

Support and Family Resources

Convicts for Christ Inc.

3651 NW 2nd Street
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Provides religious/spiritual counseling, as well as emergency residential assistance and referrals, including family unification support. NA, AA, other social services offered. Also offers one-on-one mail counseling.

Texas CURE

Helga Dill
4121 Burning Tree Lane
Garland, TX 75042

Provides referrals and information, but no legal assistance. Organizes prisoners, their families, and other concerned citizens to achieve reforms in the Texas criminal justice system. Publishes a quarterly newsletter, "News & Notes," free to Texas prisoners.

Texas Inmate Families Association

P.O. Box 300220
Austin, TX 78703-0004

Helps families assist their incarcerated family members with conditions issues, such as medical care, abuse, and violence. Provides educational materials and other information. Advocates for legislative and criminal justice reform and public awareness.

Grievances/Complaints

Client-Attorney Assistance Program

P.O. Box 12487
Austin, TX 78711-2487

This statewide service provided by the State Bar of Texas supports dispute resolution and the attorney disciplinary process by accepting grievances for investigation.

The National Center on Institutions and Alternatives

7222 Ambassador Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Offers parole advocacy services to inmates seeking parole, transfer between institutions, or death penalty mitigations.

State Commission on Judicial Conduct

P.O. Box 12265
Austin, TX 78711-2265

Investigates judicial conduct throughout Texas.

American Friends Service Committee

1501 Cherry Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

National campaign to stop the use of solitary confinement and related forms of torture in US prisons.

Texas Board of Criminal Justice

P. O. Box 13084
Austin, TX 78711

Sets rules and policies across a range of areas guiding TDCJ.

Texas Commission on Jail Standards

P.O. Box 12985
Austin, TX 78711

Accepts complaints involving inmates in county jails or private correctional facilities that house county inmates.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Offender Grievance Program
P.O. Box 99
Huntsville, TX 77342-0099

Provides a two-step mechanism to resolve issues arising inside prison, including issues regarding TDCJ policies and procedures, actions of TDCJ employees or other offenders, harassment and/or retaliation, loss or damage of personal property by TDCJ, and problems with basic care controlled by TDCJ.

Texas Board of Criminal Justice

PREA Ombudsman Office
P.O. Box 99
Huntsville, TX 77342-0099

Provides oversight of administrative investigations of offender complaints of sexual assaults and ensures impartial resolution of those complaints.

Additional Resources

Art Behind Bars

P.O. Box 2034
Key West, FL 33045-2034

This is an art-based community service program that has a national call for artists on the inside to donate their work as a community service for use by other non-profit organizations. All donated art is shown twice a year.

Books For Prisoners

0323 UCSD Student Center
La Jolla, CA 92037

Nationwide. Only one book per request. Request by subject.

Books Through Bars

4722 Baltimore Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 19143

Sends progressive political and educational materials at no charge to state and federal prisoners in all states. Request books by topic. No catalog. Donations including artwork and stamps greatly appreciated.

Books Through Bars-Ithaca

c/o Autumn Leaves Bookstore
115 The Commons, 2nd Floor
Ithaca, NY 14850

An all-volunteer operated, community-based organization that sends books mainly to the most populated states: NY, TX, FL, CA, PA.

Books to Prisoners

c/o Left Bank Books
92 Pike Street, Box A
Seattle, WA 98101

Provides free books to prisoners nationwide. Request by subject; no religious materials or legal materials.

Gainesville Books for Prisoners

P.O. Box 12164
Gainesville, FL 32604

Provides free books to prisoners nationwide. Accepts requests by topic of interest only.

Inside Books Project

c/o 12th St. Books
827 W. 12th Street
Austin, TX 78701

Sends free books and literature to prisoners in Texas only. Does not accept requests for hardcovers, Bibles, pulp fiction, or pornography. Send one stamp for resource list and newsletter. Accepts artwork donations for yearly prisoners' art show.

Prison Book Project

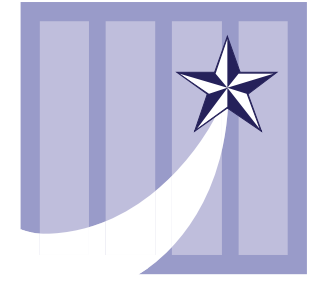
c/o Food for Thought Books
P.O. Box 396
Amherst, MA 01004-0396

Serves prisoners in New England and TX only. Request books by subject. No mailing list or catalogue, and no hardback books.

Prison Writing Program

Pan American Center
588 Broadway, Suite 303
New York, NY 10012

Provides free writing resource booklet for prison writers. Sponsors annual writing contest for prisoners.



**TEXAS CRIMINAL
JUSTICE COALITION**

Texas Prisoner Resource Directory 2009 - 2010

The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC) is committed to identifying and advancing real solutions to the problems facing Texas' juvenile and criminal justice systems. We provide policy research and analysis, form effective partnerships, and educate key stakeholders to promote effective management, accountability, and best practices that increase public safety and preserve human and civil rights.

TCJC cannot provide legal advice or representation, but we can offer inmates and their families information about legislation impacting Texas inmates, relevant policy changes, and guidance about specific resources that may provide direct assistance to inmates.

