

## APPENDIX IV

### DIRECTORY OF LEGAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR INCARCERATED PEOPLE

This Appendix contains a directory of legal and social services that will be useful for incarcerated people, returning citizens and community members, and their families. Please be aware that this type of information changes rapidly.

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## A. Legal Services

### 1. Organizations That Specifically Serve Incarcerated People

#### (a) Prisoners' Legal Services of New York ("PLS")

If you are incarcerated at a New York State correctional facility and in need of legal assistance, you should first contact PLS. PLS provides free legal services to people incarcerated in New York State prisons. PLS will only handle cases that other attorneys and legal services are unlikely to handle. For example, PLS does not handle criminal trials or direct criminal appeals.

If you qualify for PLS legal assistance, you should contact the PLS office serving your institution (see below). Application forms for PLS assistance should be available in the prison law library.

#### **Albany Office**

41 State Street, Suite M112  
Albany, NY, 12207  
(518) 438-8046

Prisons served: Adirondack, Altona, Barehill, CNYPC, Clinton, Coxsackie, Eastern, Edgecombe, Franklin, Great Meadow, Greene, Hale Creek, Hudson, Marcy, Mid-State, Mohawk, Otisville, Riverview, Shawangunk, Sullivan, Ulster, Upstate, Wallkill, Walsh, Washington, Woodbourne.

#### **Buffalo Office**

14 Lafayette Square, Suite 510  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
(716) 854-1007

Prisons served: Albion, Attica, Collins, Gowanda, Groveland, Lakeview, Orleans, Rochester, Wende, Wyoming.

#### **Ithaca Office**

114 Prospect Street  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
(607) 273-2283

Prisons served: Auburn, Cape Vincent, Cayuga, Elmira, Five Points, Southport, Watertown, Willard.

#### **Newburgh Office**

10 Little Britain Rd.,  
Newburgh, NY 12550  
(845) 391-3110

Prisons served: Bedford Hills, Downstate, Fishkill, Green Haven, Sing Sing, Taconic

#### (b) Other Organizations Serving Incarcerated People

#### **Prisoners' Rights Project (for NYC residents)**

The Legal Aid Society  
Criminal Appeals Bureau  
199 Water Street  
New York, NY 10038  
(212) 577-3300

[www.legalaidnyc.org/programs-projects-units/the-prisoners-rights-project/](http://www.legalaidnyc.org/programs-projects-units/the-prisoners-rights-project/)

*This organization specializes in cases involving jail and confinement conditions. It represents New York City residents incarcerated in city jails or New York State prisons. It handles only those cases that might expand prisoners' rights or improve prison conditions for large numbers of people in jail or prison; thus, it rarely accepts cases involving only one incarcerated person.*

#### **Parole Revocation Defense Unit (for NYC residents)**

The Legal Aid Society  
Criminal Defense Division  
199 Water Street  
New York, NY 10038  
(212) 577-3300

*This organization represents incarcerated people who either violate or are accused of violating parole. It represents only New York City residents in city jails or New York State prisons.*

**American Civil Liberties Union National Prison Project**

915 15th Street NW, 2nd Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202) 601-4269

[www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights](http://www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights)

*The National Prison Project is the only organization to litigate on behalf of incarcerated people at a national level. Since its founding in 1972, the National Prison Project has worked in more than twenty-five states to improve conditions of confinement.*

**2. Organizations That Serve Specific Regional and Cultural Interest Groups**

These groups are in no way affiliated with consulates and receive no rights or privileges under the Vienna Convention. They also tend not to represent individual criminal defendants. They may be interested in your case if you have a claim that you are being discriminated against because of your ethnic or cultural background. In addition, most of these organizations will probably provide you with a referral to another organization that can help you.

If you are experiencing difficulties of a religious nature (for example, if you cannot find a clergyperson of your faith or are not being allowed to practice your religion), you should also consult the resources listed in Chapter 27 of the *JLM*, "Religious Freedom in Prison."

**African**

African Services Committee, Inc.  
429 West 127th Street  
New York, NY 10027  
(212) 222-3882  
[www.africanservices.org](http://www.africanservices.org)

*African Services Committee, Inc. provides social services and conducts outreach programs for immigrants from Africa, the Caribbean, and the Middle East, without regard to ethnicity. They also provide referrals.*

NAACP National Headquarters  
4805 Mt. Hope Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(877) 622-2798; Local: (410) 580-5777  
[www.naacp.org/](http://www.naacp.org/)

*The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ("NAACP") helps all minority people in the United States. It can only take a few legal cases every year, but it may be able to provide referrals. It also has a wide variety of non-legal programs.*

**Arab**

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee  
1705 DeSales Street NW, Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 244-2990  
E-mail: [legal@adc.org](mailto:legal@adc.org)  
[www.adc.org](http://www.adc.org)

*The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee is a national grassroots non-profit civil rights organization that defends the civil rights of Arab-Americans.*

**Asian**

Asian-American Legal Defense and Education Fund  
99 Hudson Street, 12th Floor  
New York, NY 10013  
(212) 966-5932  
[www.aaldef.org](http://www.aaldef.org)

*The Asian-American Legal Defense and Education Fund does represent individuals. Instead, they usually conduct large-scale impact litigation (lawsuits that are designed to get a result for a broad class of people) on civil issues, like the American Civil Liberties Union.*

