON GRIEVANCES: WHEN TO WRITE, HOW TO WRITE**

[www.prisongrievances.com](http://www.prisongrievances.com)  
*Graphic novel explaining grievance rules and regulations in Texas prisons. Ask your librarian to order a copy for the prison library — \$9.00 from Amazon.com. Also available in Spanish, "Prison Grievances en Español."*

### **SOLITARY WATCH**

PO Box 11374  
Washington DC 20008  
[www.solitarywatch.com](http://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.*

### **TEXAS PRISON BOOKSTORE**

1301 Dupont Drive  
Orange TX 77630  
(409) 232-0032  
[texasprisonbookstore@yahoo.com](mailto:texasprisonbookstore@yahoo.com)  
[www.texasprisonbookstore.com](http://www.texasprisonbookstore.com)  
*In Texas write or call to purchase TDCJ-*

*approved books and have them sent to prisoners; phone order outside Texas. Write for free catalog. Your order receives special attention from folks who understand TDCJ regulations. Regretfully, no longer able to send free books.*

## **Religious & Spiritual**

### **ALEPH INSTITUTE**

9540 Collins Avenue  
Surfside FL 33154  
(305) 864-5553  
<http://aleph-institute.org>  
*Instruction on Judaism for prisoners, with articles, correspondence courses, and counseling. Other educational programs based on a universal code of ethics and morality for non-Jews.*

### **AHAM MEDITATION CENTER**

Attn: Prison Ministry  
4368 NC Highway 134  
Asheboro NC 27205  
<http://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 BIBLE SOCIETY**

1865 Broadway  
New York NY 10023-7505  
(212) 408-1200  
[www.americانبible.org](http://www.americانبible.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 COMMITTEE**

1501 Cherry Street  
Philadelphia PA 19102  
(215) 241-7000  
[www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org)  
*Quaker policy organization working to*

### **UC BOOKS TO PRISONERS**

PO Box 515  
Urbana IL 61803  
[www.books2prisoners.org](http://www.books2prisoners.org)  
*Sends free reading material to prisoners in IL. Does not send to Texas prisoners.*

### **WISCONSIN BOOKS TO PRISONERS**

c/o Rainbow Bookstore Co-operative  
426 W. Gilman Street  
Madison WI 53703  
*Free reading material to prisoners in WI only. Also hosts LGBT Books to Prisoners.*

### **WOMEN'S PRISON BOOK PROJECT**

c/o Boneshaker Books  
2002 23rd Ave S  
Minneapolis MN 55404  
[www.wpbp.org](http://www.wpbp.org)  
*Free books and reading materials to women and transgender people incarcerated in state and federal facilities. Serves all US states except CA, CT, FL, IL, IN, MA, MI, MS, OH, OR, and PA.*

## **Death Penalty Resources**

### **CAMPAIGN TO END THE DEATH PENALTY**

PO Box 25730  
Chicago IL 60625  
[www.nodeathpenalty.org](http://www.nodeathpenalty.org)  
*National grassroots organization working for the abolition of capital punishment.*

### **CANADIAN COALITION AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY**

80 Lillington Ave  
Toronto Ontario  
M1N 3K7, Canada  
[www.ccadp.org](http://www.ccadp.org)  
*Website with several forums on various aspects of death penalty. No obvious pen pal service other than a classified section where anyone can post.*

### **CENTURION MINISTRIES**

1000 Herrontown Road  
Princeton NJ 08540  
(609) 921-0334  
[www.centurionministries.org](http://www.centurionministries.org)  
*Nonlegal, nonreligious investigators for prisoners sentenced to death or life-in-prison. Accepts one or two cases per year, actual innocence only, concentration on murder and rape cases.*

### **COMPASSION**

140 W. South Boundary Street  
Perrysburg OH 43551  
[www.compassionondeathrow.net](http://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](http://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/](http://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 none are encouraged to write and tell about yourself. No online sign-up.*

### **EQUAL JUSTICE USA**

20 Jay St, Suite #808  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
<http://act.ejusa.org>  
*National policy organization working to end the death penalty. Download Capital Defense Handbook for Defendants and Their Families.*

