A PEOPLE’S GUIDE TO ABOLITION
A Collaborative & Working Abolitionist Resource Document

PURPOSE
Created by Court Watch NYC volunteers, the purpose of this document is to provide a guide to abolitionist texts, videos, organizations, and other resources for movement builders to use to inform theoretical framework and political action. We recognize this document only scratches the surface of the extraordinary work being done by activists, organizers, scholars, and community members every day -- this means this guide is far from complete. This is a collaborative working document, so if you have any resources or organizations you’d like to contribute, please email Tommy at tommyjoeheller@gmail.com.

INFORMATION SOURCES
In the creation of this guide, Court Watch NYC referenced various advocacy libraries, research guides, and impactful work of other abolition-focused coalitions. We credit the work of the following organizations and coalitions as informational sources for this document.

Abolitionist Futures: a collaboration of community organisers and activists in the UK and Ireland who are working together to build a future without prisons, police and punishment

Black Perspectives Blog: an award-winning blog of the African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS) -- a group of engaged scholars deeply committed to producing and disseminating cutting-edge research that is accessible to the public and is oriented towards advancing the lives of people of African descent and humanity

Critical Resistance: an abolitionist coalition that seeks to build an international movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex by challenging the belief that caging and controlling people makes us safe

Project NIA: a grassroots organization that works to end the arrest, detention, and incarceration of children and young adults by promoting restorative and transformative justice practices

Survived and Punished: an abolitionist organization whose work specifically focuses on criminalized survivors to raise awareness about the integrated relationship between systems of punishment and the pervasiveness of gender violence

A World Without Police: a collective of organizers dedicated to connecting people struggling against the everyday violence of the police, and to provide practical, organizational and theoretical tools for use in our movement

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Criminal Injustice & Mass Incarceration

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*Locked In: The True Causes of Mass Incarceration-and How to Achieve Real Reform* (2017) by John Pfaff


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*Until We Reckon: Violence, Mass Incarceration, and a Road to Repair* (2019) by Danielle Sered

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“The Foundation of the Social and Criminal Justice System” (2019) – Video, Dr. Maxine Bryant

“From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation | Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor” (2016) – Video, TEDx Talks
“How Our Criminal Justice System Targets Communities” (2016) – Video, AJ+


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“Racial Disparities Within the Criminal Justice System” (2019) – Podcast, The Liberation Experience

Slavery by Another Name (2012) – Film, PBS


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“Mass Incarceration in America, Explained in 22 Maps and Charts” (2016) by German Lopez for Vox News

“Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie” (2020) from Prison Policy Initiative

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“A Primer on Mass Incarceration” (2018) from Prison Diaries


“Rising Incarceration Rates” (2014) from The Growth of Incarceration in the United States: Exploring Causes and Consequences by the National Research Council

“The Societal Impact of the Prison Industrial Complex, or Incarceration for Fun and Profit—Mostly Profit” (2012) by Alex Friedmann in Prison Legal News

“Three Reasons Advocates Must Move Beyond Demanding Release for “Nonviolent Offenders” (2020) by Micah Herskind in Medium


“The Untold Story of Mass Incarceration” (2017) by Vesla Weaver in the Boston Review

“What is the Prison Industrial Complex?” from the Empty Cages Collective

“Why Did the U.S. Prison Population Increase So Much?” from Hanyang University

Abolitionist Actions vs. Reformist Reforms

BOOKS

*Abolition Now!: Ten Years of Strategy and Struggle Against the Prison Industrial Complex* (2010) by CR-10 Publications Collective


*Are Prisons Obsolete?* (2003) by Angela Davis


*The End of Policing* (2018) by Alex Vitale


*Prison by Any Other Name: The Harmful Consequences of Popular Reforms* (2020) by Maya Schenwar, Victoria Law


*The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond the Non-Profit Industrial Complex* (2017) by INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence

*Undoing Border Imperialism* (2013) by Harsha Walia


FILMS, PODCASTS, & VIDEOS

“Abolishing Prisons with Mariame Kaba” (2017) – Podcast, Why Is This Happening? with Chris Hayes


“Abolition Can’t Wait: A Teach-In with #8toAbolition” (2020) – Video, Haymarket Books

“Angela Davis likens abolishing the prison system to end of slavery” (2020) – Video, Best of George Strombo