Asian Counseling & Referral Service  
3639 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way South  
Seattle, WA 98144  
(206) 695-7600  
www.acrs.org

*Asian Counseling and Referral Service is a community-based, multi-cultural, multilingual, private, nonprofit organization that provides and advocates for social services to empower Asian and Pacific Islanders.*

Asian Law Caucus, Inc.  
55 Columbus Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
Phone: (415) 896-1701  
www.asianlawcaucus.org

*Asian Law Caucus, Inc. serves the needs of predominantly monolingual, low-income Asian Pacific Americans living in the San Francisco Bay Area. It provides legal services and educational programs (in English and seven Asian languages) in the areas of civil rights, housing, employment, immigration, and the rights of the elderly.*

Organization of Chinese Americans  
900 19th Street NW, 6th Floor  
Washington, DC 20006  
(202) 223-5500  
www.ocanational.org

*The Organization of Chinese Americans ("OCA") is a civil rights organization that lobbies on behalf of Chinese-Americans and other Asian-Americans.*

World Relief  
7 East Baltimore Street  
Baltimore MD, 21202  
(443) 451-1900  
www.worldrelief.org

*World Relief is a Christian organization that provides free legal representation to refugees and assists with employment and citizenship.*

### **Caribbean**

Caribbean Bar Association  
Lara Dabdoub, President  
P.O. Box 14513  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33302  
(305) 416-3180  
Email: caribbeanbarassociation@gmail.com  
www.caribbeanbar.org

*The Caribbean Bar Association ("CBA") is a voluntary organization with more than 150 attorneys from the Caribbean-American community in Florida. CBA attorneys work in the public and private sector and practice in several areas of the law, including criminal and commercial litigation.*

National Association of Jamaican and Supportive Organizations ("NAJASO")  
5234 Illinois Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20011  
(410) 908-0123  
www.najaso.org

E-mail: president@najaso.org  
*The National Association of Jamaican and Supportive Organizations ("NAJASO") addresses general problems affecting Caribbean communities in the U.S. See also African.*

### **Hmong**

Hmong National Development, Inc.  
1075 Arcade Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55106  
(651) 495-1557  
Fax: 651-495-1699  
Email: info@hndinc.org  
www.hndinc.org/

*Hmong National Development, Inc. ("HND") advocates on behalf of Hmong-American communities through legal advocacy, civic engagement, and policy advocacy.*

### **Jewish (All Nationalities)**

Jewish Family and Children's Services  
2150 Post Street  
P.O. Box 159004  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
(415) 449-1200  
Email: admin@jfcs.org  
www.jfcs.org

*Jewish Family and Children's Services helps refugees, immigrants, and other newcomers to the San Francisco Bay Area and provides services in Russian.*

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia  
2001 Market Street, Suite 2300  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 832-0500

[www.jewishphilly.org/index.html](http://www.jewishphilly.org/index.html)

*Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia tends to assist Israeli and Ethiopian Jews who have recently immigrated to the U.S.*

Jewish Prisoner Services International

P.O. Box 85840  
Seattle, WA 98145-1840  
(206) 617-2367

Email: [jewishprisonerservices@msn.com](mailto:jewishprisonerservices@msn.com)

[www.jpsi.org](http://www.jpsi.org)

*Jewish Prisoner Services International provides pen pals, advocacy, and outreach programs for incarcerated people who are Jewish. See also the Appendix to JLM, Chapter 27, "Religious Freedom in Prison" for religious outreach programs.*

### **Kurdish**

American Kurdish Information Network

4412 Sedgwick Street NW  
Washington, DC 20016  
(202) 445-9007

Email: [akin@kurdish.org](mailto:akin@kurdish.org)

[www.kurdistan.org](http://www.kurdistan.org)

### **Latin American**

Alianza Dominicana

1011 First Avenue, 6th Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
917-242-0811

[www.cccsny.org/services/alianza-dominicana-cultural-center](http://www.cccsny.org/services/alianza-dominicana-cultural-center)

*Alianza Dominicana, a division of Catholic Charities Community Services, maintains several offices in northern Manhattan. They do not provide legal assistance but can help you with a variety of related matters, including drug addiction, health problems, and youth programs. They also have a cultural center that offers classes that may be of interest to you.*

Hispanic National Bar Association  
2020 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 279  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 223-4777

[www.hnba.com](http://www.hnba.com)

*Hispanic National Bar Association maintains a directory of more than 4,000 Hispanic attorneys nationwide and may be able to assist consulates.*

Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

634 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90014

(213) 629-2512

[www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org)

*The Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund ("MALDEF") promotes equality and protects the civil rights of Hispanics nationwide through litigation, leadership training, and law school scholarships.*

LatinoJustice Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund

475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1901  
New York, NY 10115

(212) 219-3360

Toll free: (800) 328-2322

[www.latinjustice.org](http://www.latinjustice.org)

*LatinoJustice Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund ("PRLDEF") conducts primarily large-scale, civil impact litigation. They do not represent criminal defendants, but you can contact them if your rights are being violated, and they will at least provide you with a referral. They help all Hispanic people, not just Puerto Ricans.*

### **Native American**

International Indian Treaty Council

2169 Folsom Street M303  
San Francisco, CA 94110

(415) 641-4482

E-mail: [alberto@treatycouncil.org](mailto:alberto@treatycouncil.org)