## **MURDER VICTIMS' FAMILIES FOR RECONCILIATION**

P.O. Box 27764  
Raleigh NC 27611-7764  
[www.mvfr.org](http://www.mvfr.org)

*Supports family members of murder victims who opposed the death penalty; advocates for their needs and for replacing the death penalty with alternatives that keep us safer and better address the needs of those harmed by violence. Online resources only.*

## **NATIONAL CAPITAL CRIME ASSISTANCE NETWORK (NCCAN)**

c/o Claudia Whitman  
14985 Road 40.2  
Mancos CO 81328  
<http://nccan.org>

*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](http://www.ncadp.org)

*Seeks to abolish the death penalty in the US. Many important online resources.*

## **TEXAS DEFENDER SERVICE**

1927 Blodgett Street  
Houston Texas 77004  
(713) 222-7788  
<http://texasdefender.org>

*Aims to improve the quality of representation afforded those facing a death sentence and to expose and eradicate the systemic flaws plaguing the Texas death penalty. Provides limited direct representation.*

## **TEXAS MORATORIUM NETWORK**

3616 Far West Blvd, Suite 117, Box 251  
Austin Texas 78731  
(512) 961-6389

[www.texasmoratorium.org](http://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/](http://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.*

## **Education**

### **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®**

PO Box 6600  
Princeton NJ 08541  
(800) 257-9558  
<https://clep.collegeboard.org>

*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.*

and some base rules on a prisoner's security status. On the other end, a few even allow visitors to bring books into the unit. It's vital that families and friends get to know the rules for their prisoner's situation and order from a bookseller who's familiar with the system.

### **AK PRESS**

674- A 23rd Street  
Oakland CA 94612  
(510) 208-1700  
[www.akpress.org](http://www.akpress.org)

*Collective publishing anarchist books. 30% discount if shipped to a correctional facility. Send 3 stamps for catalog.*

### **CAROLINA ACADEMIC PRESS**

700 Kent St.  
Durham NC 27701  
[www.cap-press.com](http://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 2249  
Oakland CA 94609  
<https://eastbayprisonersupport.wordpress.com>

*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

<http://fortunesociety.org>

*Prisoner support to prisoners in New York City area. Email from website for subscription to free newsletter on criminal justice issues.*

### **THE GRANITE PUBLISHING GROUP**

PO Box 1429  
Columbus NC 28722  
<http://granitepublishing.us>  
*Sends free books to prisoners, only on metaphysical/transformational subjects from Native American spirituality to the extraterrestrial presence. Long waiting list, please send postage if possible.*

### **INMATE MAGAZINE SERVICE, INC.**

P.O. Box 2063  
Fort Walton Beach FL 32549  
(855) 936-4674 (Toll free)  
<https://inmatemagazineservice.com>  
*Discounted magazine subscriptions. Order online or print form and mail.*

### **JUSTICE DENIED**

PO Box 68911  
Seattle WA 98168  
[www.justicedenied.org](http://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.*

### **PAPERBACK SWAP N SHOP**

1115 FM 517 Rd E  
Dickinson TX 77539  
(281) 534-3370  
<http://mailto:prison.com>  
*Purchase a "grab bag" of used paperbacks for a Texas inmate, a 3-foot stack 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.*



## **NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.**

40 Rector Street, 5th floor  
New York NY 10006  
(212) 965-2200  
[www.naacpldf.org](http://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](http://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.*

## **PRISON ACTIVIST RESOURCE CENTER**

PO Box 70447  
Oakland CA 94612  
[www.prisonactivist.org](http://www.prisonactivist.org)

*Working to expose and challenge institutionalized racism and classism of prison industrial complex. Resource guide free to prisoners, updated March 2015.*

## **PRISON POLICY INITIATIVE**

PO Box 127  
Northampton MA 01061  
<http://www.prisonpolicy.org/research.html>

*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  
(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  
89 Market Street, 6th Floor  
Newark NJ 07102

