

# Resource List for Women in Prison (and Their Families, Friends and Advocates)

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## Abuse Issues

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### **End Silence: The Project on Addressing Prison Rape**

The Washington College of Law  
4300 Nebraska Ave NW  
Suite Y110C  
Washington, DC 20016  
Phone: 202-274-4403  
Fax: 202-274-4373

Email: [endsilence@wcl.american.edu](mailto:endsilence@wcl.american.edu)  
[www.wcl.american.edu/endsilence](http://www.wcl.american.edu/endsilence)

Committed to eliminating sexual abuse for individuals in custodial settings, with legal resources for rape victims.

### **Battered Women's Justice Project (BWJP)**

1801 Nicollet Ave. S, Ste 102  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
Phone: (800) 903-0111 x 1  
Fax: (612) 824-8768

Email: [technicalassistance@bwjp.org](mailto:technicalassistance@bwjp.org)  
[www.bwjp.org](http://www.bwjp.org)

Promoting justice and safety for victims of inmate partner violence and their families. Provides assistance and information to battered women charged with crimes and to their defense teams. *Does not* offer direct legal representation.

### **Just Detention International**

3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340  
Los Angeles, CA 90010  
Phone: (213) 384-1400  
Fax: (213) 384-1411

Email: [info@justdetention.org](mailto:info@justdetention.org)  
[www.justdetention.org](http://www.justdetention.org)

A health and human rights organization that seeks to end sexual abuse in all forms of detention. Provides an online state-by-state guide to legal and psychological counseling resources for survivors still incarcerated, those who have been released, and loved ones on the outside who want to help.

### **National Clearing House for the Defense of Battered Women (NCDBW)**

125 S. 9th St. Suite 302  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Phone: (215) 351-0010/ (800) 903-0111 x3 (accepts collect calls from incarcerated battered women)

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

Working for justice for battered women charged with crimes. Provide information, referrals, and legal assistance for battered women.

### **National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV)**

One Broadway, Suite B210  
Denver, CO 80203  
Phone: (303) 839-1852  
Fax: (303) 831-9251

Email: [mainoffice@ncadv.org](mailto:mainoffice@ncadv.org)  
[www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)

Working to change society to have zero tolerance for domestic violence.

### **Network for Battered Lesbians/La Red (The Network/La Red)**

PO Box 6011  
Boston, MA 02114  
Phone (617) 742-4911  
Fax: (617) 423-5651

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

Survivor-led organizing to end partner abuse.

### **Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN)**

National Hotline 24/7: 1.800.656.HOPE (4673)

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

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

### **Survivors of Incest Anonymous**

PO Box 190

Benson, MD 21018-9998

Phone: (410) 877- 1779

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

Offers services and resources to help adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. They define incest very broadly.

World Service Office

### **Tahirih Justice Center**

6402 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 300

Falls Church, VA 22042

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

Provides legal services and policy advocacy for immigrant women and girls fleeing violence, those who suffered female genital mutilation, rape, torture, human trafficking, honor crimes, forced marriage, and/or other domestic violence.

## **Activist Groups**

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### **Prison Activist Resource Center (PARC)**

PO Box 70447

Oakland, CA 94612

Phone: (510) 893-4648

Email: [info@prisonactivist.org](mailto:info@prisonactivist.org)

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

Prison abolitionist group committed to exposing and challenging the institutionalized racism, sexism, ableism, heterosexism, and classism of the Prison Industrial Complex. Does advocacy and prison support work; offers free resources packet for prisoners.

### **The Sentencing Project**

1705 DeSales Street, NW

8<sup>th</sup> Floor

Washington, DC 20036

Phone: (202) 628-0871

Fax: (202) 628-1091

Email: [staff@sentencingproject.org](mailto:staff@sentencingproject.org)

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

Provides information on sentencing policy, incarceration, racial disparity, and other topics that they are working to change. PDFs available on website.

### **Partnership for Safety and Justice**

825 NE 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue #250

Portland, OR 97232

Phone: (503) 335-8449

Fax: (503) 232-1922

Email: [info@safetyandjustice.org](mailto:info@safetyandjustice.org)

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

Works with people convicted of crime, survivors of crime, and the families of both to advocate for policies that make Oregon's approach to public safety more effective and more just.

