

## WOMEN ORGANIZED TO RESPOND TO LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES

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Oakland CA 94612  
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*Publishes a quarterly newsletter that includes a cover story of an inspiring woman living with HIV, treatment information and advocacy tips. Send for information and referrals on AIDS and other life threatening diseases.*

## WOMEN'S PRISON BOOK PROJECT

c/o Boneshaker Books  
2002 23rd Ave S  
Minneapolis MN 55404  
[www.wpbp.org](http://www.wpbp.org)

*Free books and reading materials to women and transgendered folks incarcerated in state and federal facilities. Serves all US states except CA, CT, FL, IL, IN, MA, MI, MS, OH, OR, and PA.*

## Fighting Book Denials

If books or literature that were mailed to you were then denied by TDCJ, we recommend that you contest the denial.

According to a 1/31/10 article in the *Austin American Statesman*, book denials by mailrooms in TDCJ are reviewed by the Directors Review Committee. They are then usually turned over to two "program specialists" - Tammy Shelby and Jennifer Smith.

Pages cited by the mailroom as inappropriate are reviewed and then, if denied, the book goes on a banned book list PERMANENTLY (unless a policy change merits a review). This means that the book or literature will be denied to anyone else in the TDCJ that requests that book in the future.

MANY BOOKS ARE BANNED SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT APPEALED, AND THEN THE BOOKS ARE PERMANENTLY BANNED THROUGHOUT THE TDCJ. We encourage you to contest your book or publication denials not only for your own benefit, but for the benefit of future inmates who may request the same title.

If you are in a Federal Unit in Texas, your book denial may be easier to challenge and prevent from being banned. According to Federal prison policy, "when a publication is found unacceptable...the warden shall permit the inmate an opportunity to review this material for purposes of filing an appeal."

To contest book and publication denials, write to:

Ombudsman Coordinator  
PO Box 99  
Huntsville TX 77342-0099  
(936) 437-8035  
Fax : (936) 437-8067  
[ombudsman@tdcj.state.tx.us](mailto:ombudsman@tdcj.state.tx.us)

To report censorship and other abuses in TDCJ, write to:  
Texas Civil Rights Project  
c/o The Michael Tigar Human Rights Center  
1405 Montopolis Drive  
Austin TX 78741-3436  
(512) 474-5073  
[questions@texascivilrightsproject.org](mailto:questions@texascivilrightsproject.org)

## INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT RESOURCE GUIDE



## INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT

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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](http://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/](http://insidebooksproject.org/donate/)

## Resources For Women

### 2000 ROSES FOUNDATION INC.

P.O. Box 227015  
Dallas TX 75222-7015  
(214) 941-1333  
[2000roses.org](http://2000roses.org)  
*Provides safe transitional housing, education, job training and entrepreneurial skills to help women live successfully after incarceration.*

### BATTERED WOMEN'S JUSTICE PROJECT

c/o BWJP Defense Office  
125 South 9th Street, Suite 302  
Philadelphia PA 19107  
[www.bwjp.org](http://www.bwjp.org)  
*Provides assistance and information to battered women charged with crimes and to their defense teams. Free newsletter. Does not offer direct legal representation.*

### CHICAGO BOOKS TO WOMEN IN PRISON

PO Box 14778  
Chicago IL 60614  
[chicagobwp.org](http://chicagobwp.org)  
*Sends free reading material to female inmates in IL, IN, OH, MS, CT, AZ, KY, FL and CA. Does not send to Texas inmates.*

### FAMILIES UNITED FOR RACIAL + ECONOMIC EQUALITY (FUREE)

81 Willoughby Street #701  
Brooklyn NY 11201  
(718) 852-2960  
[www.furee.org](http://www.furee.org)  
*Brooklyn-based multiracial organization made up of almost exclusively women of color. Organizes low-income families to build power to change the system so that all people's work is valued.*

### FUERZA UNIDA

710 New Laredo Hwy  
San Antonio TX 78211

(210) 927-2294  
[www.lafuerzaunida.org](http://www.lafuerzaunida.org)  
*Women's group that helps families achieve justice through education, organizing, and advocacy.*