<https://afsc.org/story/survivors-manual-those-suffering-solitary/>

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

## **TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS**

300 West 15th Street #503  
Austin TX 78701  
(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](mailto: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 & Magazines**

### **A WORD ON ORDERING BOOKS**

There's no one solution to make sure prisoners receive the books they order — rules enforced by prisons and jails are as numerous as their jurisdictions. Some prisons refuse books not sent from the publisher, many accept from bookstores, some accept from bookstores with physical locations but refuse "resellers," some accept from Amazon. Some insist that books be new, some limit number of books,

## **DISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COUNCIL**

1101 17th Street NW, Suite 808  
Washington DC 20036  
(202) 234.5100  
<http://www.deac.org>

*Online list of accredited correspondence institutions and information.*

## **EDPUBS**

PO Box 22207  
Alexandria VA 22304  
Toll free (877) 433-7827  
[www.edpubs.gov](http://www.edpubs.gov)

*US Department of Education sends free materials in English, Spanish, or Braille; no catalog. Order by phone or mail:*

Take Charge of Your Future: Get the Education and Training You Need -- (written for reentering ex-offenders)

Comparing Colleges: A Guide to the U.S. Dept. of Education's Tools for Students and Families

Graduate! Financial Aid Guide to Success Funding Your Education: The Guide to Federal Student Aid

Financial Aid for Graduate & Professional Degree Students

My Future, My Way: First Steps Toward College

Federal Student Loans: Be a Responsible Borrower"

## **EDUCATION BEHIND BARS NEWSLETTER**

P.O. Box 69  
Berryville AR 72616  
[www.prisoneducation.com](http://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

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa/>  
*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.*

## **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.prisonerscholars.org](http://www.prisonerscholars.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**

<https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/store/>  
*Brand new guide by prisoner Christopher Zoukis with current information on prisoner education opportunities, available by October 2015. \$49.95 — Ask your library to order from this online bookstore.*

## WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

PO Box 40  
Huntsville TX 77342-0040  
(936) 291-5303  
[www.windhamschooldistrict.org](http://www.windhamschooldistrict.org)  
*Academic and vocational education for eligible offenders incarcerated within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.*

## Family Resources

### AMACHI TEXAS

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

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com>  
*Book for outsiders by former inmate Jorge Renaud about life in Texas prisons, \$29.00.*

### CORRECTIONS.COM

<http://www.corrections.com/LINK/LINK/37259>  
*Online prison-related news, information for families, forums, and inmate locator database by state, prison, or jail.*

### 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)  
<http://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.*

### GIRL SCOUTS BEYOND BARS (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.*

### PRISONTALK ONLINE

PO Box 73151  
Houston TX 77273-0151  
[www.prisontalk.com](http://www.prisontalk.com)  
*"Conceived in a prison cell, designed in a halfway house, and funded by donations from families," free online forum for prisoners and their families. Some service links outdated, but forum current.*

### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MINISTRIES

1229 Avenue J  
Huntsville TX 77340  
(936) 291-2156  
<http://www.rjmntexas.net>  
<http://thehospitalityhouse.org/> (Huntsville)  
<http://cthouse.org> (Gatesville)  
*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  
<http://www.saferociety.org>  
*Sells books for survivors of sexual abuse, and persons in treatment. National online*

[www.prisonpenpals.com](http://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*

### PRISONERLIFE.COM

PO Box 1664  
Voorhees NJ 08043  
[www.prisonerlife.com](http://www.prisonerlife.com)  
*Anyone with internet access can load your basic information into online site for free. Personal-Ad webpage with photo and up to 250 words costs \$35/year.*

(See also Prisoner Express – p. 4, Black & Pink – p. 19, and Salvation Army – p. 22.)

