

INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT RESOURCE GUIDE



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About Inside Books Project

Based in Austin, Texas, the Inside Books Project (IBP) is an all volunteer, non-profit organization sending free books and educational materials to people in prison in the state of Texas. 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 St
Austin TX 78701
(512) 655-3121(voicemail only)
insidebooksproject@gmail.com
insidebooksproject.org

About this Resource Guide

Inside Books Project thanks all the organizations and people listed within for their assistance with this guide.

Send corrections or updates to this guide to:

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

Inside Books Project sends this Resource Guide free of charge to any inmate in the U.S. To request a Resource Guide, please send a request letter to the address below, and consider a donation of two stamps:

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

This Resource Guide was last updated in February, 2015.

Donate to Inside Books

Inside Books Project receives over 15,000 request letters from prisoners every year asking for free books and educational materials. IBP processes these letters, fundraises for postage costs, collects donated books to fill a library, staffs regular volunteer nights to reply to the request letters, and maintains the organization necessary to oversee this process.

Inside Books Project survives entirely based on donations of money, books, and volunteer time.

IBP understands that most incarcerated individuals may not be able to contribute to IBP's efforts. However, if you are a friend or family member of an incarcerated individual or anyone who has the ability to contribute to IBP's activities, your donation of money, time, or books will help IBP continue to serve the educational needs of prisoners in Texas.

Inside Books Project is always in need of:

- *cash donations for postage - over 79% of all the money we collect goes directly to postage costs, which totaled over \$35,000 in 2014.*
- *volunteers to answer letters, select books, and create packages to send to prisoners. Note that we can only accept volunteer activity at our physical location during our regular volunteer hours.*
- *book donations for our library.*

Inside Books Project is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit, and all donations are tax deductible.

Please see our website for information on how to donate:
insidebooksproject.org/donate/

Receive Books from IBP

Inside Books Project sends books and educational material to inmates in Texas.

To receive books from the Inside Books Project, mail a request letter to our address in the "About Inside Books Project" section on the previous page.

Please consider the following when requesting books:

We accept one request per person once every three months. We track requests based on the postmark date of your request letter. For example, if you write on January 1st, we will not accept another request from you until April 1st. We will discard requests sent more frequently. Please understand that we enforce this policy due to our limited resources.

Please expect to wait 2-6 months for the delivery of your books based on our request backlog.

We welcome donation of stamps to help offset our postage costs. Please leave donated stamps loose, not attached to an envelope. We have a small library of donated books and may not have the exact title you are looking for. Our legal resources are particularly limited.

When requesting books, please let us know a range of books you're interested in so we can best fill your request.

When sending your request, always include your TDCJ number as well as your unit name and address. Please include information about guidelines and rules for receiving books for your unit.

We offer a Resource Guide (what you are reading now) with resources for prisoners. Inmates in Texas can receive a copy of this Resource Guide along with a request for

books. Inmates outside of Texas are welcome to request only a Resource Guide by sending a request to the address in the "About this Resource Guide" section on the previous page.

If TDCJ denies one or all the books we send, you may contest the denial. See the "Fighting Book Denials" section on page 28.

We would love to receive your essays, articles, book reviews, fiction, poetry, letters, and artwork. We are always interested to hear about issues related to access to libraries, health care, and anything else that may be of concern to yourself or other prisoners. Please indicate whether you consent to publishing your submission in our newsletter, on our online blog, and for sale in our fundraisers.

Se habla español.

Artists' + Writers' Resources

THE AMERICAN DISSIDENT

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

ART BEHIND BARS

PO Box 2034
Key West FL 33045
Visual art resources, prisoner support.

HIGHEST COMMON DENOMINATOR FUND

16301 Quorum Drive, Suite 100A
Addison TX 75001
(972) 728-8490
info@hcdmediagroup.com
www.highestcommondenominatorfund.org
Uses storytelling to inspire and inform a national discussion of critical social issues.

JOURNAL OF PRISONERS ON PRISONS

c/o Justin Piché, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department 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.

MURIEL RUKEYSER POETRY WALL

Cathedral of St John the Divine
1047 Amsterdam Avenue
New York NY 10025

"The place where poems will always be accepted." Send poetry, signed or unsigned, in any language, for public display on church walls.

PEN AMERICAN CENTER PRISON WRITING PROGRAM

588 Broadway, Suite 303
New York NY 10012
www.pen.org/prison-writing

Free Handbook for Writers in Prison, mentoring program, and annual Prison Writing Contest (submission between January 1 and September 1 of each year).

PRISON ART PROJECT

P.O. Box 47439
Seattle WA 98146-7439
(206) 271-5003
sales@prisonart.org
www.prisonart.org

Online outlet for sale of prisoners' artwork. Send only photographs or scans (not originals). Include name of item, materials and medium, size, and your asking price.

PRISONS FOUNDATION

2512 Virginia Ave. NW, #58043
Washington DC 20037

www.prisonsfoundation.org

Publishes books, plays, poetry collections, art and comic books by and about prisoners on the web. Send SASE or visit the website for guidelines.

PRISONER EXPRESS

127 Anabel Taylor Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca NY 14853

prisonerexpress.org

Free newsletter published twice a year with information on the latest writing and artwork projects organized by the Prisoner Express program.

THE REJECTED QUARTERLY

PO Box 1351
Cobb CA 95426

Specializes in rejected literature - must submit 5 rejection slips for each piece you submit. Send SASE for guidelines.

THE SUN MAGAZINE

For subscriptions, write to:
The Sun
Subscription Department
P.O. Box 5837

Harlan IA 51593-1337
(888) 732-6736

Send submissions to:

The Sun
107 North Roberson Street
Chapel Hill NC 27516
(919) 942-5282

thesunmagazine.org

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

Books-to-Prisoners Projects

APPALACHIAN PRISON BOOK PROJECT

PO Box
601
Morgantown WV 26507
aprisoonbookproject.wordpress.com

Sends free reading material to inmates in Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Does not send to Texas inmates.

