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National Resources for Incarcerated or Formerly Incarcerated People

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for writing to GLAD. GLAD is unable to provide substantive legal information or assistance to people in prison outside of New England because most laws relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV/AIDS status, as well as prison laws and policies, vary from state to state.

You may wish to contact one or more of the organizations listed below for assistance with issues of violence and mistreatment in prisons and jails, or regarding prisoner medical care.

We recommend that you document your situation as fully as possible. If you believe you are being mistreated, either by fellow prisoners or members of the prison administration, you could consider filing formal grievances within the prison to register your complaints. While filing grievances may be met with a certain amount of hostility from the prison administration, following the established complaint procedure can be valuable in the long run, by showing that the administration was fully informed about the harassment and did not address it or otherwise responded inappropriately.

Additionally, try to keep all correspondence and paperwork between you and the prison administration or others regarding the matter. Keep a log of the harassment or other problems you face, with an emphasis on facts—who did and said what, when and where any incident(s) occurred, whether there were witnesses, etc.

Good luck in pursuing your rights. We hope these ideas and resources are helpful.

Legal Advocacy

Advocates for Inmates

475-766-7912

info@advocatesforinmates.com

Advocates for Inmates provides national and local resources related to inmate corrections, prisoner rights, and prisoner advocacy.

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

125 Broad St., 18th floor, New York, NY 10004

212-549-2500

The ACLU is not a resource for handling individual convictions or problems, unless related to conditions of confinement. The ACLU operates several specific projects, including the AIDS Education Project of the National Prison

Project, and the Gay and Lesbian Rights Project.

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

4400 Market St., Oakland, CA 94608

415-255-7036

info@prisonerswithchildren.org

LSPC is an advocacy group focusing on female prisoners and their families, and on the role of race in incarceration. They provide information, legal advice, and referrals. Publications, including the Incarcerated Parents' Manual, may be requested through the mail.

Prison Policy Initiative

PO Box 127, Northampton, MA 01061
www.prisonpolicy.org

Documents the impact of mass incarceration and provides information and resources to prisoners including lists of legal resources by state.

Rights Behind Bars

416 Florida Avenue NW, #26152, Washington, DC 20001
202-455-4399

Rights Behind Bars is a non-profit legal advocacy organization working alongside incarcerated people to challenge the cruel and inhumane conditions of confinement.

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Office of the Assistant Attorney General, Main
Washington, D.C. 20530
202-514-4609
TTY: 202-514-0716

This agency enforces the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA), protecting residents of institutions from conditions that deprive them of their constitutional rights. Also enforces Title III of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits race discrimination in public facilities. The Special Litigation Section has been active in prisoners' rights cases, focusing on conditions of confinement, law enforcement misconduct, and access to reproductive health facilities and places of religious worship.

Legal Resources and Information

Columbia Human Rights Law Review – Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual

435 West 116th St., New York, NY 10027
212-854-1601
Jlm.board.mail@gmail.com

The JLM is a handbook developed for inmates, to inform them of their legal rights and how to secure them. To purchase the Manual and

Supplement, contact Columbia Human Rights Law Review.

Equal Justice Initiative

122 Commerce St., Montgomery, Alabama 36104
334-269-1803
intake@eji.org

Equal Justice Initiative provides legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails and prisons. We challenge the death penalty and excessive punishment, and they provide re-entry assistance to formerly incarcerated people.

First Step Alliance

862-294-0355
info@firststepalliance.org

First Step Alliance is a non-profit organization committed to charitable and educational causes that help advance successful reentry and sustainable financial independence for justice-involved individuals.

Freedom Fund

1730 S Federal Hwy #311, Delray Beach, FL 33483
786-233-8969
info@lgbtqfund.org

LGBTQ Freedom Fund pays pretrial bail in Florida and immigration bond in any U.S. state, focusing on LGBTQ individuals. In tandem they fight to address the disproportionate rate and harm of imprisonment of LGBTQ individuals.

HEARD

P.O. Box 1160, Washington, D.C. 20013
202-436-9278
advocacy@heardadvocates.org

HEARD supports deaf/disabled individuals to fight for their rights, access emotional and legal support in their language, learn about prison and police abolition, and access financial support while inside and in the crucial months after release.

How To Justice

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

How To Justice provides easy-to-read answers to your questions about your rights in prison, including conditions, medical care, visitation, and rights to communication

Human Rights Watch Prisoner Resources

www.hrw.org/prison-resources

A listing by state of resources for prisoners and ex-offenders.

National Lawyers Guild

P.O. Box 1266, New York, NY 10009-8941
212-679-5100

Publishes Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook and Women's Appendix.

Prison Legal News

P.O. Box 1151, Lake Worth, FL 33460
561-360-2523
pwright@prisonlegalnews.org

This monthly publication reviews and analyzes prisoner rights, court rulings and reporting on prisoner news.

Prison Policy Initiative

PO Box 127, Northampton, MA 01061
www.prisonpolicy.org
www.prisonpolicy.org/contact.html

Provides information and resources for prisoners including lists of legal resources for prisoners by state.