[www.treatycouncil.org](http://www.treatycouncil.org)

*International Indian Treaty Council ("IITC") is an organization of indigenous peoples from North, Central, and South America; the Caribbean; and the Pacific. It seeks to protect indigenous human rights, culture, and sacred lands. Services are also available in Spanish.*

Native American Rights Fund  
250 Arapahoe Avenue  
Boulder, CO 80302-6296  
(303) 447-8760  
www.narf.org

*The Native American Rights Fund (“NARF”) provides legal representation and assistance to Indian tribes. They probably will not take your case if it will affect only you as an individual, but they can provide referrals.*

United American Indians of New England  
info@uaine.org  
www.uaine.org

### 3. Organizations That Do Not Specifically, But Sometimes Do Serve Incarcerated People

The following is a list of legal organizations that have previously represented incarcerated people in cases involving prison conditions, parole, sentencing, etc. Note that the primary function of these organizations is not to provide legal services to incarcerated people.

American Civil Liberties Union (“ACLU”)  
125 Broad Street, 18th Floor  
New York, NY 10004  
(212) 607-3300  
www.aclu.org  
*The ACLU’s mission is to preserve all of the protections and guarantees of the United States Constitution.*

Center for Constitutional Rights (“CCR”)  
666 Broadway, 7th Floor  
New York, NY 10012  
(212) 614-6464  
www.ccrjustice.org  
*CCR is a non-profit legal and educational organization committed to the creative use of law as a positive force for social change.*

Children’s Defense Fund  
Juvenile Justice Division  
840 First Street NW, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 628-8787  
Email: cdfinfo@childrensdefense.org  
www.childrensdefense.org  
*The Children’s Defense Fund provides assistance to incarcerated women facing legal problems involving custody of their children.*

Community Law Offices (“CLO”) of  
The Legal Aid Society  
Volunteer Division  
2090 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard  
New York, NY 10027  
(212) 426-3000  
www.legalaidnyc.org  
*Provides free legal services to residents of Central and East Harlem who meet its low-income requirements. CLO handles civil matters; however, it has not had extensive dealings with the Parole Board, Corrections Department, disciplinary hearings, or prisoners’ rights litigation.*

Jewish Board of Family and Children’s  
Services  
463 7th Avenue, 18th Floor  
New York, NY 10018  
(212) 582-9100  
Toll free: (888) 523-2769  
Email: admin@jbfcs.org  
www.jbfcs.org  
*The Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services (“JBFC”) is a nonprofit mental health and social services agency providing a range of community-based programs, residential facilities, and day-treatment centers. JBFC makes referrals to legal services through its family violence prevention program and provides therapy to adolescents who have been involved in the criminal justice system through its juvenile justice program.*

Legal Action Center  
225 Varick Street, 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10014  
(212) 243-1313  
www.lac.org  
*The Legal Action Center (“LAC”) is a public interest law firm that generally handles law reform litigation. LAC has a program that focuses on challenging discrimination against returning citizens, especially in employment. It has also handled challenged guard brutality at a New York City correctional institution.*

National Employment Law Project  
90 Broad Street, Suite 1100  
New York, NY 10004  
(212) 285-3025  
www.nelp.org  
*Handles employment discrimination cases. Returning citizens with employment-related problems and currently incarcerated people with work-related problems should contact this organization.*

National Lawyers Guild National Office  
 P.O. Box 1266  
 New York, NY 10009-8941  
 (212) 679-5100  
 www.nlg.org

*The National Lawyers' Guild ("NLG") seeks to unite the lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers of America in an organization that acts as an effective political and social force in the service of the people to promote human rights.*

#### 4. Other Legal Services Organizations

Below is a list of free legal service organizations in New York City and State. These groups do not necessarily provide legal services to incarcerated people. But, if you are incarcerated at a city or county jail in either New York City or New York State, and you do not have access to any of the organizations listed above, you should contact a general legal service organization in the city or county where you are incarcerated. However, be aware that law or the people funding them might prevent them from helping people in prison or jail.

If you are incarcerated at a state institution and seek legal assistance in a criminal trial or direct criminal appeal, you should contact a legal service organization in the city or county where you are incarcerated. Many counties in New York State have a public defender's office and a county bar association program designed to assist you by providing free legal counsel. These organizations are not listed below. To find the address for your county's public defender's office and bar association program, ask your librarian or consult a telephone book for your county.

##### (a) Legal Services Organizations in New York City

###### (i) *The Legal Aid Society (Civil and Criminal Divisions)*

###### **Manhattan**

Civil Practice  
 199 Water Street, 3rd Floor  
 New York, NY 10038  
 (212) 577-3300

Criminal Court Office  
 100 Centre Street  
 New York, NY 10013  
 (212) 732-5000

Juvenile Rights Office  
 New York County Family Court Building  
 60 Lafayette Street, Room 9A  
 New York, NY 10013  
 (212) 312-2260

Harlem Community Law Office (Civil)  
 Theresa Towers  
 20290 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard  
 New York, NY 10027  
 (212) 426-3000

Midtown Community Court  
 314 West 54th Street  
 New York, NY 10019  
 (646) 264-1306  
 Criminal Defense Office  
 49 Thomas Street  
 New York, NY 10013  
 (212) 732-5000