ASHEVILLE PRISON BOOKS PROGRAM

67 N Lexington Ave.
Asheville NC 28801

www.main.nc.us/prisonbooks/main.html

Sends free reading material to inmates in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. Does not send to Texas inmates.

BOOKS THROUGH BARS - NYC

c/o Bluestockings Bookstore
172 Allen Street
New York NY 10002
booksthroughbarsnyc.org

Sends free reading material to inmates from all states except AL, FL, LA, MA, MI, MS, NC, PA and OH, with a priority for NY.

BOOKS THROUGH BARS, PHILADELPHIA

4722 Baltimore Ave.
Philadelphia PA 19143
booksthroughbars.org

Sends free reading material to inmates in PA, NJ, DE, NY, MD, VA, WV. Does not send books to Texas inmates.

DC BOOKS TO PRISONS PROJECT

PO Box 34190
Washington DC 20043-4190
www.dcbookstoprisoners.org

Please limit requests to once per 5 months. Can request titles, but prioritized subjects of interest preferred. List prison restrictions.

Stamps appreciated. Lacks postage money to respond to all requests and puts lower priority on the following: New England, OR, WA, PA, OH, NY, NJ, WI, and IL.

INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT

c/o 12th Street Books
827 W. 12th St
Austin, TX 78701

insidebooksproject.org

Sends free books to inmates in Texas. One request every three months. See page 3 for more information about receiving books. IBP also publishes the Resource Guide you are reading now, available to inmates nationwide. See page 2 for information on receiving a Resource Guide.

INTERNATIONALIST PRISON BOOK COLLECTIVE

405 West Franklin Street
Chapel Hill NC 27516
prisonbooks.info

Sends free reading material to inmates in AL, MS, and NC. Does not send books to Texas inmates. Zine catalog available upon request to inmates in any state.

ITHICA COLLEGE BOOKS THRU BARS

c/o Ithaca College Library
PO Box 113
Brooktondale, NY 14817
www.facebook.com/ICBTB

Sends free reading material to inmates in New York. Does not send books to Texas inmates.

LOUISIANA BOOKS 2 PRISONERS

1631 Elysian Fields Ave. #117
New Orleans LA 70117

lab2p.wordpress.com

Sends free books prisoners in the following states: AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MO, MS, NC, TN, SC, VA, WV. Women and LA prisoners are prioritized. Does not send books to Texas inmates.

MAOIST INTERNATIONALIST MINISTRY OF PRISONS

PO Box 40799
 San Francisco CA 94140
prisoncensorship.info
Free books on Marxism, politics, history, law, dictionaries and other reference. Free anti-imperialist newsletter and political study groups for prisoners.

MIDWEST PAGES TO PRISONERS PROJECT

c/o Boxcar Books and Community Center
 408 E. 6th St.
 Bloomington IN 47408
pagestoprisoners.org
Sends free reading material to inmates in AZ, AR, FL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, OK, SD, TN, and WI. Does not send books to Texas inmates.

OPEN BOOKS PRISON BOOKS PROJECT

1040 N. Guillemard St.
 Pensacola FL 32501
www.openbookspcola.org
Sends free reading material to inmates in Florida. Does not send books to Texas inmates.

PRISON BOOK PROGRAM

1306 Hancock St. Suite 100
 Quincy MA 02169
www.prisonbookprogram.org
Sends free reading material to inmates in all states except CA, MI, MD, NV, and TX. Does not send books to Texas inmates. Publishes the "National Prisoner Resource List" free to prisoners in any state nationwide.

THE PRISON LIBRARY PROJECT

915-C West Foothill Blvd PMB 128
 Claremont, CA 91711
prisonlibraryproject.org
Free reading and educational material to inmates nationwide except HI, ME, MI, NE,

NV, WI, PA, and VA.

PRISON MINDFULNESS INSTITUTE

11 South Angell St. #303
 Providence RI 02906
 (401) 941-0791
www.prisonmindfulness.org
www.prisondharmanetwork.net
Sends free books on mindfulness practices, Buddhism, and other contemplative paths. Offers an online Directory of Prison Dharma Organizations, useful for prisoners seeking mentors, pen-pals, and other resources:
<http://prisonmindfulness.org/projects/network-directory/>

PRISONER EXPRESS

127 Anabel Taylor Hall
 Cornell University
 Ithaca NY 14853
prisonerepress.org
Free books to prisoners nationwide. Must send 8 stamps or \$3.50 for postage. Specify subjects of interest.

PRISONERS LITERATURE PROJECT

c/o Bound Together Books
 1369 Haight St
 San Francisco CA 94117
www.prisonersliteratureproject.com
Sends free reading material to inmates nationwide.

PROVIDENCE BOOKS THROUGH BARS

c/o Paper Nautilus Books
 5 Angell Street
 Providence RI 02906
info@providencebtb.org
www.providencebtb.org
Sends free reading material to inmates 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

readbetweenthebars.com

Sends free reading material to inmates in AZ. Does not send to Texas inmates.

UC BOOKS TO PRISONERS

PO Box 515
 Urbana IL 61803
www.books2prisoners.org
Sends free reading material to inmates in IL. Does not send to Texas inmates.

WISCONSIN BOOKS TO PRISONERS

c/o Rainbow Bookstore Co-operative
 426 W. Gilman Street
 Madison WI 53703
Sends free reading material to inmates in WI. Does not send to Texas inmates.

Death Penalty Resources**CAMPAIGN TO END THE DEATH PENALTY**

PO Box 25730
 Chicago IL 60625
nodeathpenalty.org
National grassroots organization dedicated to the abolition of capital punishment.

