

understand the need to work within our own communities, we believe in starting small with lots of energy and because Coffee Creek has proved to be a hotbed for abuse and deception.

### *The Anarchist Prisoners' Legal Aid Network*

The Anarchist Prisoner's Legal Aid Network (APLAN) is a prisoner-guided initiative, formed to provide legal aid and outside support for imprisoned anarchists. We believe that anarchists need to support those who are arrested and already in jail. This isn't always easy, yet is a challenge our movement needs to take on.

There are dozens of anarchists in prison, many of whom face abuses by the prison authorities. Some are even held in segregation units with violent white racists. We can fight repressive action taken against anarchist prisoners, but it will take effort from inside and outside the prisons to do this.

Anarchist prisoners can contribute to struggles on the outside, but need outside contact to do this. APLAN aims to facilitate these efforts and thus strengthen anarchist practice as a whole.

We hope to provide sound legal advice and aid for anarchist prisoners. This support for imprisoned comrades is not based upon respect for the judicial apparatus, but is provided in the spirit of mutual aid and solidarity in struggle. The sharing of research material and resources will be an immediate goal. We welcome contact with those who have specific knowledge of legal matters.

We hope for broad involvement, in multiform ways, from throughout the anarchist movement. Write for information about current activities and how to get involved.

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# WOMEN PRISONERS' RESOURCE GUIDE

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Clearly the United States Prison Systems are at the greatest level of oppression and abuse against women. Women prisoners are the fastest growing population in jail/prison. In 1970, 5,600 women were incarcerated in federal and state prison. At year end 2000, 91,612 women were in state and federal prison, making up 6.6% of the total prison population.

Women in prison struggle against greater unjust conditions than male prisoners. Women are subjected to over crowded and ill-equipped facilities (there is only one prison for incarcerated women in the state of Oregon), underfunded educational and vocational programs (most of which are designed by and for men), extremely poor medical care (rarely do women receive even the most basic gynecological care) and routine sexual harassment by male staff and guards. Life for women prisoners is a struggle and constant battle. Women in prison must fight for their daily existence and their basic necessities. Every woman incarcerated is a warrior, a survivor and an inspiration.

This resource guide is for her, for you. To aide you in your struggle. To help you find the resources and support that you deserve. This guide is for your hope, a TY reminder that you are not alone. A reminder that we are all in solidarity and struggle with you.

Please let us hear from you if any of the information in this guide is incorrect, if you have any additions and if you are disappointed in any way with a group or program Stay strong, stay hopeful, keep fighting. We are out here for you.

*-wild flowers collective*

## Women Prisoners' Organizations

### Activist for Women in Prison

P.O. BOX 1733  
Portland, OR 97207

### Break the Chains

c/o Lilly  
T. O. Box 11331  
Eugene, Or 97440  
breakthechains02@yahoo.com

## Women's Prison Book Project

c/o Arise Bookstore  
2441 Lyndale Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 554405  
615-729-5845

Prison is patriarchy. Women unite and resist! Interested in corresponding with a woman on the outside? Join up with the Coffee Creek Radical Women's Correspondence project by filling out the bottom of this sheet and returning it to:

break the chains  
C/o lily  
p.o. box 11331  
eugene, or 97440  
OR  
APLAN  
818 SW 3rd  
PMB #354  
portland, or  
97204

This is a project for those who identify as women.

## Coffee Creek Ladies

Want a pen pal or just get a few notes from women on the outside? You don't have to be a radical woman! Just tell us a bit about yourself below and we'll see what we can do. We will make your name and sid # known to some women on the outside who have expressed interest in corresponding with women on the inside. Mind that we will try to connect you with women on the outside but we can't promise that all women will write to you consistently or even, at all. In the event that your pen pal drops out, write us again!

Name  
SID #  
Interests  
Needs

Why do you want a pen pal?

And the last bit is totally optional, but we have found that a common first question in in this area is: are you in for?

The Coffee Creek Radical Women's Correspondence Project is a project connecting women on the outside with women on the inside. It is an effort to educate and inspire both the incarcerated woman and the 'free' woman. We chose to work with and for women as an act of solidarity; and to recognize that women's struggles, especially in prison work, are often quite different from those of men. Furthermore, we recognize the initial and valid trepidation's some women may have about working with incarcerated men. This project is focused on women in Oregon for three reasons: we

**Transsexuals in Prison**  
c/o Mrs. Patricia Fisher  
CP 293 Suce Cote des Neiges Blvd.  
Montreal, Quebec H3SD 236  
CANADA

