

BLACK & PINK- PRISON RESOURCE LIST

THIS LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS OFFERS RESOURCES TO PEOPLE IN PRISON AND IS FOCUSED ON QUEER/TRANS ISSUES AND/OR PRISON ACTIVISM & SURVIVAL RESOURCES IN THE U.S.

BLACK & PINK (B&P)

“Black & Pink is an open family of LGBTQ prisoners and 'free world' allies who support each other. Our work toward the abolition of the prison industrial complex is rooted in the experience of currently and formerly incarcerated people. We are outraged by the specific violence of the prison industrial complex against LGBTQ people, and respond through advocacy, education, direct service, and organizing.” Write for a free subscription to our monthly newspaper. Sign up for our pen pal program and other services through the Newspaper. We offer a limited amount of advocacy for people in prison or formerly incarcerated. Our chapters do local organizing and support.

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Dorchester, MA 02125*

*www.blackandpink.org
members@blackandpink.org*

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU)

“The ACLU is our nation's guardian of liberty, working daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties that the Constitution and laws of the United States guarantee everyone in this country.” Requests for legal assistance will be referred to your local state ACLU affiliates. The ACLU National Prison Project provides Know Your Rights information on Medical, Dental and Mental Health Care; Publications Sent by Mail; and Legal Rights of Disabled Prisoners. The ACLU LGBT & AIDS Project provides resources/information, including LGBT & AIDS Project Cases; ACLU and the History of LGBT Rights & HIV/AIDS; and Transgender People and the Law: Frequently Asked Questions

*National & LGBT Project Address:
125 Broad St, 18th floor
New York NY 10004*

www.aclu.org

www.aclu.org/lgbt-rights

*ACLU National Prison Project
915 15th Street, NW, 7th Floor
Washington, DC 20005*

www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC) PRISON WATCH PROJECT

AFSC offers *Survivors Manual: Surviving in Solitary*, a manual written by and for people living in control units, created by the American Friends Service Committee. Free Copy from AFSC Prison Watch Project. (Also available for \$3 plus \$3.50 shipping at Quaker Books of Friends General Conference, 1216 Arch St. #2B, Philadelphia, PA 19107)

*89 Market Street, 6th floor
Newark, NJ, 07102*

*<http://afscprisonwatch.webs.com>
afscprisonrights@gmail.com*

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CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN PRISONERS (CCWP)

“CCWP is a grassroots social justice organization, with members inside and outside prison, that challenges the institutional violence imposed on women, transgender people, and communities of color by the prison industrial complex (PIC).” CCWP provides support to hundreds of prisoners throughout California and the U.S. through information, resource referrals and policy change advocacy. The Fire Inside is a biannual publication with a circulation of over 3,500 that is dedicated to providing a space for women, transgender & gender non-conforming prisoners and their supporters to communicate with each other and the public about the issues and experiences they face through articles, art and poetry. Note: CCWP focuses on work with women and transgender people in California, but provides referrals and Fire Inside subscriptions to people nationwide.

1540 Market St. Suite 490
San Francisco, CA 94102

<http://womenprisoners.org>
info@womenprisoners.org

CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS (CCR)

“The Center for Constitutional Rights is dedicated to advancing and protecting the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights....CCR receives hundreds of inquiries each week and can no longer accept public requests for legal assistance.” Prisoners can order a free copy of *The Jailhouse Lawyer's Handbook: How to Bring a Federal Lawsuit to Challenge Violations of Your Rights in Prison*.

Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook
c/o The Center for Constitutional Rights
666 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10012

<http://ccrjustice.org>

EAST BAY PRISONER SUPPORT (EBPS)

“East Bay Prisoner Support [is] an explicitly anarchist and anti-prison group. We work on prisoner solidarity and resistance to the repressive police state. Our primary projects include distributing anarchist, anti-capitalist and anti-civilization literature to prisoners, facilitating letter writing... and fundraising for prisoners who are a part of the struggle against all forms of domination.” Zines are sent to CA, AZ, NM, TX, UT, and NV, and to queer, trans, and women prisoners in any state. Everything sent to prisoners is free of charge.