Beyond Prisons – Podcast

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“Police: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO)” (2020) – Video, Last Week Tonight with John Oliver

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“Ruth Wilson Gilmore Makes the Case for Abolition” (2020) – Podcast, The Intercept


ARTICLES, ESSAYS, & REPORTS

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“Against Rehabilitation: For Reparative Justice” (2012) lecture by Professor Pat Carlen

“Before the Law” (2014) by Jennifer Gonnerman in the New Yorker

“Campaigning For and Campaigning Against Prisons: Excavating and Reaffirming the Case for Prison Abolition” (2007) by Mick Ryan, Joe Sim in Handbook on Prisons

“Considering Abolition” (2011) by Mike Larson in Rittenhouse Just Blog

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“From Military Industrial Complex to Prison Industrial Complex” (2005) by Ruth Wilson Gilmore, Trevor Paglen in Recording Carceral Landscapes


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“What About the Rapists?’ Anarchist Approaches to Crime and Justice”

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“What is Abolition?” from *Critical Resistance*

“What is Prison Abolition?” (2018) by John Washington in *The Nation*

“Why the Justice Department Can’t Be Trusted to Investigate Abysmal Conditions in Federal Prisons” (2019) by Natasha Lennard in *The Intercept*

“You Can’t End Violence With More Violence: Shifting From Incarceration to Accountability” (2017) by Sarah Jaffe in *Truthout*
Black Lives Matter & Racial Equity

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Black Prisoners and Their World (2000) by Mary Ellen Curtin


Policing Black Lives: State Violence in Canada from Slavery to the Present (2017) by Robyn Maynard

Policing the Planet: Why the Policing Crisis Led to Black Lives Matter (2016) by Jordan T. Camp, Christina Heatherton


Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II (2009) by Douglas Blackmon

Slaves of the State: Black Incarceration from the Chain Gang to the Penitentiary (2015) by Dennis Childs

Unequal Under Law: Race in the War on Drugs (2007) by Doris Marie Provine

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“Angela Davis: We can’t eradicate racism without eradicating racial capitalism” (2020) – Video, Democracy Now!


“From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation | Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor” (2016) – Video, TEDx Talks

“Knowing How It’s Built, So That We Can Tear It Down” (2019) – Podcast, The Breakdown with Shaun King


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“From the Prison of Slavery to the Slavery of Prison: Frederick Douglass and the Convict Lease System” (1998) by Angela Davis

“History of the Establishment of the London Metropolitan Police” (2018) on Drawn Out Thinking

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“Pathways, Race and Gender Responsive Reform: Through an Abolitionist Lens” (2013) by Emma K. Russell, Bree Carlton in Theoretical Criminology

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“Race and America’s Prisons: It’s Complicated” (2013) by Gene Demby for Code Switch! by NPR

“Race, Capitalist Crisis, and Abolitionist Organizing: An Interview with Ruth Wilson Gilmore” (2010) by Jenna Loyd

“Racial and Ethnic Disparity in Prisons and Jails” (2016) by Prison Policy Initiative
“Reducing Racial Disparity in the Criminal Justice System: A Manual for Practitioners and Policymakers” by The Sentencing Project


“Stealing Away in America” (2020) by Zoé Samudzi for JewishCurrents.org

“We Are Not Slaves: Rethinking the Rise of Carceral States through the Lens of the Prisoners’ Rights Movement” (2015) by Robert T. Chase in the Journal of American History

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The War on Poverty & For-Profit Surveillance

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*Carceral Capitalism* (2015) by Jackie Wang

*Change Everything: Racial Capitalism and the Case for Abolition* (2020) by Angela Davis


*The Culture of Control: Crime and Social Order in Contemporary Society* (2001) by David Garland


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*Policing the Crisis: Mugging, the State, and Law and Order* (2013) by Stuart Hall, Chas Critcher, Tony Jefferson, John Clarke, Brian Roberts

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“Debtors’ Prisons: Life Inside America’s For-Profit Justice System (1/2)” (2016) – Video, VICE


“How Democrats and Republicans Created Mass Incarceration” (2018) – Podcast, Justice in America


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“Who Benefits When a Private Prison Comes to Town?” (2011) – Podcast, NPR

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“Abolishing Private Prisons Is a Start, But It Will Not End Mass Incarceration” (2020) by Darren Klimek in Truthout

