



Helper Cells

Information and advocacy for prisoners with HIV

November 1, 1998 By Belinda Filippelli

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 Newslines 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.

© 2026 Smart + Strong All Rights Reserved.

<http://beta.docker.poz.com/article/Helper-Cells-7699-8524>