**Book Projects**  
**Books through Bars**  
c/o **Black Stockings Bookstore**  
172 Allen Street New York, NY 10002

**Books through Bars**  
**New Society Publishing**  
4,722 Baltimore Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19143 (no books to OR prisons)

**Books through Bars of Ithaca**  
**Autumn Leaves Used Books**  
C/o OAR  
115 The Commons  
Ithaca, NY 14850 (NY only)  
6072738239

**Books to PrisonersPDX**  
P.O. Box 11222  
Portland, OR 97211  
pdxbookstoprisoners@hotmail.com

**Books to Prisoners**  
c/o **Left Bank Books**  
92 Pike Street  
Seattle, WA 98101

**The Prison Book Program**  
c/o **Lucy Parsons Center Bookstore**  
549 Columbus Avenue  
Boston, MA 02118-1125  
6172676272 phone

31 Montford  
Asheville, NC 28801

**Prison Library Project**  
P.M.B. 128  
915-C West Foothill Blvd.  
Claremont, CA 91711-3356

**California Coalition for Women Prisoners**  
**A Project of Network on Women in Prison**  
1540 Market Street, ROOM 490  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
4152557036 X. 4  
info@womenprisoners.org  
P. O. BOX 34 19 6  
San Diego, CA 92153  
*Newsletter The Fire Inside*  
*Annual protests*  
*Organize visits to women prisoners in CA*  
*Advocate for women prisoners*

**California Coalition for Battered Women in Prison**  
1540 Market Street, Suite 490  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Nevada Empowered Women Project**  
428 Hill Street, #200  
Reno, NV 89501  
7753489566 phone  
7553487478 fax  
newplisa@earthlink.net

3135 Industrial Road, Suite 200  
Las Vegas, NV 89109  
7023693234 phone  
7027911992 fax  
newplv@earthlink.net

**Prison Activist Resource Center**  
P. O. BOX 3201  
Berkeley, CA 94703

**Sojourner. The Women's Forum**  
42 Seaverns Avenue  
Jamaica Plain MA 02130  
6175240415  
*Newspaper*  
*Response Guide*  
*Pen Pal program*

**Women Embracing Freedom Together (WEFT)**  
Contact: Lora Wetzel  
P. O. BOX 1733  
Portland, OR 97207  
womenprison@aol.com

**Western Prison Project**  
Contact: Brigette Sarabi  
P.O. BOX 40085  
Portland, OR 97240  
(503) 3358449  
info@westernprisonproject.org

**Women in Prison**  
22 Highbury grove  
London N5 2EA

**Women's Project**  
2224 South Main Street  
Little Rock, AR 72206

**Women Prisoner Legal Aid**  
**APLAN Anarchist Prisoner Legal Aid Network**  
818 SW 3rd Avenue  
PMB#354  
Portland OR 97212

**Battered Women's Clemency Project (ACLU)**  
1980 Alhambra  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
7346620776 phone  
jacobsen@umich.edu

**Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)**  
220 South State Street, #830  
Chicago, IL 60604  
3123325537 phone  
3123322570 fax  
infor@claim.org

**Legal Services for Prisoners with Children**  
1540 Market Street, Suite 490  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
4152557036 phone  
info@prisonerswithchildren.org

**LincolnPeters Defense Alliance**  
**c/o Mendocino Environmental Center**  
106 West Stanley Street  
Ukiah, CA 95482  
7074681660 phone  
7074622370 fax  
mec@pacific.net

**Prison Art Newsletter**  
P.O. Box 31 15 74  
San Francisco, CA 94131-0574

**Women in Prison, A Newspaper**  
861 Gray Avenue Suite N-220  
Yuba City, CA 95991

**Lesbian/BiSexual/Transgender**  
**Gay & Lesbian Prisoners Project**  
29 Stanhope Street  
Boston, MA 02116

**League for Lesbians and Gay Prisoners**  
1202 East Pike Street, #1044  
Seattle, WA 98122

**outside IN**  
P.O. BOX 5714  
Santa Fe, NM 87502

**PASAN**  
489 College Street, Suite, 500  
Toronto, Ontario M6G 1A5  
CANADA

**People Organized to Stop Rape of Prisoners**  
P.O. BOX 632  
Ft. Bragg, CA 95437

**Prison Project**  
c/o Diedra Farmer  
P.O. BOX 1224  
Boston, MA 02117

**QUISP**  
520 Hudson Street, #134  
New York, NY 10014

**Trans/gender Variant in Prison committee**  
California Prison Focus  
2940 16th Street #307  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
4152529211  
Fax: 4152529311  
caoimhin33@yahoo.com