PO Box 22449
Oakland CA, 94609

<http://eastbayprisonersupport.wordpress.com>
EBPS@riseup.net

GAY AND LESBIAN ADVOCATES AND DEFENDERS (GLAD)

“Through strategic litigation, public policy advocacy, and education, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders works in New England and nationally to create a just society free of discrimination based on gender identity and expression, HIV status, and sexual orientation.”GLAD can provide Know Your Rights information, and help with questions about your legal rights related to your sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV status.

30 Winter Street, STE 800
Boston, MA 02108

www.glad.org/work/education
gladlaw@glad.org

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THE GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO: T.I.P. JOURNAL

The GIC of Colorado “provide[s] support for all gender identities and expressions through direct services and social change utilizing empowerment, identity affirmation, outreach, education, advocacy, creating safe spaces and a sense of community. The Gender Identity Center of Colorado's “Transgenders in Prison” (T.I.P) Journal is published as a show of support for those who are currently incarcerated and often affected by abuse within the prison system. This Journal is free to all prisoners who request it.”

*1151 S Hurron St
Denver CO 80223*

*www.gicofcolo.org/tip
info@gicofcolo.org*

HEARTS ON A WIRE

“We are trans and gender variant people building a movement for gender self-determination, racial and economic justice, and an end to policing and imprisoning our communities.” Free Zine 'Hearts on a Wire' goes out seasonally, to transgender and gender variant prisoners in Pennsylvania only.

*1315 Spruce St.
Philadelphia PA 19107*

*www.facebook.com/HeartsOnAWire
heartsonawire@gmail.com*

INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT

Inside Books Project is an Austin-based community service volunteer organization. Their Resource Guide is sent nationwide, and book packages are sent to state and federal prisoners in Texas. Inside Books has an LGBTQ/Gender Studies section in their library.

*Inside Books Project c/o 12th Street Books
827 West 12th Street
Austin, Texas 78701*

*<http://insidebooksproject.org>
insidebooksproject@gmail.com*

JUST DETENTION INTERNATIONAL (JDI) (FORMERLY ‘STOP PRISON RAPE’)

“Just Detention International is a health and human rights organization that seeks to end sexual abuse in all forms of detention.” Write for a free support packet for survivors of sexual abuse in prison/detention. Prisoners can write confidential/legal mail to Cynthia Totten, Esq. CA Attorney Reg. #199266

*3325 Wilshire Blvd Suite 340
Los Angeles CA 90010*

*www.justdetention.org
info@justdetention.org*

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LAMBDA LEGAL

“Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.” Lambda Legal’s Help Desk provides information and assistance regarding discrimination related to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and HIV status. While we are not able to take every case, the Help Desk will discuss your legal issue with you, and will provide useful information.

*120 Wall Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10005-3919
phone 866-542-8336, 212-809-8585*

*www.lambdalegal.org
members@lambdalegal.org*

LGBT BOOKS TO PRISONERS PROJECT c/o RAINBOW BOOK COOPERATIVE

People in prison can receive free books (will try to provide the kind of book requested, not specific titles), including copies of the Against Equality series: Prisons Will Not Protect You, Don't Ask to Fight Their Wars, and Queer Critiques of Gay Marriage. Write for your free copy (not available for prisoners in Texas at this time).

*426 W. Gilman Street
Madison, WI 53703*

*http://lgbtbookstoprisoners.org
lgbtbookstoprisoners@gmail.com*

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LESBIAN RIGHTS (NCLR)

"NCLR is a national legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families through litigation, legislation, policy, and public education." Provides free legal assistance to LGBT people and their legal advocates, including information about laws that affect LGBT people and resources for people facing discrimination or other civil rights issues. (They do not provide legal representation or take on cases through the Legal Information Helpline.)

*870 Market St., Ste 370
San Francisco, CA 94102
phone 800.528.6257, 415.392.6257*

*www.nclrights.org/legal-help-resources
Info@NCLRights.org*

THE NETWORK/LA RED (TNLR)

“The Network/La Red is a survivor-led, social justice organization that works to end partner abuse in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, BDSM, polyamorous, and queer communities.” The hotline provides confidential support, information, and referrals to LGBQ/T partner abuse survivors. Write to request information & resources for survivors of partner abuse.