Prison Activist Resource Center (PARC)

PO Box 70447, Oakland, CA 94612
510-893-4648
info@prisonactivist.org
www.prisonactivist.org/resources

PARC produces a directory free of charge to prisoner upon request.

Prisoners' Self-Help Litigation Manual

Customer Service: Oxford University Press,
2001 Evans Road, Cary, NC 27513
1-800-445-9714
Custserv.us@oup.com

This excellent resource includes information on federal and state legal systems, legal terminology, legal research, and procedures. It also has directories of courts and legal assistance organizations.

Solitary Watch

PO Box 11374, Washington, D.C. 20008
info@solitarywatch.org

Solitary Watch works to expose and oppose the use of solitary confinement in U.S. prisons and jails.

Political Advocacy

Amnesty International, U.S.A.

311 W 43rd St., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10036
212-807-8400
aimember@aiusa.org

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement working for international protection of human rights. It seeks the release of prisoners of conscience, and advocates for fair trial for political prisoners.

Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE)

P.O. Box 2310, National Capitol Station,
Washington, D.C. 20013-2310
202-789-2126

Organizes prisoners, their families, and other concerned citizens to achieve reforms in the criminal justice system.

Social Services and Counseling

Fortune Society

29-76 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City,
NY 11101
212-691-7554
info@fortunesociety.org

Ex-offender self-help program offering general counseling, HIV/AIDS programming, court advocacy, public education, alternative to incarceration services, housing placement assistance, career development, treatment services, also targets at-risk youth.

Just Detention International

213-384-1400 (collect calls accepted)
info@justdetention.org

Find local resources:

<https://justdetention.org/resources/survivor-resources/find-local-services>

Legal mail address for incarcerated individuals:

Cynthia Totten, Esq.
CA Attorney Reg. #199266
3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340
Los Angeles, CA 90010

JDI is a health and human rights organization that seeks to end sexual abuse in all forms of detention. JDI's Resource Guide for Survivors of Rape Behind Bars lists legal and psychological counseling resources for survivors who are still incarcerated, those who have been released, and loved ones on the outside. JDI's Survivor Speakers List gives survivors a chance to work with journalists and policymakers to tell their story. Finally, the JDI website features stories from survivors and information for family members, while a listserv provides news reports and opportunities for activism.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – National Prison Project

4805 Mt. Hope Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215
410-580-5777

The National Prison Project's mission is to being rehabilitation upon incarceration through various life skills programs. Availability varies by state.

Project Lets

401-400-2905
info@projectlets.org

Project Lets specializes in building just, responsive, and transformative peer support collectives and community mental health care structures that do not depend on state-sanctioned systems that trap our folks in the medical/prison-industrial complex.

TGI Justice Project

370 Turk St #370, San Francisco, CA 94102
415-554-8491
info@tgijp.org

TGI Justice Project is a group of transgender, gender-variant, and intersex people, inside and outside of prisons, jails, and detention centers, creating a united family in the struggle for survival and freedom

Family Resources

*We cannot find information on how they treat the LGBTQ+ community

Project Avary

P.O. Box 150088, San Rafael, CA 94915
415-457-8799
<https://www.projectavary.org>

Helps children heal from the impacts of having a parent in prison. They do this by surrounding youth with a long-term, supportive community of peer and adult mentors and by empowering them with leadership development skills so they can break free from generational cycles of trauma and incarceration.

Forever Family

P.O. Box 89308, Atlanta, GA 30312
404-223-1200
mharris@foreverfam.org
<https://www.foreverfam.org>

Focuses on providing services to children with incarcerated parents and their families.

Friends Outside

P.O. Box 4085, Stockton, CA 95204
209-955-0701
<http://www.friendsoutside.org>

Provides services to incarcerated and reentering people, their families, and communities.

HIV/AIDS and Health Resources

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

To order publications:
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Rd, Atlanta, GA 30333
1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636)

The CDC is a government agency that works with national, state, and local organizations to conduct research, publish findings, and develop programs to promote health and well-being. The CDC publishes information on policy, prevention, surveillance, co-infection, and testing among other topics.

National Commission on Correctional Health Care

1145 W. Diversey Pkwy, Chicago, IL 60614
773-880-1460
info@ncchc.org

Publishes standards for health services for jails, prisons, and juvenile confinement facilities, develops programs for training correctional and health care personnel, acts as a clearinghouse on correctional health care, conducts research on selected aspects of correctional health care.

National Minority AIDS Council—Prison Initiative

1931 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009
202-483-6622
communications@nmac.org

The Prison Initiative's HIV/AIDS education, technical assistance, and national advocacy programs publish materials for inmates, care providers, and case managers. Inmates may also access a Resource List for HIV and Corrections, updated bimonthly.

POZ

Smart + Strong, 157 Columbus Ave, Suite 525,
New York, NY 10023-6082
General Phone: 212-242-2163
Magazine Single Subscription Phone: 800-973-2376

POZ is a magazine about the HIV epidemic, including profiles and updates on treatment. It is published in English and Spanish and is free for people who cannot afford it.