Information is available to families and friends on our website at:

**[www.criminaljusticecoalition.org/
tools_for_re_entry/resources_inmates](http://www.criminaljusticecoalition.org/tools_for_re_entry/resources_inmates)**

510 S. Congress Avenue, Suite 104
Austin, TX 78704

tel. 512.441.8123 fax 512.441.4884
website: www.criminaljusticecoalition.org
email: info@criminaljusticecoalition.org



Legal Services, Information, and Help

ACLU of Texas

P.O. Box 12905
Austin, TX 78711

Accepts cases with significant civil liberties issues where participation by the ACLU of Texas will benefit a large class of people, or will lead to a change in the law concerning the issue. Very few cases are accepted for direct litigation.

Center for Constitutional Rights

666 Broadway
New York, NY 10012

Publishes "The Jailhouse Lawyer's Handbook" and "Women's Appendix", self-help guides for filing Section 1983 claims in federal court against prison conditions and/or abuse by guards. FREE on request.

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund

2212 6th Street
Berkeley, CA 94710

Provides assistance to state prison inmates concerning medical access. Offers referrals throughout nation. Write for list of publications on disability civil rights and newsletter subscriptions.

A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual (JLM) Columbia Human Rights Law Review

Attn: JLM Order
435 W. 116th Street
New York, NY 10027

The JLM 8th Edition main volume is \$30. The Immigration & Consular Access Supplement is \$5. The Manual de Asesoría Legal Para Prisioneros edition is \$15 and is only current through 2005. First class shipping is included in the price. Topics include habeas corpus, PLRA, civil rights claims (Section 1983), disciplinary proceedings, AIDS, immigration, and parole. Please inquire with your prison law library to see if they will order a copy.

Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund

120 Wall Street #1500
New York, NY 10005

Provides legal defense for LGBT and HIV/AIDS discrimination claims.

Lewisburg Prison Project

434 Markey Street, Suite 307
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Publishes a number of low-cost materials for prisoners, including "Legal Bulletins," "Prisoner's Guide to Federal Parole," and "Due Process Standards for Administrative Detention." Send SASE for publication and price list.

Prison Legal Aid Network

1521 Alton Road, Suite 366
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Helps prisoners throughout the United States by providing low-cost legal assistance to those in need.

Prisoner Self Help Legal Clinic

Seton Hall University School of Law
One Newark Center
Newark, NJ 07102

Supports prisoners' efforts at self-litigation with educational resources. Provides services in Spanish and English.

Southern Center for Human Rights

83 Poplar Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30303-2122

Brings lawsuits related to prison conditions on behalf of inmates.

Southwest AIDS Committee Inc. Legal Services Referral Project

1505 Mescalero Drive
El Paso, TX 79925-2019

Provides legal services for clients who are HIV-positive or have an AIDS diagnosis.

Special Litigation Section US Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

Special Litigation Section, PHB
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Enforces federal civil rights statutes regarding conditions of institutional confinement, law enforcement misconduct, freedom of religion, and others.

State Counsel for Offenders

P.O. Box 4005
Huntsville, TX 77342-4005

Provides Texas prisoners with attorneys to help with legal problems. This office does not handle civil rights actions against TDCJ and its employees. Most services involve post-conviction, criminal defense of prison cases, civil commitment defense, relief, family law, detainers, and time questions.

Texas Civil Rights Project

1405 Montopolis Drive
Austin, TX 78741

Non-profit law firm that represents inmates in cases involving civil rights violations, with representation in select civil lawsuits.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

1707 Nueces Street
Austin, TX 78701

Provides referrals and limited pro bono assistance to inmates in criminal cases.

Texas Defender Service

510 S. Congress Avenue, Suite 304
Austin, TX 78704

Provides free legal assistance to inmates with death penalty cases only.

Texas Fair Defense Project

510 S. Congress Avenue, Suite 208
Austin, TX 78704

Provides legal assistance to a limited number of pre-trial detainees who have been denied access to counsel.

Texas Lawyers Care State Bar of Texas

P.O. Box 12487
Austin, TX 78711-2387

Provides referrals to free and low-cost legal assistance. Does not provide direct legal representation.

Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois

4001 N. Ravenswood #204C
Chicago, IL 60613

Provides legal services to transgendered and gender non-conforming people targeted by the criminal legal system; will send resources. Also provides trainings to outside agencies.

Innocence Projects

The Innocence in Prison Program MASS, Inc.

P.O. Box 225067
Dallas, TX 75222

Provides support to wrongfully convicted individuals and offers some limited legal assistance.

The Innocence Project

100 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10011

Generally accepts cases involving biological evidence or DNA. Requests for assistance must include a brief factual summary of the case and a list of evidence.

Innocence Project of Texas

1511 Texas Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79401

Accepts cases by mail only. Please include in the letter a description of the crime, the claimant's contact information (including TDCJ# if s/he is incarcerated), and a description of any evidence that could help to prove innocence.

Texas Innocence Network University of Houston

100 Law Center
Houston, TX 77204-6060

Accepts cases by mail only. Please include the inmate's name, number, address, crime convicted of, and reason(s) s/he is innocent of the crime. Do not send any additional documentation.

Actual Innocence Clinic

727 Dean Keeton Street
Austin, TX 78705

The Texas Center for Actual Innocence (TCIA) only accepts written requests from inmates; requests cannot come from family or friends. TCIA uses a very strict definition of "actual innocence." The inmate must not have engaged, alone or with others, in the conduct for which s/he was convicted. TCIA accepts both DNA and non-DNA cases.