### HASTING'S WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL

U.C. Hastings College of the Law  
200 McAllister Street  
San Francisco CA 94102-4707  
hwljsubmissions@gmail.com  
[hastingswomenslj.org](http://hastingswomenslj.org)  
*Seeking submissions from women in prison about their experiences.*

### JUSTICE NOW

1322 Webster Street, Suite 210  
Oakland CA 94612  
[www.jnow.org](http://www.jnow.org)  
*Justice Now is the first teaching law clinic in the country solely focused on the needs of women prisoners. Interns and staff provide legal services in areas of need identified by women prisoners, including:*

- *compassionate release*
- *healthcare access*
- *defense of parental rights*
- *sentencing mitigation*
- *placement in community-based programs*

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

c/o V. Law - Black Star Publishing  
PO Box 20388  
Tompkins Square Station  
New York NY 10009  
*Zine by female inmates. \$3 per zine, back issues available.*

### WOMEN AND PRISON

Beyondmedia Education  
4001 N. Ravenswood Ave. Suite 204-B  
Chicago IL 60613  
[www.womenandprison.org](http://www.womenandprison.org)  
*Online publisher covering issue of women in prison. Write for submission guidelines.*

Plainfield IN 46168

[www.isna.net](http://www.isna.net)

*Sends Qurans and other introductory books on Islamic study to prison libraries and inmates. Ability to send books depends on your prison's policies. No catalog available, but write in to receive books.*

#### **JEWISH PRISONER SERVICES INTERNATIONAL**

PO Box 85840

Seattle WA 98145-1840

(206) 528-0363

[jpsi.org](http://jpsi.org)

*Provides educational, religious, cultural and spiritual resources to Jewish inmates, releasees, and their families, including free Torahs, prayer books, and other Jewish literature.*

#### **MIRACLES PRISONER MINISTRY**

501 East Adams Street

Wisconsin Dells WI 53965

(608) 253-9598

*Offers a 12-step Spiritual Recovery Correspondence Course. Year-long program of study, minimum commitment of 60 days required. Workbooks supplied at no cost. Course may be taken by prisoners or friends and family of prisoners.*

#### **MT. ZION BIBLE BOOKSTORE**

2603 W. Wright St.

Pensacola FL 32505

*Religious books.*

#### **NALJOR PRISON DHARMA SERVICE**

[naljorprisondharma.org/](http://naljorprisondharma.org/prisonerservice.htm)

[prisonerservice.htm](http://prisonerservice.htm)

*A project of SourcePoint Global Outreach. Provides services and resource materials to men and women in prison throughout the United States and to numerous prison outreach organizations. Provides the following resources available online only:*

- *The Heart of Dharma Collection (a selection of 10 precious Buddhist*

*Dharma teachings)*

- *Glossary of Buddhist Terms*
- *29-page Resource Directory for Prisoners offering spiritual resources for prisoners*

#### **PAN AMERICAN LITERATURE MISSION**

5215 East Fort Lowell Road

Tucson AZ 85712

*Free Bible correspondence courses and Bibles to prisoners.*

#### **SET FREE PRISON MINISTRIES**

P.O. Box 5440

Riverside CA 92517

[spiritualfreedom-setfree.org](http://spiritualfreedom-setfree.org)

*Christian faith-based, non-profit ministry offers bible correspondence courses.*

#### **SHALOM CENTER**

6711 Lincoln Drive

Philadelphia PA 19119

(215) 844-8494

[theshalomcenter.org](http://theshalomcenter.org)

*Jewish organization dedicated to promoting peace and justice.*

#### **ST. DISMAS GUILD**

PO Box 2129

Escondido CA 92033

[stdismasguild.org](http://stdismasguild.org)

*Free newsletter and Catholic literature.*

#### **WORLDWIDE VOICE IN THE**

**WILDERNESS**

PO Box 740273

Dallas TX 75374

(972) 234-6009

info@wviw.com

[www.wviw.com](http://www.wviw.com)