CANADIAN COALITION AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

80 Lillington Ave
 Toronto Ontario
 M1N 3K7 Canada
www.ccadp.org
Pen pal service for Death Row inmates only; send maximum 3 paragraphs for free posting on webpage. Serves Death Row inmates in the U.S. and other countries.

CENTURION MINISTRIES

221 Witherspoon Street
 Princeton NJ 08542-3215
Non-legal investigative agency for inmates sentenced to death or life-in-prison. Stringent qualifying criteria and long waiting list.

COMPASSION

140 W. South Boundary Street
 Perrysburg OH 43551
Bimonthly newsletter with contributions by prisoners, free to Death Row inmates. Scholarship application for immediate family member of a murder victim.

DEATH PENALTY INFORMATION CENTER

1015 - 18th St., NW, #704
 Washington DC 20036
 (202) 289-2275
deathpenaltyinfo.org
Analysis and information on issues concerning capital punishment. Does not offer legal service.

DEATH ROW INMATE PROJECT

deathrowinmate.org
thedriproject@gmail.com
A grassroots anti-death penalty advocacy organization inspired by San Quentin, Ca death row inmates, their families, friends, and others interested in achieving social change through education of facts and issues regarding the death penalty.

DEATH ROW SUPPORT PROJECT

PO Box 600 Department P
 Liberty Mills IN 46946
www.brethren.org/drsp/
Faith-based pen pal services only for Death Row inmates. Mail from non-Death Row inmates will not be acknowledged.

MURDER VICTIMS' FAMILIES FOR RECONCILIATION

405 Morson Street
 Raleigh NC 27601
www.mvfr.org
Community led by family members of murder victims and the executed that advocates for the repeal of the death penalty.

NATIONAL COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

2709 S. Lamar Blvd
Austin TX 78704
www.ncadp.org
Information, advocates for public policy, mobilizes and supports individuals and institutions for direct action.

TEXAS DEFENDER SERVICE

1927 Blodgett Street
Houston Texas 77004
(713) 222-7788
texasdefender.org
Aims to improve the quality of representation afforded to 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
Grassroots organization dedicated to advancing legislation to establish a temporary halt on executions in Texas.

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 experienced attorneys in the representation 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

Advanced paralegal course study by mail. Write for free information. Tuition \$767.

DISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COUNCIL

1601 18th Street NW
Washington DC 20009
(202) 234-5100
www.detc.org
List of accredited correspondence institutions.

OHIO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PROGRAM FOR THE INCARCERATED

Ohio University Correctional Education
102 Haning Hall
1 Ohio University
Athens OH 45701
Correspondence courses for prisoners. Write for free catalog of courses offered and current prices.

PRISONERS' GUERRILLA HANDBOOK TO CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Available for \$49.95 from:
Prison Legal News
P.O. Box 2420
West Brattleboro VT 05303
(802) 257-1342

WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

PO Box 40
Huntsville TX 77342-0040
www.windhamschooldistrict.org
Windham School District (WSD) provides academic and vocational education to eligible offenders incarcerated within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

Family Resources

AMACHI TEXAS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas
1400 Tillery Street

Austin TX 78721
(512) 472-5437
www.amachi-texas.org
Provides an additional caring adult for children of incarcerated parents or close relatives. Ages 6-16. Serves Travis, Hays, Williamson, McLennan, Burnet and Brazos counties.

FAMILY & CORRECTIONS NETWORK

93 Old York Road Suite 1 #510
Jenkintown PA 19046
www.fcnetwork.org
Provides ways for those concerned with families of the incarcerated to share information and experiences in an atmosphere of mutual respect. Offers an email list and many online resources.

FAMILIES AGAINST MANDATORY MINIMUMS

1100 H Street NW
Washington DC 20005
(202) 822-6700
Gathers data from inmates sentenced to mandatory minimum sentences. To submit a case for profiling, send written summary. Hundreds received, few used, but everyone receives email newsletter.

GIRL SCOUTS BEYOND BARS (CENTRAL TEXAS)

12012 Park Thirty-five Circle
Austin TX 78753
(512) 453-7391
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.

MOTHERS (FATHERS) FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SOCIAL SYSTEMS

3737 Atlanta Street, Dallas, TX 75215
(214) 421-0303
massjab.org
MASS Inc. has helped people being

released from prison readjust to life without bars and providing support for the children and families of adult offenders at high risk for substance abuse, medical or emotional disorders and poverty.

PRISON TALK ONLINE

PO Box 73151
Houston TX 77273-0151
prisontalk.com
support@prisontalk.com
Free online forum for prisoners and their families.

TEXAS ADVOCACY PROJECT

PO Box 833
Austin TX 78767-0833
(512) 476-5377
Family Violence Legal Line:
(800) 374-4673
Family Law Hotline:
(800) 777-3247
Sexual Assault Legal Hotline:
(800) 296-7233
texasadvocacyproject.org
Non profit organization working directly with victims, shelters, law enforcement agencies and courts across Texas to deliver effective legal services to Texans in need.

TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COALITION

1714 Fortview Road, Suite 104
Austin, Texas 78704
(512) 441-8123
info@texascjc.org
www.texascjc.org
Policy advocacy organization which addresses problems with Texas criminal justice through networking with associations and individuals. Does not provide legal assistance to inmates.

TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION (TIFA)

P.O. Box 300220
Austin, TX 78703-0004
(512) 371-0900

tifa@tifa.org

www.tifa.org

Organization for family members of prisoners in Texas. Offers support, education, and advocacy. Multiple chapters across the state.

Health Resources

AN END TO SILENCE

The Project on Addressing Prison Rape
The Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Ave NW
50th Street Bldg.
Washington, DC 20016
(202) 274-4385

www.wcl.american.edu/endsilence

National group working to end rape in prison. Also has legal resources for rape victims.

