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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.

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# 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.

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# **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:

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

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Inside Books Project is always in need of:

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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.

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# NATIONAL VETERANS LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

c/o Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program PO Box 65762 Washington DC 20035 (202) 265-8305 Pro-bono legal program for veterans denied benefits.

# PRISON ACTIVIST RESOURCE CENTER

PO Box 70447 Oakland, CA 94612 prisonactivist.org

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

#### PROJECT FOR OLDER PRISONERS

c/o Jonathan Turley National Law Center 2000 H Street NW Washington, DC 20052 (202) 994-7001 www.law.gwu.edu/Acade

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

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

# **UC BOOKS TO PRISONERS**

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

# **WISCONSIN BOOKS TO PRISONERS**

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

# **Death Penalty Resources**

# CAMPAIGN TO END THE DEATH PENALTY

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

# CANADIAN COALITION AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

80 Lillington Ave
Toronto Ontario
M1N 3K7 Canada
www.ccadp.org

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

# **CENTURION MINISTRIES**

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

#### COMPASSION

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

# DEATH PENALTY INFORMATION CENTER

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

### **DEATH ROW INMATE PROJECT**

<u>deathrowinmate.org</u> thedriproject@gmail.com

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

#### **DEATH ROW SUPPORT PROJECT**

PO Box 600 Department P

Liberty Mills IN 46946

www.brethren.org/drsp/
Faith-based pen pal services only for Death
Row inmates. Mail from non-Death Row
inmates will not be acknowledged.

# MURDER VICTIMS' FAMILIES FOR RECONCILIATION

405 Morson Street
Raleigh NC 27601

www.mvfr.org
Community led by family members of
murder victims and the executed that
advocates for the repeal of the death
penalty.

# **NATIONAL COALITION TO ABOLISH** THE DEATH PENALTY

2709 S. Lamar Blvd Austin TX 78704 www.ncadp.org

Information, advocates for public policy, mobilizes and supports individuals and institutions for direct action.

# **TEXAS DEFENDER SERVICE**

1927 Blodgett Street Houston Texas 77004 (713) 222-7788 texasdefender.org

Aims to improve the quality of representation afforded to those facing a death sentence and to expose and eradicate the systemic flaws plaguing the Texas death penalty. Provides limited direct representation.

#### **TEXAS MORATORIUM NETWORK**

3616 Far West Blvd, Suite 117, Box 251 Austin Texas 78731 (512) 961-6389 www.texasmoratorium.org Grassroots organization dedicated to advancing legislation to establish a

# **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT CLINIC**

temporary halt on executions in Texas.

School of Law 727 E. Dean Keeton St. Austin TX 78705

www.utexas.edu/law/clinics/capital/ Law students work closely with experienced

attorneys in the representation of indigent defendants charged with or convicted of capital offenses.

# **Education**

### **BLACKSTONE CAREER INSTITUTE**

1011 Brookside Road, Suite 300 P.O. Box 3717 Allentown PA 18106-3717

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

# DISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COUNCIL

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

institutions.

# OHIO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PROGRAM FOR THE INCARCERATED

Ohio University Correctional Education 102 Haning Hall 1 Ohio University Athens OH 45701

Correspondence courses for prisoners. Write for free catalog of courses offered and current prices.

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

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

# WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

# **Family Resources**

### **AMACHI TEXAS**

(TDCJ).

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas 1400 Tillery Street

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

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

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

# **ACLU OF TEXAS**

State Headquarters P.O. Box 8306 Houston, TX 77288-8306 (713) 942-8146 (888) 653-6498 toll free ACLU of Texas - Austin Regional Office P.O. Box 12905 Austin, TX 78711-2905 (512) 478-7300 ACLU of Texas - Brownsville Regional Office P.O. Box 6087 Brownsville, TX 78523-6087 (956) 465-1905 Works in the courts, the legislature, and through public education to protect civil rights and individual liberty. Please do not send legal complaints or request for legal assistance to the above addresses.

# **CRITICAL RESISTANCE**

1904 Franklin Street. Suite 504 Oakland, CA 94612 www.criticalresistance.org

Building an international movement to end the prison industrial complex.

# DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

810 Vermont Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20420 VA Benefits: (800) 827-1000 GI Bill: (888) 442-4551

Health Care Benefits: (877) 222-8387 Mammography Helpline: (888) 492-7844 Toxic issues, Agent Orange, Gulf War Syndrome, etc.: (800) 749-8387

www.va.gov

340 Lockwood Street

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

# **DIRECT ACTION FOR RIGHTS AND EQUALITY**

Providence, RI 02907 (401) 351-6960 www.daretowin.org Organizes low-income families in communities of color for social, economic and political justice. **DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS** 

Waco Regional Office: 1 Veterans Plaza, 701 Clay St. Waco, TX 76799 (254) 299-9932 Houson Regional Office 6900 Almeda Road, Rm. 1033 Houston, TX 77030 (713) 383-2715 San Antonio Contact Office: 5788 Eckhert Road, Rm. 2A112 San Antonio, TX 78240 (210) 699-5064

(866) 938-4444

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

html

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

# Pen Pal Programs

### A CUP OF WATER MINISTRIES

P.O. Box 161759 Ft. Worth, Texas 76161-1759 acupofwaterministries.org

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

# CANADIAN COALITION AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

80 Lillington Ave Toronto Ontario M1N 3K7, Canada www.ccadp.org

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

### **CHRISTIAN PEN PALS**

Attn: Veterans' Ministry PO Box 2112 Statesville NC 28687

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

#### FRIENDS BEYOND THE WALL

Attn: New Ad Orders 2600 South Road, Suite 44-244 Poughkeepsie NY 12601 www.friendsbeyondthewall.com 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

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

### REACHING BEYOND THE WALLS

PO Box 6905

Rutland, VT 05702-6905
michael@reachingbeyondthewalls.com
www.reachingbeyondthewalls.com
Nonprofit, nonreligious. Free Pen Pal listing
on website can include text, pictures, art,
poetry etc. Write for questionnaire, include
SASE.

# **Prisoner Support**

# **ACLU NATIONAL PRISON PROJECT**

915 15th street N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights/
Dedicated to ensuring that U.S. prisons,
jails, and other places of detention comply
with the Constitution, domestic law, and

Austin TX 78721 (512) 472-5437

www.amachi-texas.org

Provides an additional caring adult for children of incarcerated parents or close relatives. Ages 6-16. Serves Travis, Hays, Williamson, McLennan, Burnet and Brazos counties.

# **FAMILY & CORRECTIONS NETWORK**

93 Old York Road Suite 1 #510 Jenkintown PA 19046 www.fcnetwork.org

Provides ways for those concerned with families of the incarcerated to share information and experiences in an atmosphere of mutual respect. Offers an email list and many online resources.

# FAMILIES AGAINST MANDATORY MINIMUMS

1100 H Street NW Washington DC 20005 (202) 822-6700

Gathers data from inmates sentenced to mandatory minimum sentences. To submit a case for profiling, send written summary. Hundreds received, few used, but everyone receives email newsletter.

# GIRL SCOUTS BEYOND BARS (CENTRAL TEXAS)

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

Program allows incarcerated mothers and their daughters to spend positive time together to break the incarceration cycle and enhance the bond between mother and daughter during incarceration.

# MOTHERS (FATHERS) FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SOCIAL SYSTEMS

3737 Atlanta Street, Dallas, TX 75215 (214) 421-0303 massjab.org MASS Inc. has helped people being released from prison readjust to life without bars and providing support for the children and families of adult offenders at high risk for substance abuse, medical or emotional disorders and poverty.

# PRISONTALK ONLINE

Houston TX 77273-0151
<a href="mailto:prisontalk.com">prisontalk.com</a>
support@prisontalk.com
Free online forum for prisoners and their families.

# **TEXAS ADVOCACY PROJECT**

PO Box 833

PO Box 73151

Austin TX 78767-0833

(512) 476-5377

Family Violence Legal Line:

(800) 374-4673

Family Law Hotline:

(800) 777-3247

Sexual Assault Legal Hotline:

(800) 296-7233

texasadvocacyproject.org

Non profit organization working directly with victims, shelters, law enforcement agencies and courts across Texas to deliver effective legal services to Texans in need.

# **TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COALITION**

1714 Fortview Road, Suite 104
Austin, Texas 78704
(512) 441-8123
info@texascjc.org
www.texascjc.org

Policy advocacy organization which addresses problems with Texas criminal justice through networking with associations and individuals. Does not provide legal assistance to inmates.

# TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION (TIFA)

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

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

# **Health Resources**

# AN END TO SILENCE

victims.

The Washington College of Law 4801 Massachusetts Ave NW 50th Street Bldg. Washington, DC 20016 (202) 274-4385 www.wcl.american.edu/endsilence National group working to end rape in prison. Also has legal resources for rape

The Project on Addressing Prison Rape

# CENTER FOR HEALTH JUSTICE

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

# **EPILEPSY FOUNDATION**

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

### **HCV ADVOCATE**

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

inmates. \$12/yr. subscription.