###### **Bronx**

Civil Practice  
 260 E. 161st Street  
 Bronx, NY 10451  
 (718) 991-4758

Criminal Defense Office  
 260 E. 161st Street  
 Bronx, NY 10451  
 (718) 579-3000



Juvenile Rights Office  
Bronx County Family Court Building  
900 Sheridan Avenue, Room 6-C12  
Bronx, NY 10451  
(718) 579-7900

**Brooklyn**

Civil and Criminal Practices  
111 Livingston Street, 7th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 722-3100 (Civil Practice)  
(718) 237-2000 (Criminal Defense Office)

Juvenile Rights Office  
111 Livingston Street, 8th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 237-3100

**Queens**

Civil and Criminal Division  
120-46 Queens Boulevard  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415  
(718) 286-2450 (Civil Division)  
(718) 286-2000 (Criminal Division)

**Staten Island**

Civil Division  
60 Bay Street  
Staten Island, NY 10301  
(347) 422-5333

Juvenile Rights Division  
60 Bay Street, 3rd Floor  
Staten Island, NY 10301  
(347) 422-5333

(ii) *Community Action for Legal Services (civil cases only)*

**Manhattan**

Legal Services for New York - Manhattan  
40 Worth Street, Suite 606  
New York, NY 10013  
(646) 442-3100

Manhattan Legal Services, Inc.  
1 West 125th Street, 2nd Floor  
New York, NY 10027  
(646) 442-3100

**Brooklyn**

South Brooklyn Legal Services  
105 Court Street, 4th Floor  
Brooklyn, New York, NY 11201  
(718) 237-5500

Legal Services of Brooklyn  
3049 Brighton Sixth Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11235  
(718) 592-2100

Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal  
Services  
1360 Fulton Street, Suite 301  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
(718) 636-1155

Brooklyn Legal Services Corp. A  
(718) 487-2300  
260 Broadway, Suite 2  
Brooklyn, New York 11211  
*and*  
1471 Fulton Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11216

**Bronx**

Bronx Legal Services Corporation  
1118 Grand Concourse  
Bronx, NY 10456  
(718) 928-3700

**Queens**

Queens Legal Services Corporation  
89-00 Sutphin Boulevard, 5th Floor  
Jamaica, NY 11435  
(347) 592-2200

(b) Legal Services Organizations in Other Counties

**Albany County**

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York  
95 Central Avenue  
Albany, NY 12206  
(833) 628-0087  
www.lasnny.org

**Allegany County**

Legal Assistance of Western New York  
16 West William Street  
P.O. Box 272  
Bath, NY 14810  
(607) 776-4126; Toll Free: (877) 776-4126

**Auburn County**

Legal Services of Mid-New York  
472 South Salina Street, Suite 300  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
(315) 703-6600  
www.lawhelpny.org

**Broome County**

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York  
105 Court Street, 3rd Floor  
Binghamton, NY 13901  
(607) 231-5900  
www.lawhelpny.org

**Cattaraugus County**

Southern Tier Legal Services  
103 South Barry Street  
Olean, NY 14760  
(716) 373-4701

**Cayuga County**

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York  
472 South Salina Street, Suite 300  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
(315) 703-6600  
www.lasmny.org

**Chautauqua County**

Legal Assistance of Western New York  
115 East Third Street  
Jamestown, NY 14701  
(716) 664-4535  
www.lawny.org

**Chemung County**

Legal Assistance of Western New York  
215 East Church Street, Suite 301  
Elmira, NY 14901  
(607) 734-1647  
www.lawny.org

**Columbia County**

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York  
95 Central Avenue  
Albany, NY 12206  
833-628-0087  
www.lasnny.org

**Cortland County**

Legal Aid Society of Central New York  
1 North Main Street, Suite 308  
Cortland, NY 13045  
(607) 428-8400  
www.lscny.org

**Erie County**

New York Civil Liberties Union, Western  
Region  
661 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
(716) 852-4033  
www.nyclu.org

Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.  
Civil, Public Defender, and Appellate Divisions  
290 Main Street, Suite 400  
Buffalo, NY 14202  
(716) 853-9555  
www.legalaidbuffalo.org

**Genesee County**

Neighborhood Legal Services  
45 Main Street  
Batavia, NY 14020  
(585) 343-5450

**Greene County**

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York  
95 Central Avenue  
Albany, NY 12206  
833-628-0087  
www.lasnny.org

**Jefferson County**

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York  
215 Washington Street, Suite 202  
Watertown, New York 13601  
(315) 955-6700  
www.lasmny.org

Legal Aid Society of Nassau County Criminal  
Bureau  
40 Main Street  
Hempstead, NY 11550  
(516) 560-6400  
<https://nclas.org/index.html>

Legal Aid Society of Rochester  
1 West Main Street  
Rochester, NY 14614  
(585) 232-4090  
www.lasroc.org

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley  
90 Maple Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10601  
(914) 949-1305  
www.lshv.org

**Lewis County**

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York  
215 Washington Street, Suite 202  
Watertown, New York 13601  
(315) 955-6700  
www.lasmny.org

**Livingston County**

Legal Assistance of Western New York  
361 South Main Street  
Geneva, NY 14456  
(315) 781-1465  
Toll free: (866) 781-5235  
www.lawny.org