CENTER FOR HEALTH JUSTICE

900 Avila St., #301
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 229-0985
www.centerforhealthjustice.org
Helps incarcerated people who have HIV/AIDS.

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION

8301 Professional Place
Landover MD 20785
(800) 332-1000
For Spanish speakers:
(866) 748-8008
contactus@efa.org
www.epilepsyfoundation.org
Advocacy organization for those living with epilepsy.

HCV ADVOCATE

PO Box 427037
San Francisco CA 94142
hcvadvocate.org
Monthly newsletter on Hepatitis C. Also offers Spanish resources. Free sample issue for

inmates. \$12/yr. subscription.

JUST DETENTION INTERNATIONAL

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

www.justdetention.org

A health and human rights organization that seeks to end sexual abuse in all forms of detention. Offers a "Resource Guide for Survivors of Sexual Abuse Behind Bars" - a state-by-state guide to legal and psychological counseling resources for survivors who are still incarcerated, those who have been released, and loved ones on the outside who are searching for ways to help.

MIND FREEDOM INTERNATIONAL

454 Willamette, Suite 216
PO Box 11284
Eugene, OR 97440-3484
(877) 623-7743

www.mindfreedom.org

Advocates for rights of people with mental disabilities. No direct medical or legal aid offered. Information and advocacy resources available.

NATIONAL ADVOCATES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

15 West 36th Street, Suite 901
New York, NY 10018-7910
(212) 255-9252

www.advocatesforpregnantwomen.org

Provides litigation support in both civil and criminal cases across the country, particularly for public defenders and other local lawyers faced with cases that raise legal and medical issues related to pregnancy.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

3803 N. Fairfax Dr., Suite 100
Arlington, VA 22203
(703) 524-7600

www.nami.org

Nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

POSITIVELY AWARE

Attention : PA
5537 North Broadway
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 can also be downloaded from website.

PRISM OPTICAL

PO Box 680030
North Miami FL 33168
www.prismoptical.com
Providers of affordable eye-wear 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
fight.org/fight-programs/institute-for-community-justice/prison-health-news/
Quarterly newsletter for prisoners - write in to be added to newsletter list.

PRISON YOGA PROJECT: A PATH FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY

P.O. Box 415
Bolinas, CA 94924
givebackyoga.org/shop/prison-yoga-project-a-path-for-healing-and-recovery
Free 100-page yoga manual written especially for people in prison. Write for a free copy. Focuses on the self-reflection and personal discipline The book contains guides for physical practice (asana), breathing (pranayama) and meditation

(dyhana).

RAPE, ABUSE AND INCEST NATIONAL NETWORK (RAINN)

2000 L Street NW Suite 406
Washington DC 20036
National sexual assault hotline:
(800) 656-4673
www.rainn.org
Works to prevent sexual assault, help victims, and bring rapists to justice.

SEX ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

PO Box 70949
Houston TX 77270
(800) 477-8191
info@saa-recovery.org
saa-recovery.org
Spiritual program based on the principles and traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

SURVIVORS OF INCEST ANONYMOUS

World Service Office
PO Box 190
Benson, MD 21018
www.siawso.org
Organization for sexual abuse survivors using the 12 step method. Free literature.

TEXAS ASSOCIATION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

6200 La Calma Drive, Suite 110
Austin, TX 78752
Office: (512) 474-7190
Toll-free 24-hour Hotline: (800) 656-4679
www.taasa.org
Founded to assist sexual assault survivors and to create a Texas free from sexual violence. Connects 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.

Immigration Resources

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

Conducts immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings.

IMMIGRATION DETENTION JUSTICE CENTER

www.immigrationdetention.org

Offers legal information and resources to immigrants facing deportation and incarceration. Also provides basic information on getting a loved one released from immigration detention, immigration bonds, the removal process, immigration courts and judges, and finding an immigration lawyer.

NATIONAL IMMIGRATION PROJECT

c/o National Lawyer's Guild

14 Beacon St., Suite 602

Boston, MA 02108

(617) 227-9727

www.nationalimmigrationproject.org

The National Immigration Project has five programmatic priority areas:

- *Criminal + Deportation Defense*
- *Victims of Crimes & Intimate Partner Violence*
- *Raids and Immigration Enforcement*
- *Noncitizens Living with HIV/AIDS*
- *Defending Political Rights*

US CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE

(800) 375-5283

www.uscis.gov

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

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

Información en Español

CARIDADES CATOLICAS DEL CENTRO DE TEJAS

Oficina de Asuntos Migratorios

1625 Rutherford

Austin, TX 78754

Asesorar a inmigrantes documentados e indocumentados sobre sus derechos.

GLOBAL EXCHANGE

2017 Mission Street, Second Floor

San Francisco CA 94110

Una organización internacional de derechos

humanos que fomenta la justicia social incluso para los inmigrantes encarcelados en los EU.

IMMIGRATION EQUALITY

40 Exchange Place, 17th floor

New York, NY 10005

(212)714-2904

www.immigrationequality.org

Informacion para inmigrantes que son

Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Trans.

LATINO COMMISSION ON AIDS

24 West, 25th Street, 9th Floor

New York NY 10010

(212) 675-3288

Informacion sobre la SIDA en espanol.

MEXICAN CONSULATE

410 Baylor St.

Austin TX 78703

(512) 478-2866

Help for imprisoned Mexican nationals;

Ayuda para los mexicanos encarcelados.

NATIONAL NETWORK FOR IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RIGHTS (NNIRR)

310 8th St., Ste. 303

Oakland, CA 94609

(510) 465-1984

info@nnirr.org

www.nnirr.org

Trabaja para inmigrantes y educacion sobre inmigracion.