# JUST DETENTION INTERNATIONAL

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

www.justdetention.org

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

### MIND FREEDOM INTERNATIONAL

454 Willamette, Suite 216 PO Box 11284 Eugene, OR 97440-3484 (877) 623-7743 www.mindfreedom.org Advocates for rights of people with mental disabilities. No direct medical or legal aid offered. Information and advocacy resources available.

# NATIONAL ADVOCATES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

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

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

# **NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS**

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

320 First St. NW room 5002 Washington DC 20534 (202) 307-3198

www.bop.gov/inmate programs/emp info handbk.pdf

Handbook sists employers who hire exoffenders and federal programs to help exoffenders, 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 exoffenders including:

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

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

# THE NATIONAL REENTRY RESOURCE **CENTER**

100 Wall Street, 20th Floor New York, NY 10005 (877) 332-1719

csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/

Does not offer direct services to individuals. Offers online resources for individuals returning home including an online resource listing reentry services, categorized by state: csgjusticecenter.org/reentry/reentry-

service-directories

#### SALVATION ARMY

6500 Harry Hines Blvd Dallas TX 75235 (214) 956-6000 salvationarmytexas.org

Regularly updated listing of halfway houses, a free residential rehabilitation center, and Bible correspondence course for prisoners.

# TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF GOODWILLS

12400 Highway 71 West Suite 350 PMB #174 Austin TX 78738 (512) 263.8920

www.texasgoodwills.org

Walk-in job placement centers in many locations across Texas. Send a letter requesting a list of locations at the above address or look to website.

#### **TEXAS RE-ENTRY SERVICES**

1408 Saint Louis Avenue Fort Worth, TX 76104 (817) 834-2833 www.txrs.org

Provides ex-offenders in Tarrant County with opportunities and means to become productive, contributing members of society. Offers a wide range of client services in order to better prepare ex-offenders for their reintroduction into society.

#### TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

**Labor Market Information Department** 

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

# **HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN**

1640 Rhode Island Ave. N.W. Washington, DC 20036-3278 202-628-4160 (800) 777-4723 www.hrc.org

Working for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender equal rights.

# INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION

P.O. Box 540229 Waltham, MA 02454-0229 (781) 894-8340 (781) 899-2212 info@ifge.org ifge.org

Resources, books to promote understanding and acceptance of all sexual orientations.

# NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRANSGENDER EQUALITY

1325 Massachussetts Ave. NW, Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 903-0112 <a href="mailto:transequality.org">transequality.org</a>

Dedicated to advancing the equality of transgender people through advacacy, collaboration and empowerment.

# PRISONER CORRESPONDENCE PROJECT

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

# SINISTER WISDOM INC

PO Box 3252 Berkeley CA 94703 www.sinisterwisdom.org

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

### SYLVIA RIVERA LAW PROJECT

147 W 24th St, 5th Floor New York NY 10011 (212) 337-8550 info@srlp.org

srlp.org

Provides direct representation for low income transgender people and transgender people of color, including a "Prisoner Rights Project" that assists with the following areas:

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

# TRANSGENDER, GENDER VARIANT & INTERSEX JUSTICE PROJECT (TGIJP)

342 9th Street, Suite 202B San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 252-1444 www.tqiip.orq

Offers advice and resources to transgender people. Also offeres 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

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

### **POSITIVELY AWARE**

Attention: PA 5537 North Broadway Chicago, IL 60640 www.positivelyaware.com

National magazine on HIV/AIDS. Covers treatment, social issues, financial, and legal matters. Free subscriptions to HIV-positive individuals. Issues can also be downloaded from website.

# PRISM OPTICAL PO Box 680030

North Miami FL 33168

www.prismoptical.com

Providers of affordable eye-wear to prisoners nationwide. Write for catalog.

#### **PRISON HEALTH NEWS**

c/o Philadelphia FIGHT 1233 Locust St., 5th floor Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 985-4448 nbazargan@fight.org fight.org/fight-programs/institute-for-

community-justice/prison-health-news/ Quarterly newsletter for prisoners - write in to be added to newsletter list.

# PRISON YOGA PROJECT: A PATH FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY

P.O. Box 415 Bolinas, CA 94924

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

# RAPE, ABUSE AND INCEST NATIONAL NETWORK (RAINN)

2000 L Street NW Suite 406 Washington DC 20036 National sexual assault hotline: (800) 656-4673 www.rainn.org

Works to prevent sexual assault, help victims, and bring rapists to justice.