**Monroe County**

Legal Aid Society of Rochester  
1 West Main Street  
Rochester, NY 14614  
(585) 232-4090  
www.lasroc.org

Empire Justice Center  
1 West Main Street, Suite 200  
Rochester, NY 14614  
(585) 454-4060  
www.empirejustice.org

**Nassau County**

Nassau/Suffolk Law Services  
1 Helen Keller Way, 5th Floor  
Hempstead, NY 11550  
(516) 292-8100  
www.nslawservices.org

**Niagara County**

Neighborhood Legal Services  
225 Old Falls Street, 3rd Floor  
Niagara Falls, NY 14302  
(716) 284-8831

**Oneida County**

120 Bleecker Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 793-7000  
www.lasmny.org

**Onondaga County**

Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society  
351 South Warren Street  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
(315) 422-8191  
www.hiscocklegalaid.org

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York  
221 South Warren Street, Suite 310  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
(315) 703-6600  
www.lasmny.org

**Ontario County**

Legal Assistance of Western New York  
361 South Main Street  
Geneva, NY 14456  
(315) 781-1465  
Toll free: (866) 781-5235  
www.lawny.org

**Orange County**

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley  
90 Maple Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10601  
(914) 949-1305  
www.lshv.org

**Orleans County**

Neighborhood Legal Services  
45 Main Street  
Batavia, NY 14020  
(585) 343-5450

**Oswego County**

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York  
335 West 1st Street, Suite 2  
Oswego, NY 13126  
(315) 532-6900  
www.lasmny.org

**Otsego County**

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York  
189 Main Street, Suite 3  
Oneonta, NY 13820  
(607) 433-2220; toll free: (800) 821-9895  
www.lasmny.org

**Putnam County**

Putnam County Legal Aid Society  
12 Fair Street  
Carmel, NY 10512  
(845) 225-8466

**Rensselaer County**

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York  
95 Central Avenue  
Albany, NY 12206  
(833) 628-0087  
www.lasnny.org

**Rockland County**

Legal Aid Society of Rockland County  
2 Congers Road  
New City, NY 10956  
(845) 634-3627  
<https://legalaidrockland.org>

**Saratoga County**

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York  
40 New Street  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866  
(833) 628-0087  
www.lasnny.org

**Schenectady County**

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York  
95 Central Avenue  
Albany, NY 12206  
(833) 628-0087  
www.lasnny.org

**Seneca County**

Legal Assistance of Western New York  
361 South Main Street  
Geneva, NY 14456  
(315) 781-1465  
Toll free: (866) 781-5235  
www.lawny.org

**Steuben County**

Legal Assistance of Western New York  
16 West William Street  
P.O. Box 272  
Bath, NY 14810  
(607) 776-4126  
Toll Free: (877) 776-4126

**Suffolk County**

Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County  
Children's Law Bureau  
Courthouse Corporate Center  
320 Carleton Avenue, Suite 3800  
Central Islip, NY 11722  
(631) 439-2450

Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County Criminal  
Division  
Arthur M. Cromarty Court Complex  
300 Center Drive, First Floor  
Riverhead, NY 11901  
(631) 852-1650

**Sullivan County**

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley  
457 E. Broadway, Suite 19  
Monticello, NY 12701  
(845) 569-9110, ext. 200  
www.lshv.org

**Tioga County**

Legal Assistance of Western New York  
902 Taber Street, Suite 1  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
(607) 273-3667  
Toll Free: (800) 724-4170  
www.lawny.org

**Tompkins County**

Legal Assistance of Western New York  
902 Taber Street, Suite 1  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
(607) 273-3667  
Toll Free: (800) 724-4170  
www.lawny.org

**Wayne County**

Legal Assistance of Western New York  
361 South Main Street  
Geneva, NY 14456  
(315) 781-1465  
Toll free: (866) 781-5235  
www.lawny.org

**Westchester County**

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley  
90 Maple Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10601  
(914) 949-1305  
www.lshv.org

**Wyoming County**

Neighborhood Legal Services  
45 Main Street  
Batavia, NY 14020  
(585) 343-5450

**Yates County**

Legal Assistance of the Finger Lakes  
1 Franklin Square  
P.O. Box 487  
Geneva, NY 14456  
(315) 781-1465  
www.mclac.org

**5. Organizations that Specialize in Death Penalty Cases****National**

American Bar Association  
Death Penalty Representation Project  
1050 Connecticut Avenue NW  
Suite 400  
Washington D.C., 20036  
(202) 662-1738  
FAX: (202) 662-8649  
www.americanbar.org/groups/committees/death\_penalty\_representation/

**Alabama**

Equal Justice Initiative  
Bryan Stevenson, Executive Director  
122 Commerce Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
(334) 269-1803  
FAX: (334) 269-1806  
www.eji.org

**Arizona**

Arizona Justice Project  
111 E. Taylor St.,  
Phoenix, AZ 85004  
(Contact for more info)  
(602) 496-0286  
www.azjusticeproject.org

**California**

California Appellate Project  
345 California Street, Suite 1400  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
(415) 495-0500  
FAX: (415) 495-5616  
www.capsf.org

Habeas Corpus Resource Center  
303 2nd St. #N400  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
(415) 348-3800  
www.hcrc.ca.gov

