Helper Cells

Information and advocacy for prisoners with HIV

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The following organizations offer support of all kinds to HIV positive prisoners, so give a shout. For a more complete list, write to *POZ* at 349 W. 12th St., New York, NY 10014, or visit our website at www.poz.com.

NATIONAL

ACLU National Prison Project
AIDS in Prison Project
Attn: Jackie Walker
1875 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 410
Washington, DC 20009
202.234.4830
Legal/policy info, free newsletters, referrals; provides letters of complaint and the free Prisoner's Self-Help Litigation Manual.

AIDS in Prison Project
Osborne Association
809 Westchester Ave.
Bronx, NY 10455
718.842.0500
Info, educational material and magazines.

Alliance for Inmates With AIDS
80 Fifth Ave., Suite 1501
New York, NY 10011
212.675.3288
Legal and medical advocacy, peer education and support, referrals to member organizations, including The Fortune Society in New York.

Correctional HIV Consortium
1525 Santa Barbara St., #1
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

805.568.1400
www.silcom.com/~chc
Spanish/English info, discharge planning, program planning and AIDS education for correctional staff and inmates.

Critical Path AIDS Project
2062 Lombard St.
Philadelphia, PA 19146
215.545.2212 (inmates can call collect)
www.critpath.org
24-hour treatment info hotline and a free newsletter.

National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA)
1413 K St. NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005
202.898.0414
www.napwa.org
Referrals, advocacy and free newsletters Medical Alert and Active Voice.

People With AIDS Coalition of New York (PWAC-NY)
50 West 17th St., 8th floor
New York, NY 10011
212.647.1415
Free monthly magazine and inmate pen-pal project.

Prisoners With AIDS—Rights Advocacy Group (PWA-RAG)
1626 N. Wilcox Ave., #537
Los Angeles, CA 90025
213.692.1055
Offers an excellent Quarterly Newsline publication for free and legal advocacy program.

REGIONAL

Arkansas
Women's Project
2224 Main St.
Little Rock, AR 72206
501.372.5513
Provides services to women's prisons, including a free training guide for prisoner peer educators.

California
HIV in Prison Committee (HIP)
2489 Mission St., Suite 28

San Francisco, CA 94110
510.533.2590
Educational resources for prisoners nationwide. Advocacy peer-education programs and speakers provided for prisoners statewide.

Connecticut
Community Partners in Action
110 Bartholomew Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106
860.566.2030
Provides AIDS education and training for prison staff and inmates.

Delaware
AIDS Delaware
100 W. 10th St., Suite 315
Wilmington, DE 19801
302.652.6776
www.aidsdelaware.org
HIV testing, counseling, nutritional support and case management for prisoners.

Delaware Center for Justice
501 Shipley St.
Wilmington, DE 19801
302.658.7174
Peer-education programs, counseling support groups, referrals to community-based organizations and HIV testing for inmates.

District of Columbia
Prisoners' Legal Services Project
1400 20th St. NW, Suite 117
Washington, DC 20036
202.775.0323
Advocacy for proper medical care, assistance with parole, referrals to community services.

Kansas
Good Samaritan Project
825N 7th St., Suite 301
Kansas City, KS 66101
Case management and emergency assistance.

Nebraska
Nebraska AIDS Project
139 South 40th St.
Omaha, NE 68131

800.782.AIDS (statewide only)
www.nap.org
Case management and treatment info.

New Jersey
American Friends Service Committee Criminal Justice Program
972 Broad St., 6th Floor
Newark, NJ 07102
973.643.3079
Community referrals and support groups.

New York
AIDS Counseling and Education Program (ACE)
Bedford Hills Correctional Facility
247 Harris Road
Bedford Hills, NY 10507
914.241.3100 x275
Peer-based program provides education, counseling and a buddy system for inmates.

AIDS/HIV Hotline for Prisoners
Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 3-8 pm
212.674.0800 (inmates can call collect)
Peer counseling, education, referrals and transitional planning. Spanish/English.

HIV in Prison Project
40 Rector St., 10th floor
New York, NY 10006
212.333.5560 (inmates can call collect)
Spanish/English hotline Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm providing advocacy, education and outreach.

Women's Prison Association
110 Second Ave.
New York, NY 10003
212.674.1163
Discharge planning, case management and a family reunification shelter.

Pennsylvania
AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania
1211 Chestnut St., Suite 1200
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215.587.9377
Legal advocacy, referrals and the free pamphlet AIDS and the Law: Your Rights in Pennsylvania

CANADA

Prisoners with AIDS Support Action Network (PASAN)
517 College St., Suite 237
Toronto, ON M6G 4A2
416.920.4214
Advocacy, support and newsletter Cell Count.

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