**National Prison Hospice Association**

T. O. BOX 3769  
Boulder, CO 80307-3769  
3035445923 phone

**Natural Health Prison Project**

32 Greenwood Avenue, #4  
Quincy, NA 021702620

**Psychiatric Inmates Rights Collective**

615 Gilroy Drive, #1  
Capitola, CA 9555010

**Women in Prison Health Packet**

Oberlin Action Against Prisons  
P.O. BOX 285  
Oberlin OH 44074

**Women Prisoners Convicted by Drugging**

c/o Norma Stafford  
P.O. BOX 1926  
Clearlake, CA 95422

**Publications****Break the Chains**

P.O. BOX 11331  
Eugene, OR 97440

**The Fire Inside Newsletter**

California Coalition for Women Prisoners  
1540 Market Street, ROOM 496  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Out of Time**

c/o out of Control  
3543 18th Street, BOX 30  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
outoftime@jgc.org

**Feminary**

Box 954  
Chapel Hill NC 27514

**Off Our Backs**

2423 16th Street NW, 2nd Floor  
Washington D.C. 20009

**National Clearinghouse for Defense of Battered Women**

125 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 302  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
2153510010 phone  
2153510779 fax

*Help, assistance and support for battered women*

**National Women's Law Center**

11 Dupont Circle, #800  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
2025885180 phone  
2025885185 fax  
www.nwlc.org

**Pregnant Women/Mother Prison Resources****Aid to Imprisoned Mothers(AIM)**

524 Larkin Street SW  
Atlanta, GA 30313-1210

**Aid to imprisoned Mothers(AIM)**

P.O. Box 986  
Montgomery, AL 36101-0986  
8006790246

**Families Against Mandatory Minimums**

1612 K Street, Suite 700  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
2028226700 phone  
2028226704 fax  
www.famm.org

**Oregon Chapter**

Contact: Lorraine Heller  
9601 Leahy Rd, #301  
Portland, OR 97229  
lorraine@trilliumhollow.org

**Family Net**

300 Santa Isabel, Suite C  
Costa Mesa, CA 926271431

**Family Reentry, Inc.**

9 Mott Avenue, Suite 104  
Norwalk, CT 06850

**Mothers Reclaiming Our Children**

4167 S. Normandie Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90037

**ProFamily Advocates**

Prisoner Advocacy Organization  
P. O. BOX 17892  
Long Beach, CA 90807

**South Carolina Advocates for Pregnant Women**

PMB 243, 164D Market Street  
Charleston, SC 294011984  
8435790637 phone  
scapw@scapw.org

**Women's Care Inc.**

1841 Broadway, Suite 715  
New York, NY 10023

**Art/Writing Programs****Art Behind Bars**

P.O. BOX 2034  
Key West, FL 33040  
3052947345 phone  
www.artbehindbars.com.

**Con-Art**

P. O. 23OX 971471  
Weipahu, HI 96797

**Inner Voices**

P. O. BOX 4500, #219  
Bloomington, IN 47402

**Inmate Centers of America**

P. O. BOX 1673  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

**The Prisoners Advocate/Art From the inside**

P.O. BOX 1651  
Sacramento, CA 95812  
2038380496

**Prisoners literature Project**

c/o Bound Together Books  
1369 Haight Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117

**Prisoner Art Project**

C/o ABCF  
L.A., ABCSG  
P. O. BOX 3671  
Anaheim, CA 928033671

**Prison Creative Arts Project**

CIO Jesse Jannetta, PLAP  
Administrator  
3150 Angell Hall  
Ann Arbor, MI 481 109  
7346477673 phone

**Sojourner. The Women's Forum**

42 Scaverns Avenue  
Jamaica Plain, NA 02130  
6175240415

Newspaper  
Response Guide  
Pen Pal program

**Women's Health: Mental/Physical**

**CA Alliance for the Mentally Ill/ Criminal Justice Advisory Group**  
263 Argonne, B104  
Long Beach, CA 90803

**Health Resource Center**

372 Main Street  
Beacon, NY 12508

**Helping Everyone Share Healthy Emotions Anonymous**

P.O. BOX 1752  
Keene, NH 03431  
heshe@together.net

**International Incest Survivors Resource Network**

P. O. Box 7375  
Las Cruces, NM 88006-7375

**Jail Psychiatric Services**

984 Folsom Street  
San Francisco, CA 94JO3  
4154875601

**The Light House-A Center for Healing**

421 SW Washington ST.  
Hillsboro, OR 97123  
5035472843

*(Post-release healing programs for WA County & OR inmates only)*

**National Association for Rights, Protection & Advocacy**

P.O. Box 16311  
Rumford, AI 02916