

# LGBTQ+ PRISONER RESOURCE GUIDE

Prison Watch Program  
of the American Friends Service Committee



**American Friends  
Service Committee**

The American Friends Service Committee has a long history of support for LGBTQ+ rights and recognition. We place this work in a broader social and economic context, and link this struggle to other movements for peace and justice in the United States and throughout the world.

We created this resource guide as a response to the many requests from the LGBTQ+ community behind the walls.

*This guide has been compiled and edited by Bonnie Kerness, Prison Watch program director, with Kayla D. Stepinac and Rachel Frome, program interns.*

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## **Black and Pink**

A volunteer organization that connects LGBTQ pen-pals through their website, distributes a monthly newsletter of primarily queer/trans prisoner writing, and advocates for specific prisoner needs when possible while also working to abolish the prison industrial complex as a whole.

614 Columbia Road  
Dorchester, MA 02125  
617-519-4387

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## **LGBT Books to Prisoners**

Volunteer-run organization that sends books and other educational materials, free of charge, to LGBT-identified people in prison across the U.S.

426 West Gilman Street  
Rainbow Book Cooperative  
Madison, WI 53703  
lgbtbookstoprisoners@gmail.com

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## **GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)**

Through strategic litigation, public policy advocacy, and education, GLAD works nationally to create a just society free of discrimination based on gender identity and expression, HIV status, and sexual orientation. As part of this work, GLAD handles legal issues involving GLBTQ and HIV-positive prisoners.

30 Winter Street, Suite 800  
Boston, MA 02108  
617-426-1350  
Email: gladlaw@glad.org

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## **Lambda Legal**

Lambda Legal carries out its legal work principally through test cases selected for the likelihood of their success in establishing positive legal precedents that will affect LGBT people and those affected by HIV. Lambda Legal recently represented a trans prisoner successfully in a lawsuit against the Texas prison system.

120 Wall Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10005-3919  
212-809-8585

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## Prisoner Correspondence Project

PCP is a collectively run initiative based in Montreal, Quebec. It coordinates a direct-correspondence program for gay, lesbian, transsexual, transgender, gender variant, two-spirit, intersex, bisexual, and queer inmates in Canada and the United States, linking these inmates with people who are a part of these same communities outside of prison. Letters to PCP in Canada cost \$1.15.

1455 de Maisonneuve O

QPIRG Concordia c/o Concordia University

Montréal, QC H3G 1M8

514-848-7583

Email: [info@prisoner Correspondence Project.com](mailto:info@prisoner Correspondence Project.com)

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## Transgender Law Center

Transgender Law Center's Detention Project works to end the abuses that transgender and gender nonconforming (TGNC) people experience in prisons, jails, immigration detention, state hospitals, and other forms of detention, as well as at the hands of law enforcement. Write to them concerning TGNC issues, or to obtain copies of their list of available reports and publications including *Safety Inside: Problems Faced by Transgender Prisoners & Common Sense Solutions to Them*, and *Advocating for Yourself While in Custody in California*.

1629 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 400

Oakland, CA 94612

415-865-0176

Detention Project direct line: 510-380-8229

*(Inmates and detainees can call collect at this line)*

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## Lesbian and Gay Insurrection

LAGAI is a grassroots organization doing direct action and education for radical social change from a queer perspective. Produces the bimonthly newspaper "ULTRAVIOLET," which is free to prisoners.

3543 18th Street, #26

San Francisco, CA 94110

510-434-1304

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

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## Just Detention

Just Detention International is a health and human rights organization that seeks to end sexual abuse in all forms of detention.

1900 L Street NW, Suite 601  
Washington D.C., 20036  
202-506-3333  
Email: [info@justdetention.org](mailto:info@justdetention.org)

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## The Pride Center of NJ

The Pride Center of New Jersey is a welcoming place where gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and questioning men, women, and teens can meet, socialize, share, bond, grow in self-awareness, and thrive.

85 Raritan Avenue, Suite 100  
Highland Park, NJ 08904-2701  
732-846-2232  
Email: [host@pridecenter.org](mailto:host@pridecenter.org)

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## Garden State Equality

Garden State Equality is New Jersey's statewide advocacy and education organization for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. GSE led efforts to ensure nondiscrimination for transgender and gender nonconforming people in New Jersey, pass the most comprehensive anti-bullying law in the country, end sexual orientation and gender expression change efforts in New Jersey, and bring marriage equality to the Garden State.


40 South Fullerton Avenue  
Montclair, New Jersey 07042  
973-473-5428  
Email: [contact@GardenStateEquality.org](mailto:contact@GardenStateEquality.org)

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## PFLAG

Uniting people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer with families, friends, and allies, PFLAG is committed to advancing equality through its mission of support, education, and advocacy.

1828 L Street NW, Suite 628  
Washington D.C., 20036  
202-467-8180  
Email: [info@pflag.org](mailto:info@pflag.org)



The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace, and humanitarian service.

AFSC's Prison Watch Program challenges many of the conditions of confinement in the U.S. prison system.

Prisoners and their families inform our efforts as we work with policymakers, coalitions, other advocates, and the legal community to change the paradigms of punishment to one of healing and transformation that seeks to restore wholeness to individuals and communities.

Find out more at: [\*\*afsc.org/hjpw\*\*](https://afsc.org/hjpw)

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