“The Bad Kind Of Unionism” (2014) and “Why We Can’t Support Police Unions” (2015) by Shawn Gude in Jacobin

“Both Red and Blue States Rely on Prison Labor” (2017) by Justin Miller in The American Prospect

“The Economics of Private Prisons” (2016) by Megan Mumford for The Hamilton Project

“How It Became a Crime to be Poor in America” (2017) by Peter Edelman in The Guardian


“How Prisons Serve Capitalism” (2018) by Dan Berger in Public Books

“On the Business of Incarceration” (2019) by Craig Gilmore in Commune Magazine

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“Profiting from Prisoners: How Prisons are Exploiting the Poor” (2014) by Joe Carter for the Action Institute

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The Invisible Woman: Gender, Crime, and Justice (2006) by Joanne Belknap


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“How Can We Reconcile Prison Abolition With #MeToo?” (2018) by Victoria Law

“I Don’t Want My Rapists to Go to Prison” (2020) by Lydia Caradonna


“Locking People Up Doesn’t Make Us Safer, Abuse Survivor Says” (2019) by James Kilgore in Truthout

“Navigating Justice for Sexual Abuse Survivors, When You’re A Prison Abolitionist and A Survivor” (2017) by Joshua Brion for Afropunk.com

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“I Don’t Want My Rapists to Go to Prison” (2020) by Lydia Caradonna


“Survived and Punished: Analysis and Vision” (2015) from Survived and Punished, founded by Mariame Kaba

“Surviving Rape as a Prison Abolitionist” (2020) by Miriam Perez-Putnam

“The Work in Sex Work” (2017) by Hennessy Williams in Jacobin
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“Inmates with Mental Illness Tell Their Stories” (2015) – Video, AVID Prison Project

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Family Activism: Immigrant Struggles and the Politics of Noncitizenship (2014) by Amalia Pallares


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No Justice in the Shadows: How America Criminalizes Immigrants (2020) by Alina Das

The Rising Tide of Color: Against White World-Supremacy (2011) by Theodore Lothrop Stoddard

Undocumented: How Immigration Became Illegal (2014) by Aviva Chomsky

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“A Day with ICE in the So-Called ‘Sanctuary City’” – Video, CNN

“Decolonization Means Prison Abolition” -- Video, Decolonize PDX

“Fighting a Dehumanizing U.S. Immigration System, with Lee Gelernt” – Podcast, Why Is This Happening? with Chris Hayes
**Deportation Nation** – Film, *The Atlantic*

“ICE Capades” – Podcast, *This American Life*

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“Immigration 101: Enforcement by the Numbers” – Video, *KCETOnline*

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“Immigration Detention is Part of Mass Incarceration: The Case for Abolishing ICE and Everything Else” (2019) by Cora Currier


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“Our System of Mass Incarceration: Seeing the Parallels between Black Americans and Immigrants” (2019) by José Arnulfo Cabrera for *Emerging Justice Seekers*
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“Who is Profiting from Incarcerating Immigrant Families?” (2018) by Molly Gott, Derek Seidman, & Gin Armstrong in *Eyes on the Ties*

“Who Profits from ‘Crimmigration’? Not America or its Ideals” (2019) by Naomi Ishisaka
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*The Force of Nonviolence* (2020) by Judith Butler


*Stories of Transformative Justice* (2000) by Ruth Morris


*Until We Reckon: Violence, Mass Incarceration, and a Road to Repair* (2019) by Danielle Sered

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“Restorative Justice: Why Do We Need It?” (2016) -- Video, Brave New Films
“Transformative Justice and Community Accountability” (2017) -- Video, CALCASA

“Transformative Justice with Jacob Dunne” (2017) -- Video, TEDx Talks

“Transforming Harm: Experiments in Accountability” (2019) -- Video, Barnard Center for Research on Women

“What is Transformative Justice?” (2020) -- Video, Barnard Center for Research on Women

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“Philly Stands Up: Inside the Politics and Poetics of Transformative Justice and Community Accountability in Sexual Assault Situations” (2011) by E.L. Kelly in Mada

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“Think. Rethink. Accountable Communities.” by Connie Burk

“Toward Transformative Justice” (2007) by *Generation Five*

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“Transformative Justice” (2012) by Mariame Kaba for *Prison Culture Blog*

“What Does It Feel Like When Change Finally Comes: Male Supremacy, Accountability and Transformative Justice” (2011) by Gaurav Jashani, RJ Maccani, Alan Greig in *The Challenging Male Supremacy Project*
Organizations & Coalitions to Support

ALBANY, NY

The Albany Political Prisoner Support Committee
The Albany Political Prisoner Support Committee works on campaigns for freedom for political prisoners in New York State; supports freedom for Pennsylvania Death Row prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal; builds a movement for prison justice in New York; networks with other prison justice organizations; and spreads information about political prisoners and the prison justice movement.