## Prisoner Support

### ACLU NATIONAL PRISON PROJECT

915 15th Street NW, 7th Floor  
Washington DC 20005  
[www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights/](http://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.*  
Medical, Dental and Mental Health Care  
Freedom of Religion  
Legal Rights of Disabled Prisoners  
Environmental Hazards and Toxic Materials  
The Prison Litigation Reform Act  
Privileged and Non-Privileged Mail  
Prisoner Assistance Directory online only

### CORRLINKS -- INMATE EMAIL SYSTEM

[www.prisoninmates.com/listing/corrlinks](http://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.*

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRY OF TEXAS / STILL GOING SOMEWHERE

301 S. Schutz  
El Paso, TX 79907  
[cjm@stillgoingsomewhere.com](mailto:cjm@stillgoingsomewhere.com)  
*Free services to all U.S. inmates including books, advocacy, and more. To receive up to 4 books, choose 5 areas: history, fiction, nonfiction, sci fi, basic education, or religious (Christian, Islamic, Sikh). Help with medical, education, housing, or transfer issues, and basic legal services to inmates seeking redress within the federal court system. They have a 'Story Wall' where they will showcase your story, poetry, or letter, to let your voice be heard outside.*

### CRITICAL RESISTANCE

1904 Franklin Street, Suite 504  
Oakland CA 94612  
[www.criticalresistance.org](http://www.criticalresistance.org)  
*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."*

### LEWISBURG PRISON PROJECT, INC.

P.O. Box 128  
Lewisburg PA 17837-0128  
<http://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.*

## TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF GOODWILLS

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

[www.texasgoodwills.org/locations.html](http://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 CURE

<http://www.texascore.org/alternativehousing.html>

See full entry under Prisoner Services. Maintains this web directory of Texas alternative and transitional housing by city.

## TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Labor Market Information Department  
(866) 938-4444  
[www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdbs/wdbmap.html](http://www.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.

## Pen Pal Programs

### ADOPT AN INMATE

P.O. Box 1543  
Veneta OR 97487  
[info@adoptaninmate.org](mailto: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.

### CHRISTIAN PEN PALS

PO Box 11296  
Hickory NC 28603  
[www.christian-penpals.com](http://www.christian-penpals.com)

If you have at least two years remaining in your sentence, you can ask a chaplain to

register you online or write for an application form, also prisoners' resource directory. Large resource directory online. Free service, long wait time for males.

## FRIENDS BEYOND THE WALL

Attn: New Ad Orders  
2600 South Road, Suite 44-244  
Poughkeepsie NY 12601  
[www.friendsbeyondthewall.com](http://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](http://www.inmate-connection.com)  
Accepts 200 words with photo for \$40/year. Download or write for application.

## MEET-AN-INMATE

Arlen Bischke  
P.O. Box 1342  
Pendleton OR 97801  
[www.meet-an-inmate.com](http://www.meet-an-inmate.com)  
Pen pal listings since 1998. Write for application or sign up online. 250 words with two photos: \$25/6 months, \$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](http://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

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

PO Box 833  
Austin TX 78767-0833  
(512) 476-5377  
Family Violence Line: (800) 374-4673  
Family Law Hotline: (800) 777-3247  
Sexual Assault Hotline: (800) 296-7233  
[www.texasadvocacyproject.org](http://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](http://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  
Hotline (800) 799-7233 (live connection)  
[www.tcfv.org/resources-home/resources-for-survivors/](http://www.tcfv.org/resources-home/resources-for-survivors/)  
Website listing information and statewide resources. Above hotline is national.

## TEXAS CURE

P.O. Box 38381  
Dallas TX 75238-0381

(214) 348-0293  
[www.texascore.org](http://www.texascore.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](http://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

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

## Health Resources

### CENTER FOR HEALTH JUSTICE

900 Avila St., Ste. 102  
Los Angeles CA 90012  
Toll-free hotline: (213) 229-0979  
[www.centerforhealthjustice.org](http://www.centerforhealthjustice.org)  
Expanded from HIV/AIDS to all health disparities between prisoners and the general populations. Serves mostly Los Angeles but answers all calls during office hours.