*Self-help support group, marriage seminar, information, mentoring, religious ministry, and family counseling.*

### **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 this 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](http://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](http://www.jpp.org)

*Prisoners and former prisoners may submit papers, collaborative essays, interviews, book reviews, and photo or graphic essays. No fiction or poetry.*

**MURIEL RUKEYSER POETRY WALL**

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

*"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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.*

**AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE**

1501 Cherry Street  
 Philadelphia, PA 19102  
 (215) 241-7000  
[www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org)

*Quaker group that works on non-violence issues, including prison reform. Chapters around the U.S.*

**AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE**

PO Box 705  
 New York, NY 10150  
 (212)751-4000  
[www.ajc.org](http://www.ajc.org)

**CATHOLIC HOME STUDY SERVICE**

PO Box 363  
 Perryville, MO 63775  
[www.amm.org](http://www.amm.org)

*Offers Catholic study courses.*

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

(888) 537-7111

*Call to request a free Book of Mormon.*

**CROSSROADS BIBLE INSTITUTE**

PO Box 900  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49509-0900  
 (800) 668-2450  
[cbi.fm](http://cbi.fm)

*Offers bible correspondence courses free of charge to inmates. Offers reentry program to connect with local resources.*

**ENGAGED ZEN FOUNDATION**

PO Box 213  
 Sedwick, ME 04676-0213  
[www.engaged-zen.org](http://www.engaged-zen.org)

*Free Zen Buddhist resources.*

**GASSHO NEWSLETTER**

Attn: Gassho  
 1167-C Zonolite Place  
 Atlanta GA 30306  
[www.aszc.org](http://www.aszc.org)

*A free publication created by and written for incarcerated sangha practitioners. Articles discuss prison life and the practice of Buddhism for those serving time. Each issue is produced in conjunction with the Atlanta Soto Zen Center. Inmates may write and request to be on the mailing list. Also, we welcome questions, articles, artwork, etc. from prisoners for publication.*

**HUMAN KINDNESS FOUNDATION**

PO Box 61619  
 Durham, NC 27715  
 (919) 383-5160

[www.humankindness.org](http://www.humankindness.org)

*Publishes the book "We're All Doing Time: a Guide for Getting Free" an interfaith publication dedicated to obtaining personal and spiritual freedom. Book is offered free to any prisoner - English and Spanish versions available. Write for free copy.*

**INTERNATIONAL PRISON MINISTRY**

P.O Box 2868  
 Costa Mesa CA 92628-2868  
 (800) 527-1212

[www.chaplainray.com](http://www.chaplainray.com)

*Bibles, concordances, and other Christian literature free to inmates.*

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS**

Los Angeles ISKCON  
 3764 Watseka Avenue  
 Los Angeles CA 90034-4000  
[iskcon.org](http://iskcon.org)

*Free books on Krishna consciousness.*

**ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF NORTH TEXAS (IANT)**

840 Abrams Road  
 Richardson TX 75081  
[www.iant.com](http://www.iant.com)

*Sends Qurans and pamphlets on Islamic study to inmates and prison libraries.*

**ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA**

PO Box 38

Offers discounted magazine subscriptions to inmates.

#### **JUSTICE DENIED**

PO Box 68911  
Seattle, WA 98168  
[justicedenied.org](http://justicedenied.org)

Reasonably priced books on prison issues. Publishes an online magazine (and accepts written submissions) about issues relating to wrongful conviction. Write for a catalog.

#### **PAPERBACK SWAP N SHOP**

1111 Fm 517 Rd E  
Dickinson TX 77539  
(281) 534-3370  
[paperbackswapnshop.com](http://paperbackswapnshop.com)

Purchase a "grab bag" of used paperbacks for an inmate, 30 books for \$34. Order by phone, online, or in person. Mails to Texas prisons.