Campaign to End the New Jim Crow - Upstate
The Upstate Campaign to End the New Jim Crow initiated a petition for a Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation Commission to assess the impact of mass incarceration on communities of color. The point person is Alice Green at cfjl@verizon.net.

RAPP
Release Aging People in Prison/RAPP works to end mass incarceration and promote racial justice through the release from prison of older and aging people and those serving long and life sentences.

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

ABQ Mutual Aid
Fight For Our Lives is a diverse, youth-led organization that stands to uphold accountability among local and state leadership, promote strategic social change, and raise awareness about issues affecting New Mexican youth and their communities.

Millions for Prisoners New Mexico
Millions for Prisoners of New Mexico seeks to unite activists, advocates, prisoners, ex-prisoners, their family and friends.

PAJOLA
The Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice provides resources and space for organizations and individuals working on peace and justice issues to network with one another and share information. Through our programs and collaborations, we work locally to support regional and global justice.
ATLANTA, GA

Atlanta Solidarity Fund
Atlanta Solidarity Fund provides support for people who are arrested at protests, or otherwise prosecuted for their movement involvement.

Bail Out Black Mamas
Bail Out Black Mamas is a community bail fund specifically for incarcerated Black mothers awaiting trial.

Solutions Not Punishment Collective
The Solutions Not Punishment Collaborative is a Black Trans and Queer led collaborative that builds the power of our people to wage and win campaigns that force systematic divestment from the prison industrial complex and investment in the services and supports us.

AUSTIN, TX

Austin Justice Coalition
Austin Justice Coalition is a grassroots, activist-led organization addressing criminal, economic, and social justice at the local level.

Inside Books
Inside Books is the only books-to-prisoners program in Texas.

BOSTON, MA

Black and Pink
The Boston Chapter works toward prison abolition by providing court support, pen pal matching, mail processing, political education, and organizing around decarceration and harm reduction in Massachusetts.

Court Watch MA
Court Watch MA is a community project with the goal of shifting the power dynamics in our courtrooms by exposing the decisions judges and prosecutors make about neighbors every day.

Young Abolitionists
We are a collective of young people from Boston working together to end oppression and build power to control our future.
BUFFALO, NY

Buffalo NY Free Jalil Muntaqim
Our group's mission is to support, highlight, and fight for the release of Black Panther Party Cointelpro political prisoner Jalil Muntaqim. We also pursue parole reform, prisoners' justice and fighting the school to prison pipeline. Unfortunately, Jalil passed away from COVID-19 in prison recently, but the organization is still working.

Buffalo Prison Abolition Reading Group
The contact person is Theresa Warburton at BuffaloPARG@gmail.com.

BURLINGTON, VA

Vermont Freedom Bail Fund
We are a tax-deductible fund available to bail out immigrants living in Vermont held on immigration charges.

WFJI
We support & advocate for women, girls, transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming people impacted by systems of oppression.

CHICAGO, IL

BYP100
BYP100 is a national, member-based organization of Black 18-35 year old activists and organizers, dedicated to creating justice and freedom for all Black people. We do this through building a network focused on transformative leadership development, direct action organizing, advocacy, and political education using a Black queer feminist lens.

Chicago Community Bond Fund
Chicago Community Bond Fund (CCBF) pays bond for people charged with crimes in Cook County, Illinois. CCBF is part of the Coalition to End Money Bond.

Chicago Torture Justice Center
The Chicago Torture Justice Center seeks to address the traumas of police violence and institutionalized racism through access to healing and wellness services, trauma-informed resources, and community connection.

TJLP
TJLP is a group of radical activists, social workers, and organizers who provide support, advocacy, and free, holistic advocacy and criminal legal services to poor and street-based transgender people in Illinois.

**We Charge Genocide**
We Charge Genocide is a grassroots, inter-generational effort to center the voices and experiences of the young people most targeted by police violence in Chicago.