**Colorado**

Federal Public Defender  
633 17th Street, Suite 1000  
Denver, CO 80202  
(303) 294-7002  
Fax: (303) 294-1192

**Connecticut**

Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization  
Yale Law School  
P.O. Box 209090  
New Haven, CT 06520-9090  
(203) 432-4800  
Fax: (203) 432-1426

**Florida**

Commission on Capital Cases  
402 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
(850) 921-4704  
Fax: (850) 921-4737

**Georgia**

Southern Center for Human Rights  
60 Walton Street, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 688-1202  
Fax: (404) 688-9440  
www.schr.org

Georgia Appellate Practice and Educational  
Resource Center  
303 Elizabeth Street, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30307  
(404) 222-9202  
Fax: (404) 222-9212

**Idaho**

Capital Habeas Unit  
702 W. Idaho, Suite 900  
Boise, ID 83702  
(208) 331-5530  
Fax: (208) 331-5559  
www.fdsidaho.org

**Illinois**

Office of the State Appellate Defender  
Post-Conviction Unit, Attn: Tiffany Green  
203 N. LaSalle, 24th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601  
(312) 814-5472  
Fax: (312) 814-1447

**Indiana**

Public Defender of Indiana  
1 North Capitol, Suite 800  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(317) 232-2475

*\* Only state court post-conviction relief*

**Kansas**

Paul E. Wilson Kansas Defender Project  
University of Kansas School of Law  
1535 W 15th Street  
Green Hall #409  
Lawrence, KS 66045  
(785) 864-5571

Death Penalty Defense Unit  
700 SW Jackson St, Suite 500  
200 Topeka, KS 66603  
785-291-3976  
Fax: 785-291-3979

**Kentucky**

Department of Public Advocacy  
Capital Post-Conviction Branch  
5 Mill Creek Park  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 564-8006  
Fax: (502) 695-6767

**Louisiana**

Center for Equal Justice  
7100 St. Charles Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70118  
(504) 864-0700  
Fax: (504) 864-0780

Louisiana Capital Assistance Center  
636 Baronne Street  
New Orleans, LA 70113  
(504) 558-9867  
Fax: (504) 558-0378

**Maryland**

Federal Public Defender Northern Division  
Tower II, 9th Floor  
100 South Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201-2705  
(410) 962-3962  
Fax: (410) 962-0872

Federal Public Defender Southern Division  
6411 Ivy Lane, Suite 710  
Greenbelt, MD 20770-4510  
(301) 344-0600  
Fax: (301) 344-0019

**Missouri**

Missouri State Public Defender, Capital  
Litigation Central District  
Woodrail Centre  
1000 West Nifong, Building 7, Suite 100  
Columbia, MO 65203  
(573) 777-9977, ext. 412  
Fax: (573) 777-9963

Missouri State Public Defender, Capital  
Litigation Eastern District  
1010 Market Street, Ste 1100  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
(314) 340-7662  
Fax: (314) 340-7666

Missouri State Public Defender, Capital  
Litigation Western District  
920 Main Street, Suite 500  
Kansas City, Missouri 64105  
(816) 889-7699  
FAX: (816) 889-2088

Eastern Federal Public Defender  
1010 Market Street, 2nd Floor  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
(314) 241-1255  
Fax: (314) 421-3177

**Nevada**

Nevada Federal Public Defender  
411 E. Bonneville Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89101  
(702) 388-6577, ext. 279  
Fax: (702) 388-6261

**New Jersey**

Office of the Public Defender – Capital  
Litigation  
Hughes Justice Complex  
25 Market Street  
P.O. Box 850  
Trenton, NJ 08625  
(609) 292-7087

**New York**

Capital Defender Office c/o Peter M. Zimroth  
399 Park Avenue, 36th Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 417-3187

**North Carolina**

Center for Death Penalty Litigation  
123 West Main Street, Suite 700  
Durham, North Carolina 27701  
(919) 956-9545  
Fax: (919) 956-9547

**Ohio**

Ohio Public Defender – Death Penalty Division  
250 East Broad Street, Suite 1400  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
(614) 466-5394  
Toll Free: (800) 686-1573  
Fax: (614) 728-3670  
[www.opd.ohio.gov](http://www.opd.ohio.gov)

**Oklahoma**

Oklahoma Indigent Defense System  
P.O. Box 926  
Norman, OK 73070  
(405) 801-2700 (Capital Trials)  
(405) 801-2665 (Capital Direct Appeals)  
(405) 801-2770 (Capital Post-Conviction)  
[www.ok.gov/OIDS/](http://www.ok.gov/OIDS/)

**Oregon**

Office of Public Defense Services  
1175 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
(503) 378-3349  
Fax: (503) 375-9701  
[www.oregon.gov/opds/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/opds/Pages/default.aspx)

**Pennsylvania**

Defender Association of Philadelphia  
1441 Sansom Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(215) 568-3190  
[www.phillydefenders.org](http://www.phillydefenders.org)

Federal Community Defender Office – Capital  
Habeas Unit  
601 Walnut Street, Suite 545 West  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
(215) 928-0520  
[www.pae.fd.org](http://www.pae.fd.org)

**South Carolina**

Justice 360  
900 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 200  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201  
(803) 765-1044  
[www.justice360sc.org](http://www.justice360sc.org)