### **SEX ADDICTS ANONYMOUS**

PO Box 70949 Houston TX 77270 (800) 477-8191 info@saa-recovery.org saa-recovery.org

Spiritual program based on the principles and traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

# **SURVIVORS OF INCEST ANONYMOUS**

World Service Office PO Box 190 Benson, MD 21018 www.siawso.org

Organization for sexual abuse survivors using the 12 step method. Free literature.

# TEXAS ASSOCIATION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

6200 La Calma Drive, Suite 110

Austin, TX 78752 Office: (512) 474-7190 Toll-free 24-hour Hotline: (800) 656-4679 www.taasa.org

Founded to assist sexual assault survivors and to create a Texas free from sexual violence. Connects survivors to rape crisis centers around Texas.

### **TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD**

Attention: Investigations P.O. Box 2018 Austin, TX 78768-2018 (512) 305-7100 www.tmb.state.tx.us Investigates medical malpractice reports.

# **Immigration Resources**

# EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW (EOIR)

www.justice.gov/eoir/index.html

Dallas Office:

1100 Commerce St #404

Dallas TX 75202

(214) 767-1814

El Paso Office:

700 E. San Antonio Avenue

Suite 750

El Paso, TX 79901

(915) 534-6020

Houston Office:

Continental Center II

600 Jefferson, Suite 900

Houston, TX 77002

(713) 718-3870

San Antonio Office:

800 Dolorosa Street, Suite 300

San Antonio, TX 78207

(210) 472-6637

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

# IMMIGRATION DETENTION JUSTICE CENTER

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

# **NATIONAL IMMIGRATION PROJECT**

c/o National Lawyer's Guild 14 Beacon St., Suite 602 Boston, MA 02108 (617) 227-9727 www.nationalimmigrationproject.org

The National Immigration Project has five programmatic priority areas:

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

# US CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE

(800) 375-5283

www.uscis.gov

Dallas Field Office:

6500 Campus Circle Drive East

Irving, TX 75063.

El Paso Field Office:

1545 Hawkins Boulevard

El Paso, TX 79925

Harlingen Field Office:

1717 Zov 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 Espanol

# CARIDADES CATOLICAS DEL CENTRO DE TEJAS

Officina 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

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

# STATE BAR OF TEXAS LAWYER REFERRAL INFORMATION SERVICE (LRIS)

State Bar of Texas Attn: LRIS

P.O. Box 12487

Austin, Texas 78711-2487

(800) 252-9690

(877) 983-9227

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

# TDCJ OFFENDER GRIEVANCE PROGRAM

PO Box 99

Huntsville TX 77342-0099

Contact to comment on the grievance procedure. Grievances must be filed from within units per TDCJ policy. Do not contact the TDCJ Offender Grievance Program with direct grievances.

# TEXAS COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE

Attention: CAAP PO Box 12487 Austin TX 78711-2487 (800) 932-1900

Write to request a grievance form.

# TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

6808 Hill Meadow Drive

Austin, TX 78736 (512) 478-2514

Referrals to attorneys; some pro bono.

# **TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID**

300 South Texas Boulevard Weslaco, TX 78596 (800) 369-0574

www.trla.org

Third largest legal services provider in the nation and the largest in the state of Texas. Provides free legal services to lowincome residents in sixty-eight counties of Southwest Texas. Offices in Austin, San Antonio, Brownsville, Laredo, El Paso, Del Rio and more.

# VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES OF CENTRAL TEXAS

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

www.vlsoct.org

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

# L-G-B-T Resources

# **BLACK AND PINK**

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

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

## **GAY BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP**

PMB 456 2215-R Market Street San Francisco, CA 94114 www.gaybuddhist.org 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-IncomeTexans" which can be downloaded at: www.texasbar.com/referraldirectory

# **LONE STAR LEGAL AID**

1415 Fannin Street Houston, TX 77002 (800) 733-8394

www.lonestarlegal.org

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

# **MUSLIM LEGAL FUND OF AMERICA**

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

www.mlfa.org

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

# NATIONAL LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASSOCIATION

1140 Connecticut Ave NW Ste 900 Washington DC 20036 (202) 452-0620

Directory of Legal Aid and Defender Offices (2007-08) lists over 3,000 civil legal aid and public defender offices in the US, local and national support and resource centers, and sentencing advocates and mitigation specialists who work with public defenders and other criminal defense attorneys - \$100.

#### **OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS**

2001 Evans Road

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

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

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

# **PRISON LEGAL NEWS**

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

www.prisonlegalnews.org

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

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

### **IMMIGRATION EQUALITY**

40 Exchange Place, 17th floor New York, NY 10005 (212)714-2904 www.immigrationequality.org Informacion para inmigrantes que son Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Trans.