**CLEVELAND, OH**

Keith LeMar
Keith is a wrongfully accused death row prisoner and author of Condemned. He needs public support to fight for his life — Nov 16, 2023 is his execution date — and to hold the State of Ohio accountable.

**Prison Solidarity**
The Internet site Prisonersolidarity.org serves as a catalyst for communication between prisoners and people on "the outside."

**DENVER, CO**

Black and Pink
Black and Pink works towards prison abolition through creative collaborations with inside members, pen pal matching, mail processing, political education, and organizing with community partners in advocacy campaigns.

**DABC**
The mission of the Denver Anarchist Black Cross is to contribute to the support of political prisoners and defense of local and global social movements, while working for liberation from colonial domination, and strengthening autonomy, mutual aid, and self-determination.

**Denver TJ Collective**
Denver TJ Collective is building a practice of supporting community-centered solutions to violence within our queer/trans* communities, families, and organizations.

**DURHAM, NC**

Amplify Voices
Inside-Outside Alliance is a group of people trying to support the struggles of those inside (or formerly inside) Durham County jail, and their families and friends.

**SpiritHouse**
SpiritHouse uses culture, art and media to support the empowerment and transformation of communities most impacted by poverty, racism, gender inequity, criminalization and mass incarceration; through grassroots programs, cultural organizing and community collaborations.

**FAYETTEVILLE, AK**

**Arkansas Abolish**
Founded in 1977, the Arkansas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (ACADP) is a non-partisan, non-sectarian coalition of religious and civic organization and concerned citizens working together to end capital punishment in Arkansas.

**JERSEY CITY, NJ**

**Guazabara Insights**
Guazabara Insights, LLC is a health and educational services provider whose mission is to raise social consciousness and uplift our communities.

**Jersey City Anti-Violence Coalition Movement**
Jersey City Anti-Violence Coalition Movement works to address the needs of public safety through various programs and initiatives that focus on preventing violence. We are devoted to empowering residents and building a peaceful community, which improves the quality of life for everyone.

**KINGSTON, NY**

**Citizen Action of NY**
Citizen Action of New York is a grassroots membership organization taking on big issues that are at the center of transforming society.

**End the New Jim Crow Action Network-Kingston**
The End the New Jim Crow Action Network! (ENJAN, pronounced “engine”) is a group of Hudson Valley residents working locally to end the era of mass incarceration in this country.

**Rise Up Kingston**
Rise Up Kingston is a grassroots organization led by those experiencing racism, classism, and gender oppression on a daily basis. We organize to win, with our collective power, a Kingston economy that meets all of our social and environmental needs.

**LOS ANGELES, CA**

**Critical Resistance**
Critical Resistance seeks to build an international movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex by challenging the belief that caging and controlling people makes us safe.

**JusticeLA**
In partnership with grassroots organizations, advocates, directly impacted communities, and stakeholders, we work to reduce the footprint of incarceration by stopping jail expansion and reclaiming, reimagining and reinvesting dollars away from incarceration and into community-based systems of care.

**Youth Justice Coalition**
The Youth Justice Coalition (YJC) is working to build a youth, family, and formerly and currently incarcerated people’s movement to challenge America’s addiction to incarceration and race, gender and class discrimination in Los Angeles County’s, California’s and the nation’s juvenile and criminal injustice systems.

**MIAMI, FL**

**Dream Defenders**
Today, the Dream Defenders is organizing Black and Brown youth to build power in our communities to advance a new vision we have for the state.

**PowerU**
We are organizing and developing the leadership of Black and Brown youth and Black women in South Florida so that they may help lead the struggle to liberate all oppressed people.

**NEW YORK, NY**

**Black and Pink**
Black and Pink works to liberate people impacted by the criminal punishment system, particularly those who identify as LGBTQ+ and/or are living with HIV/AIDS through pen pal matching, mail processing, and by providing political education through workshops.
Books Through Bars
Books Through Bars volunteers meet in Brooklyn to match requests people in prison have sent us in the mail to the books on our shelves. We mail book packages to individuals rather than prison libraries.

Brooklyn Community Bail Fund
The Brooklyn Community Bail Fund (BCBF) is committed to challenging the racism, inequality, and injustice of a criminal legal system and immigration and deportation regime that disproportionately target and harm low-income communities of color. Our work to dismantle the deeply intertwined criminal legal and immigration systems includes continued advocacy to influence policy locally and nationally, and paying bond to free immigrants detained by ICE.