*PO Box 6011
Boston, MA 02114
617-742-4911 (Voice) 617-227-4911 (TTY)*

*http://tnlr.org
community@tnlr.org*

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PEN WRITING PROGRAM FOR PRISONERS

“The PEN Prison Writing Program believes in the restorative, rehabilitative power of writing and provides hundreds of inmates across the country with skilled writing teachers and audiences for their work.” Free 'Handbook for Writers in Prison'. PEN sends a booklet with tips on writing. The book also contains helpful resources such as free books and education programs.

*PEN American Center
588 Broadway, Suite 303
New York, NY 10012*

*<http://pen.org/prison-writing>
prisonwriting@pen.org*

POZ MAGAZINE

POZ is an award-winning print and online brand for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Free subscription to any HIV+ person that cannot afford it.

*462 Seventh Avenue, 19th floor
New York NY 10018-7424*

www.poz.com

PRISON ACTIVIST RESOURCE CENTER (PARC)

PARC is a prison abolitionist group based on Oakland, California committed to exposing and challenging the institutionalized racism, sexism, ableism, heterosexism, and classism of the Prison Industrial Complex. Offers a 24 page, updated National and State Prison Resource List.

*PO Box 70447
Oakland CA 94612*

*www.prisonactivist.org/resources
prisonactivist@gmail.com*

PRISON BOOK PROGRAMS - C/O LUCY PARSONS BOOKSTORE

Prison Book Programs will send books, including dictionaries, and two of their publications: the *National Prisoner Resources List*, and *We The People Legal Primer* - a popular 40-page legal primer for prisoners, available for free.

*1306 Hancock St, Ste. 100
Quincy MA 02169*

*www.prisonbookprogram.org
info@prisonbookprogram.org*

PRISON LEGAL NEWS (PLN)

PLN, a project of the non-profit Human Rights Defense Center, is a 64-page monthly magazine that reports on criminal justice issues and prison and jail-related civil litigation, with an emphasis on prisoners' rights. A one year subscription is \$30. “Protecting Your Health & Safety: A Litigation Guide for Inmates,” by the Southern Poverty Law Center, a 325-page manual, is available from Prison Legal News for \$16 (\$10 + \$6 shipping/handling). Mail your request and check or money order payable to "Prison Legal News"

*P.O. Box 1151
Lake Worth, FL 33460*

*www.prisonlegalnews.org
info@prisonlegalnews.org*

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PRISONER CORRESPONDENCE PROJECT c/o QPIRG CONCORDIA

“The Prisoner Correspondence Project coordinates a free resource library of zines and pamphlets valuable to gay, lesbian, transsexual, transgender, gendervariant, two-spirit, intersex, bisexual and queer inmates in Canada and the United States. Materials include information regarding safer sex, living with HIV & Hep C, coming out, queer & trans identities, emotional support, legal resources, and more. Write to us to receive a copy of our most recent resource list.”

*1455 de Maisonneuve W. Montreal (QC)
H3G 1M8 Canada*

*www.prisonercorrespondenceproject.com
info@prisonercorrespondenceproject.com*

SEX OFFENDERS RESTORED THROUGH TREATMENT (SORT)

SORT, a chapter of Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE), works on issues of sexual abuse and its prevention, and runs an outreach program for incarcerated abusers and their families. SORT works to promote restoration of people who have sexually offended by establishing alternatives to incarceration; and to foster a sense of community, responsibility, and concern between offenders nationwide through correspondence with people incarcerated for sex offenses and the SORT Newsletter.

*P.O. Box 1022
Norman, OK 73070-1022*

*www.satasort.org
help@satasort.org*

THE SERO PROJECT

“Sero is a network of people with HIV and allies fighting for freedom from stigma and injustice. Sero is particularly focused on ending inappropriate criminal prosecutions of people with HIV for non-disclosure of their HIV status, potential or perceived HIV exposure or HIV transmission. Sero’s HIV criminalization work includes original research, raising public awareness through community education efforts and outreach to people with HIV who have been criminalized to create a network of advocates who can speak first-hand about the effects of criminalization on their lives. By engaging and empowering them to advocate on their own behalf and their compelling personal stories we help build a growing grassroots movement to mobilize the advocacy necessary to end HIV criminalization and promote a human rights-based approach to end the HIV epidemic.” Sero shares resources about HIV criminalization.