### **Critical Resistance**

1904 Franklin Street, Suite 504

Oakland, CA 94612

Phone: (510) 444-0484

Email: [croakland@criticalresistance.org](mailto:croakland@criticalresistance.org)

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

Seeks to build an international movement to end the prison industrial complex. (Chapters in NYC, Oakland, Los Angeles, and Portland)

### **California Coalition for Women Prisoners (CCWP)**

1540 Market St., Suite 490

San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: (415) 255-7036 x4

Fax: (415) 552-3150

Email: [info@womenprisoners.org](mailto:info@womenprisoners.org)

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

An organization with news, articles, and resources related to women in prison. Online quarterly publication, *The Fire Inside*, dedicated to providing a space for women prisoners and their supporters to communicate with each other and the broader public about the issues and experiences women prisoners face through articles, art and poetry.

### **Prison Policy Initiative (PPI)**

PO Box 127

Northampton Mass. 01061

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

Produces research to expose the broader harm of mass criminalization, and sparks advocacy campaigns to create a more just society. Offers a wealth of solid information online.

## Children and Families

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### **Big Brothers Big Sisters Amachi Program**

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

Connects children of incarcerated parents with faith-based mentoring programs nationwide.

### **Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)**

740 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Chicago, IL 60642

[www.cgla.net/claim](http://www.cgla.net/claim)

CLAIM offers legal services on family law to incarcerated mothers, formerly incarcerated mothers, and caregivers of children whose parents are incarcerated in Illinois.

*Does not* provide representation for criminal law cases.

### **Girl Scouts Beyond Bars**

Girl Scouts of the USA

420 Fifth Ave.

New York, NY 10018

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

Fosters bonding between incarcerated mothers and their daughters. Not available in every location.

### **Legal Services for Prisoners with Children**

1540 Market Street, Suite 490

San Francisco, CA 94102

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

LSPC organizes communities impacted by the criminal justice system and advocates to reunify families and communities, through trainings, advocacy, and grassroots mobilization. Does not provide individual legal representation. Produces resource manuals for incarcerated parents, caregivers and their advocates on custody, pregnancy, and other issues.

### **National Indian Child Welfare Association**

5100 SW Macadam Ave., Suite 300

Portland, OR 97239

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

email: [info@nicwa.org](mailto:info@nicwa.org)

Supports Native American prisoners in navigating custody issues and compliance with the [Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 \(ICWA\)](#), which seeks to keep American Indian children with American Indian families.

### **National Resource Center on Children & Families of the Incarcerated (NRCCFI)**

NRCCFI at Rutgers-Camden

405-7 Cooper St.

Camden, NJ 08102

[nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu](http://nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu)

Offers resources on parenting, prison visiting, keeping in touch, re-entry, the impact of the justice system on families, and marriage.

### **PrisonTalk Online**

PO Box 73151

Houston, TX 77273-0151

1-888-813-0000

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

email: [support@prisontalk.com](mailto:support@prisontalk.com)

Prison information and family support community. Free online forum for prisoners and their families.

### **Service Network for Children of Inmates**

1835 E. Hallandale Beach Blvd. #387

Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

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

Call Toll Free: 1-888-757- KIDZ(5439)

email: [info@childrenofinmates.org](mailto:info@childrenofinmates.org)

A network of organizations which provide services for children of incarcerated individuals in Florida, and opportunities to strengthen familial bonds.

## Education

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### **Blackstone Career Institute**

1011 Brookside Road, Suite 300

PO Box 3717

Allentown, PA 18106-0717

[blackstone.edu/paralegal-courses-inmate-information/](http://blackstone.edu/paralegal-courses-inmate-information/)

Toll Free: 1-800-826-9228

Offers a legal assistant / paralegal correspondence course for incarcerated individuals. Must have high school or equivalent diploma; course completion time ranges from 6-24 months. Tuition about \$800.

### **Ohio University College Program**

eLearning OHIO

Haning Hall 102

1 Ohio University

Athens, OH 45701-2979

[www.ohio.edu/ecampus/print/correctional/](http://www.ohio.edu/ecampus/print/correctional/)

Correspondence courses for incarcerated students who want to learn—but aren't interested in a degree—can take a few courses or complete a legal studies certificate. Write for free catalog of courses offered and current prices.