**EPILEPSY FOUNDATION**

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

**HCV ADVOCATE**

PO Box 427037  
San Francisco CA 94142  
<http://hcvadvocate.org>  
*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](http://www.justdetention.org)  
*Health and human rights organization seeking to end sexual abuse in detention. Sends Survivor's Packet with a state-by-state 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  
[www.mindfreedom.org](http://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](http://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](http://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  
**POSITIVELY AWARE**  
Attention : PA  
5050 N. Broadway St. Suite 300  
Chicago IL 60640  
[www.positivelyaware.com](http://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.*

**PRISM OPTICAL**

PO Box 680030  
North Miami FL 33168  
Toll free: (800) 637-4104  
[www.prismoptical.com](http://www.prismoptical.com)  
*Providers of affordable eyewear to prisoners nationwide. Write for catalog.*

**PRISON HEALTH NEWS**

c/o Philadelphia FIGHT  
1233 Locust St., 5th floor  
Philadelphia PA 19107  
(215) 985-4448  
[nbazargan@fight.org](mailto:nbazargan@fight.org)  
[www.fight.org/fight-programs/institute-for-community-justice/prison-health-news/](http://www.fight.org/fight-programs/institute-for-community-justice/prison-health-news/)  
*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**

Westby WI 54667  
[information@fairshake.net](mailto: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**

PO BOX 8008  
Plano TX 75023  
<http://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**

9104-N Manassas Drive  
Manassas Park VA 20111  
(800) 361-1055  
*Many books for ex-offenders: Write for catalog and order form. Examples:*  
Ex-Offender's New Job Finding and Survival Guide (2016), \$19.95  
99 Days to Re-Entry Success Journal, \$4.95  
Best Jobs for Ex-Offenders (2015), \$11.95.  
Ex-Offender's 30/30 Job Solution (2015), \$11.95  
Ex-Offender's Job Interview Guide, \$11.95  
Ex-Offender's Re-Entry Success Guide, \$11.95  
Re-Entry Employment and Life Skills Pocket Guide, \$2.95  
Re-Entry Personal Finance Pocket Guide, \$2.95

**LEGAL ACTION CENTER**

<http://lac.org/roadblocks-to-reentry/>  
*Online state-specific database on legal barriers with criminal record (2009).*

**MINISTRY OF CHALLENGE MEN'S HOME**

1500 E 12th Street  
Austin TX 78702  
*Faith-based rehabilitation center, reentry assistance for ex-offenders, requires a six-month commitment to the program.*

**NATIONAL REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER**

100 Wall Street, 20th Floor  
New York NY 10005  
(877) 332-1719  
<http://csgjusticecenter.org/reentry/reentry-services-directory/>  
*No direct services to individuals. Online list of reentry services by state.*

**PRISONER ASSISTANT**

482 Summit Wind Drive, Suite 704  
Lake Harmony PA 18624-0704  
(570) 722-5800  
<http://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.*

**SALVATION ARMY – TX DHQ**

Correctional Ministries Team  
6500 Harry Hines Blvd.  
Dallas TX 75235  
(214) 956-6278  
[www.salvationarmytexas.org](http://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.*

**SINISTER WISDOM INC**

PO Box 3252  
Berkeley CA 94703  
[www.sinisterwisdom.org](http://www.sinisterwisdom.org)

*Multicultural lesbian literary and art journal publishing four issues per year. Free to women in prisons and mental institutions..*

**SERO PROJECT**

P.O. box 1233  
Milford PA 18337

*Write for free copy of Turn It Up!, a single-issue 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.*

**TRANSGENDER LAW CENTER  
DETENTION PROJECT**

1629 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 400  
Oakland CA 94612  
(510) 380-8229 (Prisoners call collect)  
<http://transgenderlawcenter.org/programs/detention-project>

*Information about laws affecting transgender people and resources for those facing other forms of discrimination and civil rights issues. No individual legal advice or representation, but occasional cases reviewed.*

**TRANSGENDER LEGAL DEFENSE &  
EDUCATION FUND, INC.**

20 West 20th Street, Suite 705  
New York NY 10011  
(646) 862-9396  
<http://tldef.org>

*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  
<http://tranzmissionprisonproject.yolasite.com>

*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**

Texas Health and Human Services  
Commission  
<http://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.*