#### **PRISON ACTION NEWS**

For subscriptions, write to:

Boston ABC  
PO Box 230182  
Boston, MA 02123  
[bostonabc@riseup.net](mailto:bostonabc@riseup.net)

Send submissions to:  
PAN

Po Box 832  
Watertown MA 02472  
[prisonactionnews@riseup.net](mailto:prisonactionnews@riseup.net)  
Prisoner resistance reports from around world. Published twice a year.

#### **PRISON LEGAL NEWS**

P.O. Box 2420  
West Brattleboro, VT 05303  
(802) 257-1342  
[www.prisonlegalnews.org](http://www.prisonlegalnews.org)

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

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

[www.prisongrievances.com](http://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  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
[www.solitarywatch.com](http://www.solitarywatch.com)

Information, advocacy, and resources relating to solitary confinement. Publishes a quarterly print edition available for download from the website and available in print by writing the address above.

#### **SOUTH END PRESS**

PO Box 382132  
Cambridge MA 02238  
[www.southendpress.org](http://www.southendpress.org)  
Radical books, 50% discount for prisoners. Write for catalog.

#### **TEXAS PRISON BOOKSTORE**

1301 Dupont Drive  
Orange, Texas 77630  
(409) 232-0032  
[texasprisonbookstore@yahoo.com](mailto:texasprisonbookstore@yahoo.com)  
[www.texasprisonbookstore.com](http://www.texasprisonbookstore.com)  
TDCJ approved bookstore that sells and sends books to Texas inmates.

### **Religious + Spiritual**

#### **ALEPH INSTITUTE**

9540 Collins Avenue  
Surfside FL 33154  
(305) 864-5553  
[aleph-institute.org](http://aleph-institute.org)  
Offers Jewish religious instruction to prisoners, religious articles, correspondence courses, and counseling.

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

#### **APPALACHIAN PRISON BOOK PROJECT**

PO Box 601  
Morgantown WV 26507  
[aprisoonbookproject.wordpress.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.prisonmindfulness.org)  
[www.prisondharma.net](http://www.prisondharma.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  
[prisonerexpress.org](http://prisonerexpress.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](http://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](mailto:info@providencebtb.org)  
[www.providencebtb.org](http://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

*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](http://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**

**AK PRESS**

674- A 23rd Street  
Oakland, CA 94612  
(510) 208-1700  
[www.akpress.org](http://www.akpress.org)  
*Publisher of anarchist books. 30% discount for prisoners. Send 3 stamps for catalog.*

**BIDDLE PUBLISHING COMPANY**

PO Box 732  
Southeastern, PA 19399-0732  
(610) 213-3735  
[www.biddle-audenreed.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.*

**FORTUNE NEWS**

Attn.: Fortune News Subscriptions  
29-76 Northern Blvd.  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
[fortunesociety.org](http://fortunesociety.org)  
*Free newsletter on criminal justice issues. Parent organization - The Fortune Society - offers extensive prisoner support to inmates in New York City area.*

**INMATE MAGAZINE SERVICE, INC.**

PO Box 2063  
Fort Walton Beach FL 32549  
(855) 936-4674 - toll free  
[inmatemagazineservice.com](http://inmatemagazineservice.com)

[www.dav.org](http://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

*Legal aid for cases involving civil rights violations related to disability.*

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH**

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

[www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org)

*Conducts investigations into human rights abuses and publicizes findings in local and international media.*

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

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

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

[readbetweenthebars.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://deathpenaltyinfo.org)

*Analysis and information on issues concerning capital punishment. Does not offer legal service.*

#### **DEATH ROW INMATE PROJECT**

[deathrowinmate.org](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.windhamschooldistrict.org)  
*Windham School District (WSD) provides academic and vocational education to eligible offenders incarcerated within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).*

### **AMACHI TEXAS**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas  
1400 Tillery Street

## **Family Resources**

*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](http://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  
Toxic issues, Agent Orange, Gulf War Syndrome, etc.: (800) 749-8387

[www.va.gov](http://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](http://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 Eckhart Road, Rm. 2A112  
San Antonio, TX 78240  
(210) 699-5064



(866) 938-4444

[www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdbs/wdbmap.html](http://www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdbs/wdbmap.html)

Online directory to 28 local workforce development boards for job search resources, training programs, 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.friendsbeyondthewall.com)

Pen pal listings since 1999. \$40 per year

with extra services.