PROJECT INFORM

205 13th Street, #2001

San Francisco CA 94103

Información en español sobre la SIDA.

PROYECTO DE ASILO POLITICO DE AUSTIN (PARA)

314 E. Highland Mall Blvd Ste 501

Austin, TX 78752

(512) 478-0546

Proporciona servicios juridicos gratis o de bajo costo y educacion para promover el

trato justo a inmigrantes y refugiados en el area central de Tejas.

PROYECTO DE PROTECCION PARA INMIGRANTES VICTIMAS DE CRIMEN (IVCPP)

314 E. Highland Mall Blvd., Ste. 501

Austin, TX 78752,

(512) 478-0546

Provee ayuda los individuos mas vulnerables de nuestra sociedad, inmigrantes victimas de crimen, a traves de proveerles la oportunidad de escapar de un situacion peligrosa y reportar los crimens cometidos contra ellos.

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

Attention: Investigations

Mail Code 263

P.O. Box 2018

Austin, TX 78768-2018

Vease la dirección en la sección anterior.

Las quejas sobre médicos, así como sobre otros profesionales acreditados e inscritos en la Junta de Examinadores Médicos del Estado de Texas se pueden presentar en esta dirección para ser investigadas.

Legal Resources

ACTUAL INNOCENCE CLINIC

The University of Texas School of Law

727 East Dean Keeton Street

Austin TX 78705

(512) 471-1317

www.utexas.edu/law/clinics/innocence/

Screens and investigates claims that inmates are actually innocent of the offense they are serving time for. Immediate reply to inquiries, but not all cases are accepted.

AMERICAN ARAB ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE

1990 M Street, Suite 610

Washington, DC 20036

(202) 244-2990

www.adc.org

Civil rights organization committed to defending the rights of people of Arab descent and promoting their rich cultural heritage.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

c/o Office of Journal Administration-ARCP
Georgetown Law
600 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20001
georgetownlawjournal.org/annual-review-of-criminal-procedure/

Annual Review of Criminal Procedure is written, updated, and edited by members of The Georgetown Law Journal. Includes information on federal criminal procedure, habeas corpus relief, and prisoners' rights. \$25 for 41st edition, \$15 for 40th edition - check or money order only. Request order form via postal mail or download from website.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL CENTER

1145 Wilshire Blvd., 2nd floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(888) 349-9695
www.apalc.org

Provides legal services and education to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, especially those who speak little or no English.

JAILHOUSE LAWYER'S HANDBOOK

c/o National Lawyers' Guild
132 Nassau Street, Room 922
New York, NY 10038
(212) 679-5100
www.jailhouselaw.org

A resource for prisoners wishing to file a lawsuit regarding prison conditions and/or staff abuse. Write to request a copy, send \$2 - check, money order or stamps. Handbook 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/

Explains the legal rights of prisoners and how to navigate through the justice process to secure those rights. JLM contains information on how to address legal issues on both the federal level and the state level, with an emphasis on New York State law. Written and updated by members of the Columbia Human Rights Law Review. Print copy of JLM may be ordered direct from publisher. 9th edition (2012) is \$30 for prisoners including shipping - check or money order only. Entire JLM is available for free online.

THE INNOCENCE NETWORK

innocencenetwork.org

An affiliation of organizations dedicated to providing pro bono legal and investigative services to individuals seeking to prove innocence of crimes for which they have been convicted and working to redress the causes of wrongful convictions. The Innocence Network lists member organizations listed elsewhere in this section including the Actual Innocence Clinic, the Innocence Project, the Innocence Project of Texas, the Innocence Project of Thurgood Marshall School of Law, the Innocence Project of Wesleyan University and others.

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT

40 Worth St., Suite 701
New York, NY 10013
(212) 364-5340
www.innocenceproject.org

Assists prisoners whose innocence can be proven through DNA testing. Send a brief factual summary of cases involving biological evidence or DNA with a list of evidence used against defendant. No other documents should be submitted for initial

review.

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT OF TEXAS

1511 Texas Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79409
(806) 744-6525
www.ipoftexas.org

Dedicated to investigating claims of innocence made by inmates and others who have been convicted of crimes they did not commit. To submit a case for investigation, send a letter including information about the crime of conviction, your contact information, and a description of any evidence that could help to prove your innocence. Please note the following initial guidelines:

- Felony convictions only
- Texas convictions only
- No Federal cases
- Must be alleging "actual innocence," which is defined as either a situation in which a crime did occur but you did not have anything to do with it or a situation in which no crime occurred.
- Conviction must be final

INNOCENCE PROJECT OF THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy
Texas Southern University
3100 Cleburne Street
Houston, Texas 77004

(713) 313-1139 (ask for the Center for Criminal Justice Associate Director)
www.earlcarlinstitute.org/centers/criminal_justice/innocence_project.shtml

Reviews claims of actual innocence made by inmates who have been wrongfully convicted. Only handles claims of actual innocence involving DNA evidence testing, mistaken identification, or evidence that a crime never actually occurred. Does not challenge the original trial but rather looks for new evidence to disprove original conviction.

INNOCENCE PROJECT OF WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law
1515 Commerce Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Does not provide legal aid but rather investigates claims of actual innocence. To submit a case for investigation, please write in with the following details:

- Full Name
- Phone Number
- Criminal Charge
- County of Prosecution
- Cause Number(s)
- Short summary of what happened
- Why the individual believes that he/she is "actually innocent."

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 offices in Abilene, Amarillo, Brownwood, Dallas, Denton, Fort Worth, Lubbock, McKinney, Midland, Odessa, Plainview, San Angelo, Waxahachie, Weatherford and Wichita Falls.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

3333 K Street, NW, 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20007-3522
(202) 295-1500
www.lsc.gov
Contact for referrals offering legal aid in your area.