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION  
HANDBOOK**

c/o National Institute of Corrections  
320 First St. NW room 5002  
Washington DC 20534  
(202) 307-3198  
[www.bop.gov/inmate\\_programs/emp\\_info\\_handbk.PDF](http://www.bop.gov/inmate_programs/emp_info_handbk.PDF)

*Handbook for employers of ex-offenders, info on federal programs for ex-offenders, and more. Updated 2011. Free upon written request or download online.*

**EXODUS MINISTRIES INC.**

4630 Munger Avenue, Suite 110  
Dallas TX 75204  
(214) 827-3772  
<http://exodusministries.org/contact-us/resident-application/>

*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

P.O. Box 415  
Bolin CA 94924  
<http://prisonyoga.org/how-you-can-help-give-a-prisoner-a-book/>

*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  
4801 Massachusetts Ave NW  
50th Street Bldg.  
Washington DC 20016  
(202) 274-4385  
[www.wcl.american.edu/endsilence/](http://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 directory to US crisis centers.*

**PROJECT INFORM**

273 9th Street  
San Francisco CA 94103  
*Write for free information on HIV/AIDS.*

**RAPE, ABUSE AND INCEST  
NATIONAL NETWORK (RAINN)**

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

**SEX ADDICTS ANONYMOUS**

ISO of SAA, Inc.  
PO Box 70949  
Houston TX 77270  
[saa-recovery.org](http://saa-recovery.org)  
*Spiritual program in the 12-step model. Books in English and Spanish, \$11-14.*

**SURVIVORS OF INCEST ANONYMOUS**

World Service Office  
PO Box 190

Benson MD 21018  
[www.siawso.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.tmb.state.tx.us)  
*Investigates medical malpractice reports on MDs and physician assistants.*

**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](http://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.*

**CENTRAL TEXAS COALITION  
AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

(888) 3737-888  
[http://ctcaht.org/Services\\_for\\_Victims.html](http://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.*

## COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FOR VISITING IMMIGRANTS IN CONFINEMENT

P.O. Box 40677  
San Francisco CA 94140  
Hotline (385) 212-4842  
[www.endisolation.org/resources/for-families/](http://www.endisolation.org/resources/for-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

607 W 14th St,  
Austin TX 78701  
(512) 499-8111  
<http://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.*

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW (EOIR)

[www.justice.gov/eoir/index.html](http://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-services-providers/](http://www.justice.gov/eoir/free-legal-services-providers/)

*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.*

## NATIONAL IMMIGRATION PROJECT

[www.nationalimmigrationproject.org](http://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*

## TAHIRIH JUSTICE CENTER

Houston Office: (713) 496-0100  
[www.tahirih.org](http://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.*

## US CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE

(800) 375-5283 (same phone for all)  
[www.uscis.gov](http://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  
Email: [hrights@advrights.org](mailto:hrights@advrights.org)  
[www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/  
legal\\_services\\_-\\_free/](http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/legal_services_-_free/)  
*Servicios legales gratuitos a los refugiados*

## SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER

400 Washington Ave.  
Montgomery AL 36104  
(334) 956-8200  
[www.splcenter.org](http://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.*

## TDCJ OFFENDER GRIEVANCE PROGRAM

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.*

## TEXAS COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE

Attention: CAAP  
PO Box 12487  
Austin TX 78711-2487  
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 in Spanish, Thai, and Laotian.*

## TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

6808 Hill Meadow Drive  
Austin TX 78736  
<http://www.tcdla.com> (Lawyer Locator)  
*Online referrals to attorneys.*

## TEXAS FAIR DEFENSE PROJECT

510 South Congress Avenue, Suite 208  
Austin TX 78704  
(512) 637-5220  
[www.fairdefense.org](http://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 RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID

300 South Texas Boulevard  
Weslaco TX 78596  
Hotline: (888) 988-9996  
Rural Legal Aid (800) 369-0574  
[www.trla.org](http://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.*

