Pennsylvania Prison Society Programs and Services

The Pennsylvania Prison Society strives to keep families connected during incarceration. The agency offers an array of programs and services for individuals incarcerated in Pennsylvania, their families, and men and women returning from the criminal justice system.

Official Prison Visitors Network

215-564-4775 ext. 116

The Pennsylvania Prison Society has a statewide network of over 400 volunteers who visit inmates and monitor prison conditions. Official Visitors help those who are incarcerated with issues ranging from reentry resources, to conditions, to medical concerns, and more. Pennsylvania's Official Visitor Prison Visitation Act is unique in the nation, providing and assuring Prison Society Official Visitors access to state prisons and county jails across Pennsylvania.

Family Transportation Services Program

215-564-4775 ext. 103

We offer affordable bus service from Philadelphia's 30th Street Station to 22 state correctional facilities in Pennsylvania. We do not travel to SCIs Camp Hill, Chester, or Graterford. Tickets are $40 per person and can be purchased from our office Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm, or on our website, www.prisonsociety.org.

Prisoner Reentry Network

215-564-4775 ext. 117

The Prisoner Reentry Network (PRN) is an online resource of over 700 organizations and agencies committed to helping those reentering society after incarceration. The goal is to help men and women released from prison lead productive lives in the community. The Prisoner Reentry Network provides a list of resources, programs, articles, and much more! It is available to anyone who needs reentry information.
To access the page via the internet, go to www.prisonsociety.org, click on "Programs and Services", and choose "Prisoner Reentry Network".

Clothing Closet

215-564-4775 ext. 103

Our 2nd floor is home to a well-stocked closet full of gently-used clothing that has been donated by members of the community. We welcome and encourage all returning citizens to stop by our office if in need of clothing upon release.

Parenting Skills Education

215-564-4775 ext. 117

We offer incarcerated parents in certain Philadelphia jails an interactive course designed to teach skills in communication, child development, and family dynamics.
The course is instrumental in enhancing relationships between prisoners and their children/families.

Mentoring

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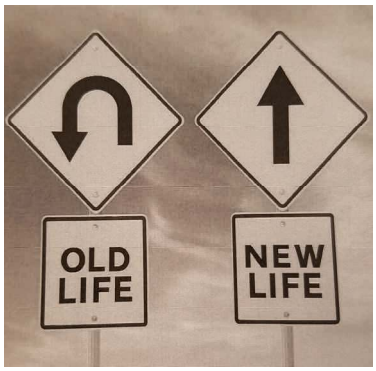

The Mentoring Program is a voluntary program for men currently in the Transitional Housing Unit (THU) at SCI Chester, with services soon expanding.
Through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, the Mentoring Program focuses on providing men returning home from prison with needed resources and support.
Our focus is to help those coming home, stay home. We work both behind the walls and in the community.
Mentors are always needed, please contact us!

Publications

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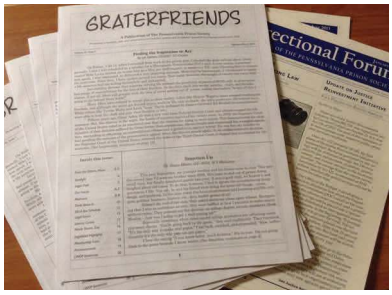

Graterfriends is a Prison Society publication that provides a voice to prisoners, as well as a forum to express thoughts and share ideas. It also facilitates the flow of communication between those who are incarcerated and the outside world.
Correctional Forum is the Prison Society's newsletter about issues for members, decision makers, and the community.

Become a member to receive these publications!

Legislation & Policy Work

215-564-4775 ext. 117

The Prison Society monitors legislation on the local county, state, and federal levels. We provide legislative updates in our publications and on factsheets, and often testify at hearings. We collaborate with other agencies on many issues, such as Ban the Box, Reentry, Lifers, Children of Incarcerated Parents, and more, as well as coordinating the Working Group to Enhance Services to Incarcerated Women, a coalition of 40 organizations addressing criminal justice, women, and family and children's issues.

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