LEGAL SERVICES SUPPORT STATE BAR OF TEXAS

P.O. Box 12487
Austin, Texas 78711-2487
(800) 204-2222, ext. 1855
Refers low income persons to Legal Aid programs in their community for civil issues

only. *Legal Aid*, which normally helps low-income people with civil legal problems, is unable to help inmates while in prison. *Legal Services Support* does not provide direct legal services for clients, represent clients in legal matters, maintain a list of pro bono (free) attorneys, or place clients with pro bono attorneys. *Legal Services Support* publishes the comprehensive and up-to-date "Referral Directory : Legal Services and Other Resources for Low-Income Texans" which can be downloaded at: www.texasbar.com/referraldirectory

LONE STAR LEGAL AID

1415 Fannin Street
Houston, TX 77002
(800) 733-8394
www.lonestarlegal.org

Fourth largest service provider of free legal aid in the United States. Serves 72 counties mostly in East Texas.

MUSLIM LEGAL FUND OF AMERICA

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

Committed to preserving, safeguarding, and promoting the civil rights of Muslims in the US. Legal assistance in some cases.

NATIONAL LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASSOCIATION

1140 Connecticut Ave NW Ste 900
Washington DC 20036
(202) 452-0620
Directory of Legal Aid and Defender Offices (2007-08) lists over 3,000 civil legal aid and public defender offices in the US, local and national support and resource centers, and sentencing advocates and mitigation specialists who work with public defenders and other criminal defense attorneys - \$100.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

2001 Evans Road

Cary, North Carolina 27513

(800) 445-9714

Publishes the following legal manuals. Check or money only. Please add \$5.50 shipping for the first book, \$1.50 for each additional book.

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Explains the essentials of legal writing and oral presentation, legal document samples, trial and appellate advocacy techniques - \$47.

- **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF THE U.S.**

A general introduction to the structure and function of the legal system of the United States. Especially useful for those readers who lack familiarity with fundamental establishments and practices. - \$37.50.

- **PRISONERS' SELF-HELP LITIGATION MANUAL**

Covers legal research, the legal system, prisoners' rights, federal postconviction remedies, law library requirements, civil rights forms, parole, how to litigate in federal courts, and more - \$39.95

PRISON LEGAL NEWS

P.O. Box 2420
West Brattleboro, VT 05303
(802) 257-1342
www.prisonlegalnews.org

An independent 56-page monthly magazine that provides a cutting edge review and analysis of prisoner rights, court rulings and news about prison issues. PLN has a national (U.S.) focus on both state and federal prison issues, with international coverage as well. PLN provides information that enables prisoners and other concerned individuals and organizations to seek the protection and enforcement of prisoner's rights at the grass roots level. PLN is published by the Human Rights Defense Center. \$30 for one year subscription for prisoners. Also offers online resources - some free and some paid - including listserv,

research, and articles.

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER

400 Washington Ave.
Montgomery AL 36104
(334) 956-8200
splcenter.org

Civil rights organization dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry and to seeking justice for the most vulnerable members of society. Advocates for prisoners' rights and offers some legal resources.

STATE BAR OF TEXAS LAWYER REFERRAL INFORMATION SERVICE (LRIS)

State Bar of Texas
Attn: LRIS
P.O. Box 12487
Austin, Texas 78711-2487
(800) 252-9690
(877) 983-9227

Referrals to private (paid) attorneys. Attorneys charge an initial consultation fee of \$20 for the first 30 minutes and charge their regular fees beyond that.

TDCJ OFFENDER GRIEVANCE PROGRAM

PO Box 99
Huntsville TX 77342-0099
Contact to comment on the grievance procedure. Grievances must be filed from within units per TDCJ policy. Do not contact the TDCJ Offender Grievance Program with direct grievances.

TEXAS COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE

Attention: CAAP
PO Box 12487
Austin TX 78711-2487
(800) 932-1900
Write to request a grievance form.

TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

6808 Hill Meadow Drive

Austin, TX 78736

(512) 478-2514

Referrals to attorneys; some pro bono.

TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID

300 South Texas Boulevard
Weslaco, TX 78596
(800) 369-0574
www.trla.org

Third largest legal services provider in the nation and the largest in the state of Texas. Provides 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.

VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES OF CENTRAL TEXAS

816 Congress Ave. Suite 701
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 476-5550
www.vlsoct.org

Helps low-income clients access the civil justice system by providing volunteer attorneys who donate free legal advice and representation.

L-G-B-T Resources

BLACK AND PINK

614 Columbia Rd
Dorchester, MA 02125
www.blackandpink.org

Provides a free monthly newsletter of prisoner written material, hosts an online listing of penpals, coordinates an art program, provides direct advocacy when possible, and offers religious and erotic materials upon request.

GAY BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

PMB 456
2215-R Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94114
www.gaybuddhist.org

Supports Buddhist practice in the gay men's community. Monthly newsletter.

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

1640 Rhode Island Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20036-3278
202-628-4160
(800) 777-4723
www.hrc.org
Working for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender equal rights.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION

P.O. Box 540229
Waltham, MA 02454-0229
(781) 894-8340
(781) 899-2212
info@ifge.org
ifge.org
Resources, books to promote understanding and acceptance of all sexual orientations.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRANSGENDER EQUALITY

1325 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 903-0112
transequality.org
Dedicated to advancing the equality of transgender people through advocacy, collaboration and empowerment.

PRISONER CORRESPONDENCE PROJECT

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

SINISTER WISDOM INC

PO Box 3252
Berkeley CA 94703

www.sinisterwisdom.org
Lesbian literary journal free to women in prisons and mental institutions.