**Tennessee**

Tennessee Federal Public Defender  
810 Broadway, Suite 200  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 736-5047  
Fax: (615) 736-5265  
[www.tnm.fd.org](http://www.tnm.fd.org)

**Texas**

Texas Defender Service – Austin Office  
1023 Springdale Road, Suite 14E  
Austin, TX 78721  
(512) 320-8300  
Fax: (512) 477-2153  
[www.texasdefender.org](http://www.texasdefender.org)

Texas Defender Service – Houston Office  
1927 Blodgett Street  
Houston, TX 77004  
(713) 222-7788  
Fax: (713) 222-0260  
[www.texasdefender.org](http://www.texasdefender.org)

**Virginia**Virginia Capital Representation Resource Center

2421 Ivy Road, Suite 301  
Charlottesville, VA 22903  
(434) 817-2970  
www.vccrrc.org

**Wyoming**Office of the State Public Defender

316 West 22nd Street  
Cheyenne, WY 82002  
(307) 777-7519

**B. Social Services**

The following is a list of social service agencies and prisoners' rights projects in New York City and New York State. Most do not provide legal services, although many refer clients to law offices and groups. Some of these organizations provide counseling, referral, and support services specifically for currently and formerly incarcerated people. Others provide services to members of the general public.

A short description of the services provided follows most addresses. In some of the counties in New York State, no agencies are listed. This does not necessarily mean that no social service agencies exist in these counties. If there are no agencies listed for your county, you should consult your telephone book or the internet for a Department of Social Services office under either your county or New York State; you should also consult the listings for neighboring counties.

**1. Social Services in New York City**

In the New York City listings, the code following each address describes the services provided by the particular agency.

C = Counseling

R = Referral

JD = Job Development

EV = Educational and Vocational Training

FA = Financial Assistance

SS = Support Services

P = Directed Especially Towards Currently or Formerly Incarcerated People

H = Housing

**Argus Community, Inc.**

760 East 160th Street  
Bronx, NY 10456  
(718) 401-5700  
www.arguscommunity.org  
Services provided: C, EV, JD

CASES—Central Harlem office:

2090 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard, 8th Floor  
New York, NY 10027  
(212) 553-6606

**Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services, Inc. (CASES, Inc.)**

www.cases.org  
Services provided: C, EV, SS, P, R, JD  
*Provides alternatives to incarceration and detention. Offers counseling, and vocational and educational assistance to selected participants, aiming for non-jail sentences.*

**Civil Rights Clinic**

New York University School of Law  
245 Sullivan Street, 5th Floor  
New York, NY 10012  
(212) 998-6448  
Services provided: C, R  
*Helps incarcerated people understand their legal problems. Represents incarcerated people in litigation concerning prison conditions and civil rights, or refers them to legal services.*

CASES—Downtown Brooklyn office:

151 Lawrence Street, 3rd Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(212) 553-6300



**Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)**

P.O. Box 264  
New York, NY 10276  
(212) 598-4000  
www.core-online.org

Services provided: EV, R, C, SS

*Administers welfare-to-work programs available to returning citizens. Prefers that those interested in their services contact them by writing a letter.*

**Fortune Society**

29-76 Northern Boulevard  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(212) 691-7554

www.fortunesociety.org

Services provided: C, R, SS, P, EV, JD, H

*Works with released individuals on a one-on-one basis to help them readjust to society. Counsels people in alternative-to-incarceration programs, returning citizens, and the families of incarcerated people. Provides information to and referrals for returning citizens who are HIV positive or have AIDS-related diseases.*

**Greenhope Services for Women**

435 East 119th Street  
New York, NY 10035  
(212) 360-4002

www.greenhope.org

Services provided: H, JD, C, R, P, EV, SS

*Counsels both incarcerated women and those participating in programs affording an alternative to incarceration. Provides counseling for substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, parenting and nutrition, as well as preparation for the high-school equivalency exam, employment, medical and residence referral services, and legal advocacy.*

**Institute for Community Living**

125 Broad Street  
New York, NY 10004  
(844) 425-4673

www.iclinc.org/

Services provided: EV, H, C, R, JD, SS

*Serves patients with mental illness or substance abuse issues.*

**NAACP**

44 Wall Street  
New York, NY 10005  
(212) 344-7474

www.nysnaacp.org

**Pathways to Graduation (formerly GED Plus)**

*Over 90 different locations in NYC—visit website to find locations.*

(212) 244-1274 (Midtown Manhattan office)

(718) 518-4530 (Bronx office)

(718) 804-6750 (Central Brooklyn office)

(718) 935-9457 (Downtown Brooklyn office)

(718) 739-2100 (Queens office)

(718) 273-3225 (Staten Island office)

www.p2g.nyc

Services provided: EV, JD, R

*Pathways to Graduation (“P2G”) is a full-time, free program for youth ages 17–21. As of January 2014, New York State replaced the GED with the TASC high-school equivalency exam. P2G helps you prepare for the TASC, and provides career counseling, including help preparing for job interviews.*

**Salvation Army**Main Office:

120 West 14th Street  
New York, NY 10011  
(800) 725-2769

Salvation ArmyDrug Rehabilitation Office:

535 West 48th Street  
New York, NY 10036  
(212) 757-2311

Services provided: C, R, JD, SS

**State University Educational Opportunity Center in Brooklyn**

111 Livingston Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 802-3300

www.sunybeoc.org/

Services provided: EV, JD

*Provides academic and career counseling and job placement assistance through a tuition-free program.*