### LATINO COMMISSION ON AIDS

24 West, 25th Street, 9th Floor New York NY 10010 (212) 675-3288 Informacion sobre la SIDA en espanol.

#### **MEXICAN CONSULATE**

410 Baylor St. Austin TX 78703 (512) 478-2866 Help for imprisoned Mexican nationals; Ayuda para los mexicanos encarcelados.

# NATIONAL NETWORK FOR IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RIGHTS (NNIRR)

310 8th St., Ste. 303 Oakland, CA 94609 (510) 465-1984 info@nnirr.org www.nnirr.org

Trabaja para inmigrantes y educacion sobre immigracion.

#### 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

Proporiciona servicios juridicos gratis o de bajo costo y educacion para promover el trato justo a immigrantes y refugiados en el area central de Tejas.

# PROYECTO DE PROTECCION PARA INMIGRANTES VICTIMAS DE CRIMEN (IVCPP)

314 E. Highland Mall Blvd., Ste. 501 Austin, TX 78752, (512) 478-0546

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

### **TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD**

Attention: Investigations Mail Code 263 P.O. Box 2018 Austin, TX 78768-2018

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

# Legal Resources

# **ACTUAL INNOCENCE CLINIC**

The University of Texas School of Law 727 East Dean Keeton Street Austin TX 78705 (512) 471-1317

www.utexas.edu/law/clinics/innocence/ Screens and investigates claims that inmates are actually innocent of the offense they are serving time for. Immediate reply to inquiries, but not all cases are accepted.

# AMERICAN ARAB ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE

1990 M Street, Suite 610 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 244-2990

#### www.adc.org

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

# ANNUAL REVIEW OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

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

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

# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL CENTER

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

www.apalc.org

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

#### JAILHOUSE LAWYER'S HANDBOOK

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

www.jailhouselaw.org

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

#### JAILHOUSE LAWYER'S MANUAL

Columbia Human Rights Law Review Attn: JLM Order 435 West 116th Street New York, NY 10027 www3.law.columbia.edu/hrlr/jlm/toc/ Explains the legal rights of prisoners and how to navigate through the justice process to secure those rights. JLM contains information on how to address legal issues on both the federal level and the state level, with an emphasis on New York State law. Written and updated by members of the Columbia Human Rights Law Review. Print copy of JLM may be ordered direct from publisher. 9th edition (2012) is \$30 for prisoners including shipping - check or money order only. Entire JLM is available for free online.

#### THE INNOCENCE NETWORK

innocencenetwork.org

An affiliation of organizations dedicated to providing pro bono legal and investigative services to individuals seeking to prove innocence of crimes for which they have been convicted and working to redress the causes of wrongful convictions.

The Innoncence Network lists member organizations listed elsewhere in this section including the Actual Innocence Clinic, the Innocence Project, the Innocence Project of Texas, the Innocence Project of Thurgood Marshall School of Law, the Innocence Project of Wesleyan University and others.

# THE INNOCENCE PROJECT

40 Worth St., Suite 701
New York, NY 10013
(212) 364-5340
www.innocenceproject.org
Assists prisoners whose innocence can
be proven through DNA testing. Send a
brief factual summary of cases involving
biological evidence or DNA with a list of
evidence used against defendant. No other

documents should be submitted for initial

review.

### THE INNOCENCE PROJECT OF TEXAS

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

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

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

# INNOCENCE PROJECT OF THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy

Texas Southern University
3100 Cleburne Street
Houston, Texas 77004
(713) 313-1139 (ask for the Center for
Criminal Justice Associate Director)
www.earlcarlinstitute.org/centers/criminal

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

# INNOCENCE PROJECT OF WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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

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

### **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS**

600 East Weatherford Street Fort Worth, TX 76102 (800) 955-3959

(888) 529-5277 (Centralized Intake Hotline) www.lanwt.org

Provides free civil legal services to eligible low-income residents in 114 Texas counties, with offices in Abilene, Amarillo, Brownwood, Dallas, Denton, Fort Worth, Lubbock, McKinney, Midland, Odessa, Plainview, San Angelo, Waxahachie, Weatherford and Wichita Falls.

# **LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**

3333 K Street, NW, 3rd Floor Washington, DC 20007-3522 (202) 295-1500

www.lsc.gov

P.O. Box 12487

Contact for referrals offering legal aid in your area.

# LEGAL SERVICES SUPPORT STATE BAR OF TEXAS

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