SYLVIA RIVERA LAW PROJECT

147 W 24th St, 5th Floor
New York NY 10011
(212) 337-8550
info@srlp.org
srlp.org
Provides direct representation for low income transgender people and transgender people of color, including a "Prisoner Rights Project" that assists with the following areas:

- Name Changes
- Assistance Getting Trans-affirming health care
- Assistance with Safety Issues
- Advocacy for gender-affirming placement and conditions
- Re-Entry Assistance
- Fingerprinting and criminal history check

TRANSGENDER, GENDER VARIANT & INTERSEX JUSTICE PROJECT (TGJIP)

342 9th Street, Suite 202B
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 252-1444
www.tgjip.org
Offers advice and resources to transgender people. Also offers newsletter, resource guide and survival guide for transgendered prisoners.

TRANZMISSION PRISON BOOKS

P.O. Box 1874
Asheville, NC 28801
Offers free books and resources to LGBT inmates.

Parole + Pre-Release

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
Handbook sists employers who hire ex-offenders and federal programs to help ex-offenders, and more. Updated 2011. Free upon written request or download online.

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4630 Munger Avenue, Suite 110
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(214) 827-3772
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1025 South Jupiter Rd.
Garland TX 75042
(972) 272-4429
Family counseling, group therapy, anger management services. Free information upon request. Centers in Dallas, Garland, Plano, and Richardson Texas. Non-profit, sliding scale based on income.

IMPACT PUBLICATIONS

9104-N Manassas Drive
Manassas Park VA 20111
(703) 361-7300
Series of handbooks with information for ex-offenders including:

- Best Jobs for Ex-Offenders
- Ex-Offender's 30/30 Job Solution
- Ex-Offender's Job Interview Guide
- Ex-Offender's Quick Job Hunting Guide
- Ex-Offender's Re-Entry Success Guide
- Re-Entry Employment and Life Skills Pocket Guide

Write for a free listing of other titles and an order form.

THE NATIONAL REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER

100 Wall Street, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10005
(877) 332-1719
csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/
Does not offer direct services to individuals. Offers online resources for individuals returning home including an online resource listing reentry services, categorized by state:
csgjusticecenter.org/reentry/reentry-service-directories

SALVATION ARMY

6500 Harry Hines Blvd
Dallas TX 75235
(214) 956-6000
salvationarmytexas.org
Regularly updated listing of halfway houses, a free residential rehabilitation center, and Bible correspondence course for prisoners.

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF GOODWILLS

12400 Highway 71 West Suite 350
PMB #174
Austin TX 78738
(512) 263.8920
www.texasgoodwills.org
Walk-in job placement centers in many locations across Texas. Send a letter requesting a list of locations at the above address or look to website.

TEXAS RE-ENTRY SERVICES

1408 Saint Louis Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76104
(817) 834-2833
www.txrs.org
Provides ex-offenders in Tarrant County with opportunities and means to become productive, contributing members of society. Offers a wide range of client services in order to better prepare ex-offenders for their reintroduction into society.

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Labor Market Information Department

(866) 938-4444

www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdbs/wdbmap.html

Online directory to 28 local workforce development boards for job search resources, training programs, resumé and application preparation, career development.

Pen Pal Programs

A CUP OF WATER MINISTRIES

P.O. Box 161759

Ft. Worth, Texas 76161-1759

acupofwaterministries.org

Pen pal ministry. connect inmates with ministries for books, bible studies, etc.

CANADIAN COALITION AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

80 Lillington Ave

Toronto Ontario

M1N 3K7, Canada

www.ccadp.org

Pen pal service for Death Row inmates only; send maximum 3 paragraphs for free posting on webpage. Serves Death Row inmates in the U.S. and other countries.

CHRISTIAN PEN PALS

Attn: Veterans' Ministry

PO Box 2112

Statesville NC 28687

veteranministry.com/registeraninmate.htm

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

FRIENDS BEYOND THE WALL

Attn: New Ad Orders

2600 South Road, Suite 44-244

Poughkeepsie NY 12601

www.friendsbeyondthewall.com

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MEET-AN-INMATE

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www.meet-an-inmate.com

Request information and application by writing the address above. Prisoners can list their address and information from \$20 per six months.

OUTLAWS ONLINE

Outlaws Online

PO Box 333

Inverness, FL 34451

www.outlawsonline.com

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PRISON PEN PALS

P. O. Box 235

East Berlin, PA 17316-0235

www.prisonpenpals.com

Request a brochure and application by mail. Prisoners can list address and information from \$10 per year.

REACHING BEYOND THE WALLS

PO Box 6905

Rutland, VT 05702-6905

michael@reachingbeyondthewalls.com

www.reachingbeyondthewalls.com

Nonprofit, nonreligious. Free Pen Pal listing on website can include text, pictures, art, poetry etc. Write for questionnaire, include SASE.

Prisoner Support

ACLU NATIONAL PRISON PROJECT

915 15th street N.W.

Washington, DC 20005

www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights/

Dedicated to ensuring that U.S. prisons, jails, and other places of detention comply with the Constitution, domestic law, and

international human rights principles. ACLU National Prison Project publishes numerous resources including:

- "Prisoners' Assistance Directory" (list of resources by state and by subject, please indicate your needs)
- "Know Your Rights: Medical, Dental and Mental Health Care"
- "Know Your Rights: Freedom of Religion"
- "Know Your Rights: Publications Sent by Mail"
- "Know Your Rights: Legal Rights of Disabled Prisoners"
- "Know Your Rights: Environmental Hazards and Toxic Materials"
- "Know Your Rights: The Prison Litigation Reform Act"
- "Know Your Rights: Privileged and Non-Privileged Mail"

The NPP does not assist individual prisoners with criminal cases. Download above listed publications online or mail in to request printed copy. Please do not send any court documents or documents that you need returned. Note that wait times for printed publications via mail request may be very long due to the volume of prisoner correspondence.