### **PEN, Writing Program for Prisoners**

568 Broadway, Suite 303

New York, NY 10012

[www.pen.org/prison-writing](http://www.pen.org/prison-writing)

Offers a free *Handbook for Writers in Prison* and a list of correspondence courses leading to GED, college, or paralegal degrees. Provides one-on-one mentoring to inmates, conducts workshops, and seeks to promote inmates' work publicly through literary publications and readings. Sponsors an annual writing contest.

## **Health and Recovery**

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### **Addiction Center**

Recovery Worldwide LLC

121 South Orange Avenue Suite 1450

Orlando, FL 32801

[addictioncenter.com](http://addictioncenter.com)

Provides up-to-date information on addiction and reviews of top treatment centers across the US.

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

PO Box 459

Grand Central Station

New York, NY 10163

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

Offers a 12-step program for recovery from alcohol abuse. There is a charge for booklets.

### **American Diabetes Association**

Attn: Center for Information

2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900

Arlington, VA 22202

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

Provides free packets for diabetics, including information on the disease, diet and exercise.

### **Center for Health Justice**

900 Avila St., Suites 102 & 301

Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

Toll Free Hotline: 213.229.0979

Serves individuals with a history of incarceration by providing health education and support services.

### **Center for Prisoner Health and Human Rights**

Alpert Medical School of Brown University

8 Third Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Providence, RI 02906

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

Connects incarcerated individuals and their families with resources to seek medical care and legal advice.

### **HCV Advocate**

PO Box 427037

San Francisco, CA 94142

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

Publishes a monthly newsletter on Hepatitis C: free sample issue for inmates. También ofrece información en español.

### **Latino Commission on AIDS**

24 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10010

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

Ofrece información sobre la SIDA en español.

### **Mind Freedom International**

454 Willamette St., Suite 216

PO Box 11284

Eugene, OR 97440-3484

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

Advocates for rights of people with mental disabilities, and provides information and advocacy resources. Does not offer direct medical or legal aid.

**Narcotics Anonymous**

PO Box 9999

Van Nuys, CA 91409

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

Offers a 12-step program for recovery from drug abuse. There is a charge for booklets.

**National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW)**

875 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Suite 1807

New York, NY 10001

[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.

**Prison Health News**

1233 Locust St., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Philadelphia, PA 19107

[www.fight.org/programs-and-services/prison-health-news/](http://www.fight.org/programs-and-services/prison-health-news/)

Offers a free quarterly newsletter on health and HIV.

**Prison Yoga Project**

PO Box 426

San Quentin, CA 94964

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

Provides a free 70-page yoga book that offers clear and simple instructions to help women with a history of trauma or addiction to engage in self-healing.

**Women for Sobriety**

PO Box 618

Quakertown, PA 18951

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

Provides information and a woman-centered approach to drug and alcohol recovery, as well as a pen pal program. There is a charge for booklets.

**Women Organized to Respond to Life Threatening Diseases (WORLD)**

389 30<sup>th</sup> Street

Oakland, CA 94609

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

Aims to improve the lives and health of communities affected by HIV through education. Produces a newsletter written by and for HIV+ women and women with AIDS.

## Legal

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**ACLU National Prison Project**

125 Broad St., 18<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10004

[www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights](http://www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights)

Publishes a quarterly journal and many helpful booklets, as well as handles many class action lawsuits regarding prison conditions. *Does not* handle cases for individuals.

**CAN-DO Foundation, Justice Through Clemency**

PO Box 6468

Malibu, CA 92064

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

CAN-DO advocates clemency for non-violent *federal* inmates convicted of drug crimes, prioritizing women in prison under the conspiracy statute or for marijuana.

**Columbia Human Rights Law Review**

435 W. 116<sup>th</sup> St.

New York, NY 10027

[www3.law.columbia.edu/hrlr/](http://www3.law.columbia.edu/hrlr/)

Sells *The Jailhouse Lawyers Manual* at low cost to prisoners.

**Families Against Mandatory Minimums**

1100 H Street NW, Suite 1000

Washington, DC 20005

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

Works to end unjust mandatory minimum sentencing laws and change US policy toward drug laws. Also helps prepare clemency petitions for federal prisoners.