*P.O. Box 1233
Milford, PA 18337*

*www.seroproject.com
Info@seroproject.com*

SYLVIA RIVERA LAW PROJECT (SRLP)

“The Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP) works to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence.” SRLP provides direct representation for low income transgender people and transgender people of color in three main areas, one of which is the Prisoner Rights Project, which includes: 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. Pen pal program for incarcerated people in New York who are transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming. Please note: SRLP focuses on work with transgender people in New York State.

*147 W 24th St, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10011*

*<http://srlp.org/our-services>
info@srlp.org*

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TRANSGENDER, GENDER VARIANT, AND INTERSEX JUSTICE PROJECT (TGIJP)

“TGI Justice Project is a group of transgender people—inside and outside of prison—creating a united family in the struggle for survival and freedom. We work in collaboration with others to forge a culture of resistance and resilience to strengthen us for the fight against imprisonment, police violence, racism, poverty, and societal pressures. We seek to create a world rooted in self determination, freedom of expression, and gender justice. Although our agency is focused on providing services to transgender, gender variant/gender-queer, and intersex people in California prisons, prisoners with normative genders from all over the country write us on a daily basis.”
Free Magazine- Stiletto.

*342 9th Street Suite 202B
San Francisco CA 94103*

www.tgijp.org

TENACIOUS

Tenacious is a zine filled with articles, essays, poetry and art by formerly and currently incarcerated women across the US. Their works cover subjects like the health care (or lack of health care) system, being HIV-positive inside prison, trying to get an education while in prison, sexual harassment by prison staff and general prison conditions, and giving up children for adoption. Tenacious is free to women (trans or cis) in prison. Men in prison are asked to send two stamps (or \$1 made out to V. LAW), and \$3 is requested of those on the outside.

*V. Law, PO Box 20388
New York, NY 10009*

*<http://resistancebehindbars.org/node/19>
vikkimL@yahoo.com*

TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE LAW PROJECT (TJLP) OF ILLINOIS, AND THE HIDDEN EXPRESSIONS 'ZINE

“The Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois (TJLP) is a collective of radical lawyers, social workers, activists, and community organizers who are deeply committed to prison abolition, transformative justice, and gender self-determination.... We provide free, zealous, life-affirming, and gender-affirming holistic criminal legal services to low-income and street based transgender and gender non-conforming people targeted by the criminal legal system. We help distribute resources and connect people to their peers, friends, family, allies, advocates, and the larger prison abolition movement.” Please Note: TJLP focuses on working with people in Illinois. Hidden Expressions (a project of TJLP) is an annual ‘zine publication created exclusively with the contributions, wisdom, and creativity of transgender and gender non-conforming people who have been or are currently incarcerated. Includes a resource list. A digital copy is available for free download on our website, and hard copies are distributed nationally.

*4707 N. Broadway Suite 307
Chicago, IL 60640*

*<http://tjlp.org/services>
info@tjlp.org*

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TRANZMISSION PRISON PROJECT

“Tranzmission Prison Project is a volunteer run organization that works to support LGBTQQIA (Lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and a-sexual) prisoners nationwide.” Offers books, zines, information, and resources. (The pen pal program is not running anymore).

*PO Box 1874
Asheville, North Carolina 28802*

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

WINGS BEYOND WALLS

“Wings Beyond Walls seeks to connect incarcerated and hospitalized people who self-identify as having mental health concerns with those beyond the walls that hold them. Any initial letter sent to our mailing address by an inmate or hospitalized patient will be read by our volunteer coordinator in order to find the ideal volunteer match.”

*P.O. Box 7019
Richmond, VA 23221*

*<http://wingsbeyondwalls.wordpress.com>
wbw@mindfulliberation.org*

BOOKS TO PRISONERS & PEN PAL

For Books to Prisoners programs, look in the great resource guides by Inside Books Project, Prison Activist Resource Center, and Prison Books Programs, all listed above. For Pen Pal programs, see the Inside Books Project Resource Guide.

Please send address corrections, updates, or possible additions to the list to:

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