



Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition

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Thank you for contacting us at the MTPC,

We are thankful to everyone who is willing to help us in our research about the treatment of transgender individuals in prison/ jail. Currently, we are asking for people to complete the *Transgender Prisoner Questionnaire* so that we may get a better understanding of the conditions that transgender people are under while incarcerated. Your participation will not lead to legal advocacy for your individual case, but rather aid us in our ongoing research. This information will be used to advocate for policy changes, programs, and procedures that are respectful of transgender people in correctional facilities in the state of Massachusetts. Although we have outlined several questions to help us better understand your situation(s), please feel free to elaborate on any specific question, or add personal testimony about your experience as a transgender person in prison/jail. Your participation in this research is completely voluntary, however your input is very valuable to us, and we thank you in advance for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

MTPC

PS- Unfortunately, due to a lack of funding, we are not able to accept collect calls. Please direct your correspondence to us through the mail.

Please return completed questionnaire to:

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5.) If you chose not to voice your complaint, what was behind this decision?

6.) What kind of policies should be in place for transgender prisoners?

7.) Based on your gender expression and identification, what prison would you chose to be in? What would make you more comfortable in this situation?

8.) If you were/are on hormones before going to prison/ jail, are you able to continue your hormone treatment in prison/jail?

If you have any other comments, complaints or stories that you would like to share with us so that we may best understand your situation, please feel free to add attachments.
Thank you for your participation.



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Resources for Transgender Prisoners

T/I/G Prisoner Pen pal Project

A pen pal list for currently incarcerated trans/genderqueer/intersexed people and their allies. Please send a short bio, contact information and relevant requirements (no mail from other prisoners, etc.) to:

T/I/G PRISONER PENPAL PROJECT

151 1st Ave

#228

New York NY 10003

Transgender Gender Variant, Intersex Justice Project

The TGI Justice Project's (TGIJP) mission is to challenge and end the human rights abuses committed against transgender, gender variant/genderqueer and intersex (TGI) people in California prisons and beyond.

TGIJP

342 9th Street, Suite 202B

San Francisco, CA 94103

Prisoners can send confidential legal mail to the above address, c/o Alexander Lee, Attorney

Sylvia Rivera Law Project

Provides free legal services for low income people and people of color who are trans, intersex, or gender non-conforming, including issues related to housing, employment, foster care, welfare, benefits, immigration, school and the criminal justice system.

Sylvia Rivera Law Project

322 8th Avenue, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10001

Black and Pink

Community Church of Boston

565 Boylston St.

Boston, MA 02116

Black and Pink provides advocacy and connections between queer and trans prisoners of all genders within the U.S. prison and jail system through a free newsletter of news and art. Submissions for newsletter welcomed.

POWER INSIDE

P.O. Box 4796

Baltimore, MD 21211

Works with women including trans women and trans men who feel they would benefit from women centered services. We offer support and advocacy for those who are incarcerated, homeless, addicted, or in the sex trade.



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Resources that are not Specific to Transgender People

STOP PRISONER RAPE, INC.

3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite. 340

Los Angeles, CA 90010

A national human rights organization that works to put an end to sexual violence against men, women, and youth in all forms of detention.

Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services

MCLS, Inc.

Eight Winter Street, 11th Floor

Boston, MA 02108

MCLS provides civil legal services to people in Massachusetts prisons and jails. The office does not provide criminal defense services. The office focuses on four issues: health and mental health care, guard-on-prisoner violence, physical conditions of confinement, and segregation and isolation. MCLS addresses these problems through administrative advocacy, legislative advocacy, giving information to prisoners so that you can know your rights and how to pursue them, referral to private attorneys, and some individual and class action litigation. MCLS is also known as Prisoners Legal Services.

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)—Criminal Justice Program

2161 Mass. Ave.,

Cambridge, MA 02140

The AFSC Criminal Justice Program provides referrals for prisoners in addition to working with prison organizations on issues affecting. The AFSC supports prisoner initiatives to create institutional and personal change.

Span, Inc.

105 Chauncy Street

Boston, MA 02111

Span provides resources designed to help people transition from living in prison to thriving in the community.