ACLU OF TEXAS

State Headquarters

P.O. Box 8306

Houston, TX 77288-8306

(713) 942-8146

(888) 653-6498 toll free

ACLU of Texas - Austin Regional Office

P.O. Box 12905

Austin, TX 78711-2905

(512) 478-7300

ACLU of Texas - Brownsville Regional Office

P.O. Box 6087

Brownsville, TX 78523-6087

(956) 465-1905

Works in the courts, the legislature, and through public education to protect civil rights and individual liberty. Please do not

send legal complaints or request for legal assistance to the above addresses.

CRITICAL RESISTANCE

1904 Franklin Street, Suite 504

Oakland, CA 94612

www.criticalresistance.org

Building an international movement to end the prison industrial complex.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

810 Vermont Avenue NW

Washington, D.C. 20420

VA Benefits: (800) 827-1000

GI Bill: (888) 442-4551

Health Care Benefits: (877) 222-8387

Mammography Helpline: (888) 492-7844

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Syndrome, etc.: (800) 749-8387

www.va.gov

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program offered to those with an honorable discharge. Mail for application.

DIRECT ACTION FOR RIGHTS AND EQUALITY

340 Lockwood Street

Providence, RI 02907

(401) 351-6960

www.daretowin.org

Organizes low-income families in communities of color for social, economic and political justice.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Waco Regional Office:

1 Veterans Plaza, 701 Clay St.

Waco, TX 76799

(254) 299-9932

Houston Regional Office

6900 Almeda Road, Rm. 1033

Houston, TX 77030

(713) 383-2715

San Antonio Contact Office:

5788 Eckhert Road, Rm. 2A112

San Antonio, TX 78240

(210) 699-5064

www.dav.org

Dedicated to building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families.

DISABILITY RIGHTS EDUCATION AND DEFENSE FUND

3075 Adeline St. Suite 210
Berkeley, CA 94703
(510) 644-2555

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HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

350 Fifth Avenue, 34th floor
New York, NY 10118-3299
(212) 290-4700

www.hrw.org

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NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

99 Hudson Street, Suite 1600
New York NY 10013
212-965-2200

www.naacpldf.org

Legal aid focused on cases involving issues of racial justice.

NATIONAL CENTER ON INSTITUTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES

7222 Ambassador Rd.
Baltimore MD 21244
(410) 265-1490

www.ncianet.org

Criminal justice services to defense attorneys, defendants, inmates, and court systems throughout the US.

NATIONAL CURE

P. O. Box 2310
Washington, DC 20013-2310
(202) 789-2126

www.curenational.org

Grassroots organization believes that

prisons should be used only for those who absolutely must be incarcerated and that those who are incarcerated should have all of the resources they need to turn their lives around.

NATIONAL VETERANS LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

c/o Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program
PO Box 65762

Washington DC 20035
(202) 265-8305

Pro-bono legal program for veterans denied benefits.

PRISON ACTIVIST RESOURCE CENTER

PO Box 70447
Oakland, CA 94612

prisonactivist.org

Working to expose and challenge the institutionalized racism and classism of the prison industrial complex. Resource directory free to prisoners upon request.

PROJECT FOR OLDER PRISONERS

c/o Jonathan Turley
National Law Center
2000 H Street NW
Washington, DC 20052
(202) 994-7001

www.law.gwu.edu/Academics/EL/clinics/Pages/POPS.aspx

Students assist individual low-risk prisoners over the age of 55 to help them obtain paroles, pardons, or alternative forms of incarceration.

THE PRISON SHOW

KPFT 90.1FM 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 for Texas inmates. Currently hosted by Kathryn

Griffin. Long distance call-ins accepted at 9:20 p.m.

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

www.texasjailproject.org

To improve conditions for Texas prisoners by publicizing the widespread abuse and neglect city and county jails in Texas. TDCJ prisons not included.

Publications + Magazines

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674- A 23rd Street
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 208-1700

www.akpress.org

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BIDDLE PUBLISHING COMPANY

PO Box 732
Southeastern, PA 19399-0732
(610) 213-3735

www.biddle-audenreed.com

Criminal justice series includes Going To Prison? (\$9.95), plus books on death penalty and life inside.

CAROLINA ACADEMIC PRESS

700 Kent St.
Durham, NC 27701
www.cap-press.com

Publishes many self-help legal books. Write free for catalog. Also accepts manuscripts.

COALITION FOR PRISONER'S RIGHTS NEWSLETTER

PO Box 1911
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1911
realcostofprisons.org/coalition.html
Regularly published newsletter on rights of prisoners and legal issues for prisoners. To receive monthly issues by mail, send CPR a stamped self-addressed envelope with CPR as the return address. Up to 12 stamped self-addressed envelopes can be sent at one time. Newsletter may also be downloaded from CPR website.

EAST BAY PRISONER SUPPORT

P.O. Box 22449
Oakland, CA 94609
eastbayprisonersupport.wordpress.com
Sends free anarchist and other literature (up to 30 sheets) to prisoners in CA, AZ, NM, TX, UT and NV. Sends zines to queer, trans and women prisoners in any state. Write in to receive a catalog.

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.

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Attn.: Fortune News Subscriptions
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inmatemagazineservice.com

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justicedenied.org

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paperbackswapnshop.com

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(802) 257-1342

www.prisonlegalnews.org
Online bookstore offering many titles pertinent to prisoners including many legal resources. Also publishes a 56 page monthly monthly magazine. See details under the "Legal" section of this Resource Guide.

PRISON GRIEVANCES: WHEN TO WRITE, HOW TO WRITE

www.prisongrievances.com

A graphic novel that explains the grievance rules and regulations in Texas prisons. Ask your librarian to order a copy for your prison library - \$8.46 from Amazon.com. The guide will also be available in Spanish in February 2015.

SOLITARY WATCH

PO Box 11374
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www.solitarywatch.com

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