**Human Rights Watch USA**

350 Fifth Ave., 34<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10118-3299

[www.hrw.org/en/united-states/us-program](http://www.hrw.org/en/united-states/us-program)

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

**Immigrant Legal Resource Center**

1663 Mission St., Suite 602

San Francisco, CA 94103

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

Provides legal help and advocacy for immigrants, and works with INS detainees and imprisoned immigrants.

### **Innocence Project**

40 Worth Street, Suite 701  
New York, NY 10013

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

A national litigation and public policy organization dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted people through DNA testing and reforming the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice. Can only consider cases where DNA testing can prove innocence.

### **Justice Now**

1322 Webster St., Suite 210  
Oakland, CA 94612

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

A teaching law clinic solely focused on the needs of women prisoners. Staff provide legal services including compassionate release, access to healthcare, defense of parental rights, sentencing mitigation and placement in community-based programs.

### **Lewisville Prison Project**

PO Box 128  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

[www.eg.bucknell.edu/~mligare/LPP/bulletins/list.html](http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~mligare/LPP/bulletins/list.html)

Publishes low-cost materials for prisoners, including legal bulletins and a federal parole guide.

### **Mexican Consulate**

410 Baylor St.  
Austin, TX 78703  
512.478.2866

Provides help for imprisoned Mexican nationals.  
Proporciona ayuda para los mexicanos encarcelados.

### **NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.**

40 Rector St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10006

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

Offers legal aid in cases involving issues of racial justice.

### **National Center on Institutions and Alternatives**

7205 Rutherford Road  
Baltimore, MD 21244

## **Lesbian, Bi and Transgender**

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### **Black and Pink**

614 Columbia Rd  
Dorchester, MA 02125  
[www.blackandpink.org](http://www.blackandpink.org)

[www.ncianet.org/services/criminal-justice](http://www.ncianet.org/services/criminal-justice)

Provides criminal justice services to defense attorneys, defendants, inmates and court systems.

### **National Network for Refugee and Immigrant Rights (NNRIR)**

310 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 303  
Oakland, CA 94607

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

Works on behalf of immigrants and educates on immigration. Trabaja para los inmigrantes y proporciona educación sobre la inmigración.

### **Native American Rights Fund**

1506 Broadway  
Boulder, CO 80302-6296

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

Provides legal representation to Indian tribes, organizations and individuals nationwide.

### **Oxford University Press**

[global.oup.com](http://global.oup.com)

Publishes *The Prisoner's Self-Help Litigation Manual* (\$40) and other legal self-help publications.

### **Prison Legal News**

PO Box 1151  
1013 Lucerne Ave.  
Lake Worth, FL 33460

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

Publishes a monthly magazine edited by prisoners, which includes reviews and analysis of court rulings and news about prison issues.

### **Southern Center for Human Rights**

83 Poplar St., N.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30303

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

Represents individuals and files class-action lawsuits to protect the rights of people of color, poor people and other disadvantaged citizens confined to jails and prisons in the South.

### **National Center for Transgender Equality**

1400 16<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 510  
Washington, DC 20036  
[www.transequality.org](http://www.transequality.org)

Advances the equality of transgender people through advocacy, collaboration and empowerment.

### **Sinister Wisdom**

2333 McIntosh Road  
Dover, FL 33527  
[www.sinisterwisdom.org](http://www.sinisterwisdom.org)

A multicultural lesbian literary and art journal, low cost for women in prison.

### **Sylvia Rivera Law Project**

147 W. 24<sup>th</sup> St, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10011  
[www.srlp.org](http://www.srlp.org)

Provides representation for low-income transgender persons, assisting with name changes, health care, safety issues, advocacy for gender-affirming placement and conditions, and re-entry.

### **TGI Justice Project**

370 Turk St. #370  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
[www.tgijp.org/](http://www.tgijp.org/)

A group which provides services to transgender, gender variant / gender-queer, and intersex people inside and outside of prison, jails and detention centers. Offers prison resource/survival guides.

## **Re-entry**

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### **American Correctional Association**

206 N. Washington St., Suite 200  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
<http://www.aca.org>  
Sells *Pathways for Offender Reentry*, \$20

### **Help for Felons**

PO Box 8008  
Plano, TX 75023  
[www.helpforfelons.org/](http://www.helpforfelons.org/)  
Online resources and information about returning to the workforce, housing, and job training.