Brooklyn Movement Center
Brooklyn Movement Center (BMC) is a Black-led, membership-based organization of primarily low-to-moderate income Central Brooklyn residents. We build power and pursue self-determination in Bedford-Stuyvesant & Crown Heights by nurturing local leadership, waging campaigns and winning concrete improvements in people’s lives.

BYP100
BYP100 is a national, member-based organization of Black 18-35 year old activists and organizers, dedicated to creating justice and freedom for all Black people. We do this through building a network focused on transformative leadership development, direct action organizing, advocacy, and political education using a Black queer feminist lens.

Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement
The common goal of Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement is sweeping reform of New York’s use of solitary confinement and other forms of extreme isolation in state prisons and local jails.

Center for Community Alternatives
Center for Community Alternatives’ mission is to promote reintegrative justice and a reduced reliance on incarceration through advocacy, services and public policy development in pursuit of civil and human rights.

Court Watch NYC
Court Watch NYC (CWNYC) is a project of the Brooklyn Community Bail Fund, VOCAL-NY and 5 Boro Defenders. CWNYC harnesses the power of New Yorkers to organize for transformative change toward abolition. We watch court proceedings, shift power in the courtroom, report what we see, and hold court actors accountable to ending the injustices in the criminal legal system that target Black, brown, indigenous, immigrant/migrant, queer and TGNC communities.
Critical Resistance
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RAPP
Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP) works to end mass incarceration and promote racial justice through the release from prison of older and aging people and those serving long and life sentences.

Survived and Punished
Survived & Punished is a prison abolition organization whose work specifically focuses on criminalized survivors to raise awareness about the integrated relationship between systems of punishment and the pervasiveness of gender violence.

VOCAL-NY
Voices Of Community Activists & Leaders (VOCAL-NY) is a statewide grassroots membership organization that builds power among low-income people affected by HIV/AIDS, the drug war, mass incarceration, and homelessness in order to create healthy and just communities. We accomplish this through community organizing, leadership development, advocacy, direct services, participatory research and direct action.

OAKLAND, CA

Anti Police-Terror Project
The Anti Police-Terror Project is a Black-led, multi-racial, intergenerational coalition that seeks to build a replicable and sustainable model to eradicate police terror in communities of color.

California Prison Focus
California Prison Focus is a grassroots organization that works to abolish the California prison system in its present condition, with a focus on ending long-term solitary confinement.

Community Ready Corps
Community Ready Corps' prime objective is to build and/or contribute to self-determination in disenfranchised communities.

Critical Resistance
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**Essie Justice Group**
Essie Justice Group is a nonprofit organization of women with incarcerated loved ones taking on the rampant injustices created by mass incarceration.

**Prison Activist Resource Center**
PARC is a prison abolitionist group based in Oakland, California committed to exposing and challenging the institutionalized racism, sexism, ableism, heterosexism, and classism of the Prison Industrial Complex.

**ORLANDO, FL**

**Community Bail Fund**
The Community Bail Fund (CBF), a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization (Application Pending), is dedicated to ending the widespread incarceration of individuals who have been arrested for non-violent offenses but lack the financial means to pay bail and return home to their families while awaiting their court date.

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**PHILADELPHIA, PA**

**Books Through Bars**
Books Through Bars believes systemic social, educational, and economic inequality leads to relentless cycles of crime and mass incarceration. Our work aims to reverse the devastating effects that injustice and incarceration has on individuals, families and communities.

**Decarcerate PA**
Decarcerate PA is a grassroots campaign working to end mass incarceration in Pennsylvania. We demand that PA stop building prisons, reduce the prison population, and reinvest money in our communities.

**Human Rights Coalition**
The Human Rights Coalition (HRC) is a grassroots non-profit group of predominately prisoners’ families, prisoners, ex-offenders and supporters.

**Philly Stands Up**
Philly Stands Up is a small collective of individuals working in Philadelphia to confront sexual assault in our various communities using a transformative justice framework.

PHOENIX, AZ

AZ Prison Watch
The AZ Prison Watch has retired, but the website is still a great resource.

Mass Liberation AZ
Mass Liberation Arizona and Decarcerate Arizona are building power to end mass incarceration and divest from the carceral system in Arizona.