## L-G-B-T Resources

## BLACK AND PINK

614 Columbia Rd  
Dorchester MA 02125  
(617) 519-4387  
[www.blackandpink.org](http://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.*

## GAY & LESBIAN ADVOCATES & DEFENDERS

30 Winter Street, Suite 800  
Boston MA 02108  
*Legal services limited to prisoners in northeast, but all may write to receive resource guide and pen pal list.*

## LAMBDA LEGAL

3500 Oak Lawn Avenue, Ste. 500  
Dallas TX 75219-6722  
(214) 219-8585  
[www.lambdalegal.org](http://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.*

**MUSLIM LEGAL FUND OF AMERICA**

2701 W. 15th St. Suite 640  
Plano TX 75075  
(972) 331-9021  
[www.mlfa.org](http://www.mlfa.org)

*No legal advice or services, but funds selected cases and provides online information. To submit a case for funding consideration, fill out online form or write for an application.*

**NATIONAL LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASSOCIATION**

1901 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Ste. 500  
Washington DC 20006  
(202) 452-0620  
<http://www.nlada.org>

Directory of Legal Aid & Defender Offices and Resources (2014 ed.) available soon. Lists over 4,000 US civil legal aid and public defender offices, state and national poverty law support and resource centers, and Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists — \$100.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS**

2001 Evans Road  
Cary NC 27513  
(800) 445-9714  
<http://global.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) 596-8457  
<http://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  
<http://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: P.J.L., 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](http://www.prisonlegalnews.org)

<https://www.prisonphonejustice.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 up-to-date information on the effort to control charges for prisoner phone conversations, and an online bookstore featuring prison-related topics. Encourages submission of first-person accounts of life inside as well as information on unpublished court rulings.*

*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.*

**AMERICAN GATEWAYS**

314 E. Highland Mall Blvd Ste. 501  
Austin TX 78752  
(512) 478-0546 XT 200  
[www.americangateways.org/programas-y-servicios/](http://www.americangateways.org/programas-y-servicios/)

*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  
[www.humankindness.org](http://www.humankindness.org)  
(919) 383-5160

*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](http://www.immigrationequality.org)  
*Información para inmigrantes lesbianas, homosexuales, bisexuales, transgéneros, y positivos SIDA.*

**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 información gratis en español sobre la SIDA.*

**CONSULADO MEXICANO**

410 Baylor St.  
Austin TX 78703  
(512) 478 2803  
*Ayuda para los mexicanos encarcelados. Se le pueden hacer visita, contactar su familia en México, y clarificar su situación legal.*

**NATIONAL NETWORK FOR IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RIGHTS**

310 8th St., Ste. 303  
Oakland CA 94609  
[www.nnirr.org](http://www.nnirr.org)  
*Trabajan para defender y ampliar los derechos de todos los inmigrantes y refugiados. Información y análisis.*

**PRISON GRIEVANCES [QUEJAS] EN ESPAÑOL**

[www.prisongrievances.com](http://www.prisongrievances.com) o [amazon.com](http://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 78768-2018  
(512) 305-7100

*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  
1990 M Street, Suite 610  
Washington DC 20036  
(202) 244-2990  
[legal@adc.org](mailto: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/law-journals/subscribe/arcp/](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/law-journals/subscribe/arcp/)

*Information on federal criminal procedure, habeas corpus relief, and prisoners' rights. Special rate to correctional facility address is \$25 for 44th edition (July 2015), check or money order only, includes shipping and handling. Request order form via mail or download from website.*

### 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](http://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 questionnaire 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

1511 Texas Avenue  
Lubbock TX 79409

### INNOCENCE PROJECT, THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

Earl Carl Institute for Legal and 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

Criminal Justice Institute  
University of Houston 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  
[www.jailhouselaw.org](http://www.jailhouselaw.org)

*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/](http://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](http://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  
[www.lsc.gov](http://www.lsc.gov)

*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/](http://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-Income Texans, available by download.*

## LONE STAR LEGAL AID

1415 Fannin Street  
Houston TX 77002  
(800) 733-8394  
[www.lonestarlegal.org](http://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.*