### **Federal Bureau of Prisons**

Inmate Transition Branch  
320 First St., NW  
Washington, DC 20534  
[https://www.bop.gov/inmates/custody\\_and\\_care/reentry.jsp](https://www.bop.gov/inmates/custody_and_care/reentry.jsp)  
Publishes a free *Employment Information Handbook* and other materials.

### **National Reentry Resource Center**

The Council of State Governments Justice Center  
22 Cortland St. 22<sup>nd</sup> floor  
New York, NY 10007  
[www.csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc](http://www.csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc)

Assists government officials with policies and principles for evaluate reentry issues. *Does not* offer direct services to individuals.

### **Re-Entry Central**

PO Box 411  
New Haven, CT 06513  
[www.reentrycentral.org/](http://www.reentrycentral.org/)  
A national website for news and information on reentry and related criminal justice issues.

### **Re-Entry Illinois**

Corporation for Supportive Housing  
205 W. Randolph  
Chicago, IL 60606  
[www.reentryillinois.net/home.html](http://www.reentryillinois.net/home.html)  
A free resource guide and information center to assist persons formerly detained locate services and housing.

### **Root and Rebound**

1730 Franklin Street, Suite 300  
Oakland, CA 94612  
<http://www.rootandrebound.org>  
A California organization which provides free legal information, advice, referrals, and direct representation to people in reentry. Also provides a copy of *Roadmap to Reentry: A California Guide* free to persons incarcerated in CA, addressing a range of issues (housing, employment, parole, family law, etc.).

**Safer Foundation**

571 W. Jackson  
Chicago, IL 60661  
[www.saferfoundation.org/](http://www.saferfoundation.org/)

Has a range of services to help formerly incarcerated men and women aged 16 and up who live in Illinois and the Quad Cities region find, prepare for, and maintain employment.

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**Religion and Spirituality**

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**Aleph Institute**

9540 Collins Ave.  
Surfside, FL 33154  
[aleph-institute.org](http://aleph-institute.org)  
Offers financial, emotional, and spiritual assistance through prison programs.

**American Friends Service Committee**

1501 Cherry St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
[www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org)  
Quaker group that works on non-violence issues, including prison reform, with chapters around the US.

**Catholic Home Study Service**

1811 West Saint Joseph Street  
Perryville, MO 63775  
[www.amm.org](http://www.amm.org)  
Offers Catholic study courses.

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

50 E. North Temple St.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84150  
[www.lds.org/](http://www.lds.org/)  
Provides free copies of *The Book of Mormon* upon request.

**Crossroads Bible Institute**

PO Box 900  
Grand Rapids, MI 49509-0900  
[cbi.fm](http://cbi.fm)  
Offers Bible correspondence courses free of charge to inmates, as well as a reentry program to connect with local resources.

**Engaged Zen Foundation**

PO Box 213  
Sedgwick, ME 04676  
[www.engaged-zen.org](http://www.engaged-zen.org)  
Provides free resources on Zen Buddhism.

**Human Kindness Foundation**

PO Box 61619  
Durham, NC 27715  
[www.humankindness.org](http://www.humankindness.org)  
Sends free books to prisoners on interfaith spirituality.

**The Phoenix Prison Trust**

PO Box 328  
Oxford OX2 7HF  
United Kingdom  
[www.theppt.org.uk](http://www.theppt.org.uk)  
Sends free books to prisoners on meditation and yoga upon request.

**Prison Fellowship**

44180 Riverside Parkway  
Lansdowne, VA 20176  
[www.prisonfellowship.org/](http://www.prisonfellowship.org/)  
Offers resources for incarcerated persons and their families through in-prison bible study, re-entry programs and resources, and its Angel Tree program, which supports children of inmates.

**Reaching Out to Jewish Prisoners**

383 Kingston Avenue, 190  
Brooklyn, NY 11213  
[www.jewishprisoner.com](http://www.jewishprisoner.com)  
Sends books and literature on Judaism, and a monthly publication, *Reaching Out*, free of charge to people in prison across the US. Can communicate in Hebrew and Russian as well as English.