PITTSBURGH, PA

The Abolitionist Law Center
The Abolitionist Law Center is a public interest law firm inspired by the struggle of political and politicized prisoners, and organized for the purpose of abolishing class and race based mass incarceration in the United States.

Book ‘Em
Book ‘Em is a non-profit organization based in Pittsburgh that sends reading and educational materials to prisoners across Pennsylvania. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for people incarcerated in Pennsylvania by providing free access to educational materials, books and resources.

Let's Get Free
Let’s Get Free: The Women and Trans Prisoner Defense Committee is a group who educates and organizes around issues of prison injustice, addressing policies, contributing factors and collateral consequences of mass incarceration, as well as envisioning new systems of transformative justice and healing.

Decarcerate PA
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PROVIDENCE, RI

Black and Pink
Black and Pink works towards prison abolition through pen pal matching, mail processing, and by providing political education through workshops.

**Direct Action for Rights and Equality**
Behind the Walls is DARE’s prison abolition committee, which unites people inside the prison with their friends, families, community members, and former inmates on the outside.

**RICHMOND, VA**

**Virginia Prison Justice Network**
Organizations within the Virginia Prison Justice Network commit to find common ground by working together to build a statewide movement to end mass incarceration.

**SAN DIEGO, CA**

**Black and Pink**
The San Diego chapter of Black and Pink, an organization supporting LGBTQ prisoners impacted by the prison industrial complex, works towards prison abolition through pen pal matching, mail processing, and by providing political education through workshops.

**Project Rebound**
Project Rebound works to support the formerly incarcerated on their journey through successful reintegration in a college setting.

**United Against Police Terror**
UAPTS works for systemic change in law enforcement agencies and advocating for victims of excessive force or police misconduct.

**SAN JOSE, CA**

**Amend the 13th**
The “Amend the 13th: Abolish “Legal” Slavery in Amerika Movement” is an all-inclusive, coalition-based national campaign and community-based organizing effort which is determined to remove the “legal” and social basis for the dehumanization of those subject to the judicial machinery of the United States – and finally abolish slavery in Amerika once and for all.

**California Prison Focus**
California Prison Focus is a grassroots organization that works to abolish the California prison system in its present condition, with a focus on ending long-term solitary confinement. We are committed to honoring the voices and strategies of prisoners and join their efforts to foster solidarity and empowerment. We believe in public education and direct action to achieve these goals.

**People Acting in Community Together**
PACT’s mission is to empower everyday people to create a more healthy and just society by winning extraordinary victories for the community - not by speaking for them, but by teaching people how to speak up and take action in the public arena through grassroots organizing. Launched the **LIVE FREE** campaign.

**SEATTLE, WA**

**Freedom Project WA**
The Freedom Project's mission is to support healing connection and restorative communities both inside and outside prison through the strategies of Nonviolent Communication, mindfulness, racial equity and anti-oppression.

**Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee of Seattle**
The Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC), is a prisoner-led section of the Industrial Workers of the World. IWOC struggles to end prison slavery along with allies and supporters on the outside.

**Interaction Transition**
Interaction Transition (I/T) is a private non-profit agency in Seattle, Washington dedicated to assisting formerly incarcerated individuals in the re-entry process. I/T provides support to individuals as they transition from prison or jail to community life, and assistance in meeting critical basic needs such as employment and social support.

**Keeping the Faith: The Prison Project**

**Washington Can**
Washington Can’s mission is to achieve racial, gender, economic, and social equity in order to establish a democratic society characterized by justice and fairness, with respect for diversity, and a decent quality of life for all those who reside in Washington.

**SYRACUSE, NY**
Center for Community Alternatives
Center for Community Alternatives’ mission is to promote reintegrative justice and a reduced reliance on incarceration through advocacy, services and public policy development in pursuit of civil and human rights.

WEST PALM BEACH, FL

Palm Beach County NOW
Palm Beach County NOW is a chapter of the National Organization of Women. PBC NOW brings a well-rounded expertise on women's issues, including equal rights issues for the LGBT community, family court and education issues, reproductive rights, human trafficking and more.

Safety and Justice Challenge
The Safety and Justice Challenge is providing support to local leaders from across the country who are determined to tackle one of the greatest drivers of over-incarceration in America—the misuse and overuse of jails.