### MEET-AN-INMATE

P.O. Box 1342

Pendleton, Oregon 97801

[www.meet-an-inmate.com](http://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](http://www.outlawsonline.com)

Send for brochure listing prices for paid pen pal ads.

### PRISON PEN PALS

P. O. Box 235

East Berlin, PA 17316-0235

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

Austin TX 78721

(512) 472-5437

[www.amachi-texas.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:contactus@efa.org)

[www.epilepsyfoundation.org](http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org)

Advocacy organization for those living with epilepsy.

### HCV ADVOCATE

PO Box 427037  
San Francisco CA 94142  
[hcvadvocate.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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

320 First St. NW room 5002

Washington DC 20534

(202) 307-3198

[www.bop.gov/inmate\\_programs/emp\\_info\\_handbk.pdf](http://www.bop.gov/inmate_programs/emp_info_handbk.pdf)

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

### EXODUS MINISTRIES INC.

4630 Munger Avenue, Suite 110  
Dallas TX 75204  
(214) 827-3772

Provides a 20-unit apartment building for reentering mothers with child custody. 9-month program includes job, personal and financial counseling, and child care.

### GALAXY COUNSELING CENTER

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/](http://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](http://csgjusticecenter.org/reentry/reentry-service-directories)

### SALVATION ARMY

6500 Harry Hines Blvd  
Dallas TX 75235  
(214) 956-6000  
[salvationarmytexas.org](http://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](http://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](http://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

*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](http://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](mailto:info@ifge.org)  
[ifge.org](http://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](http://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@prisonerconcordenceproject.com](mailto:info@prisonerconcordenceproject.com)  
[www.prisonerconcordenceproject.com](http://www.prisonerconcordenceproject.com)  
*Resource program for lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender inmates.*

#### **SINISTER WISDOM INC**

PO Box 3252  
Berkeley CA 94703

[www.sinisterwisdom.org](http://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](mailto:info@srlp.org)  
[srlp.org](http://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 (TGJJP)**

342 9th Street, Suite 202B  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
(415) 252-1444  
[www.tgjip.org](http://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

[www.nami.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:nbazargan@fight.org)  
[fight.org/fight-programs/institute-for-community-justice/prison-health-news/](http://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  
Bollinas, CA 94924  
[givebackyoga.org/shop/prison-yoga-project-a-path-for-healing-and-recovery](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@saa-recovery.org)  
[saa-recovery.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.tmb.state.tx.us)

Investigates medical malpractice reports.

## Immigration Resources

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW (EOIR)

[www.justice.gov/eoir/index.html](http://www.justice.gov/eoir/index.html)

Dallas Office:

1100 Commerce St #404

Dallas TX 75202

(214) 767-1814

El Paso Office:

700 E. San Antonio Avenue

Suite 750

El Paso, TX 79901

(915) 534-6020

Houston Office:

Continental Center II

600 Jefferson, Suite 900

Houston, TX 77002

(713) 718-3870

San Antonio Office:

800 Dolorosa Street, Suite 300

San Antonio, TX 78207

(210) 472-6637

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

### IMMIGRATION DETENTION JUSTICE CENTER

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

*research, and articles.*

### SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER

400 Washington Ave.

Montgomery AL 36104

(334) 956-8200

[splcenter.org](http://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](http://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.vlsoc.org](http://www.vlsoc.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](http://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](http://www.gaybuddhist.org)

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](http://www.texasbar.com/referraldirectory)

#### **LONE STAR LEGAL AID**

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

- **BRIEF WRITING AND ORAL ARGUMENT**

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](http://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,

*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](http://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](http://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 crims 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/](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.jailhouselaw.org)

*A resource for prisoners wishing to file a lawsuit regarding prison conditions and/or staff abuse. Write to request a copy, 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/](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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*