**The Correctional Association of New York**

P.O. Box 793  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
(212) 254-5700

[www.correctionalassociation.org](http://www.correctionalassociation.org)

Services provided: SS, P

*Monitors New York State prisons, ensures proper conditions, and investigates complaint letters.*

**The Osborne Association, Inc.**

NYC Reentry Hotline: 1-833-672-3733

[www.osborneny.org](http://www.osborneny.org)

Services provided: EV, JD, FA, P, R, SS

*Provides services to incarcerated people and to returning citizens and their families. Has offices throughout New York State, including the following locations:*

175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 637-6560

388 Ann St.  
Newburgh, NY 12550  
(845) 345-9845

809 Westchester Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10455  
(718) 707-2600

**Women's Prison Association & Home, Inc.**

110 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10003  
(646) 292-7740

[www.wpaonline.org](http://www.wpaonline.org)

Services provided: P, EV, JD, FA, H, C, R

*Rehabilitates formerly incarcerated women. Operates as a halfway house available to those with alternative-to-incarceration acceptance; clients may stay for 6 months without paying a fee. Also offers counseling and training in life-skills and provides additional services for women involved in the prison system.*

## 2. Social Services in Other Counties

**Albany County**New York State Catholic Conferences

465 State Street  
Albany, NY 12203  
(518) 434-6195

[www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org)

Services provided: C

*Acts as a liaison for Catholic chaplains in New York state correctional institutions.*

**Broome County**The Reverend Cris MogensonThe Jail Ministry

Broome County Council of Churches  
3 Otsenigo Street  
Binghamton, NY 13903  
(607) 724-9130

[www.broomecouncil.net/jail-ministry/](http://www.broomecouncil.net/jail-ministry/)

Services provided: C, SS, FA

*Counsels incarcerated people and provides family support, clothing, and other services to released individuals.*

**Chenango County**Opportunities for Chenango

44 West Main Street  
Norwich, NY 13815  
(607) 334-7114

[www.ofcinc.org](http://www.ofcinc.org)

Services provided: SS, FA

*Assists families in moving out of poverty and into more financially stable situations.*

**Greene County**Department of Social Services

411 Main Street  
Catskill, NY 12414  
(518) 719-3700

Services provided: FA, H, SS

*Helps find housing and provides support services for returning citizens.*

**Hamilton County**Department of Social Services

139 White Birch Lane

P.O. Box 725

Indian Lake, NY 12842

(518) 648-6131

Services provided: FA, SS

*Provides support services, such as public assistance, food stamps, and Medicaid for low-income residents of Hamilton County.*

See Warren County.

**Lewis County**Lewis County Opportunities

8265 State Route 812

Lowville, NY 13367

(315) 376-8202

[www.lewiscountyopportunities.com/](http://www.lewiscountyopportunities.com/)

Services provided: SS

*Provides support services for low-income residents of Lewis County.*

**Monroe County**Judicial Process Commission

1921 Norton Street

Rochester, NY 14609

(585) 325-7727

Services provided: C, EV, SS, R

*Develops public awareness of the criminal justice system and advocates on behalf of incarcerated people. Answers letters from incarcerated people and provides referrals to legal services.*

**Nassau County**Port Washington Community Action Council

382 Main Street

Port Washington, NY 11050

(516) 883-3201

Services provided: SS

*Food pantry and family support center.*

Nepperhan Community Center

342 Warburton Avenue

Yonkers, NY 10701

(914) 965-0203

[www.nepperhan.org](http://www.nepperhan.org)

Services provided: C, JD, EV, SS, P

*Provides support services for youth (age 21 and under) both inside and outside of prison, including education, job training, and support services.*

New Rochelle Outreach Center

33 Lincoln Avenue, Suite # 2

New Rochelle, NY 10801

(914) 636-2721

Services provided: C, R

*Provides both voluntary and mandated treatment for drug addiction.*

**Niagara County**Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.

1521 Main Street

Niagara Falls, NY 14305

(716) 285-9681

[www.niagaracommunityactionprogram.org](http://www.niagaracommunityactionprogram.org)

Services provided: SS, H

*Provides support for low-income Niagara County residents, particularly housing, food, and emergency shelter.*

Open Door Family Medical Group

165 Main Street

Ossining, NY 10562

(914) 632-2737

Services provided: C

*Provides medical and dental care, HIV testing, and counseling.*

**Schoharie County**Schoharie County Community Action Program, Inc.

795 East Main Street, Suite 5

Cobleskill, NY 12043

(518) 234-2568

[www.sccapinc.org](http://www.sccapinc.org)

Services provided: FA, SS

*Provides family development and emergency support services for low-income residents after other social services have been exhausted.*

**Seneca County**Salvation Army

P.O. Box 532

41 North Street

Geneva, NY 14456

(315) 789-1055

Services provided: C, SS, R

*Provides support services for returning citizens, including counseling, referral to drug rehabilitation programs, help with food and medication, and jail visitation (if requested).*

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Central Council, Diocese of Rockville Centre  
249 Broadway  
Bethpage, NY 11714  
(516) 822-3132

Services provided: C, R, JD, H, SS, EV  
*Provides transitional programming for returning citizens with substance abuse problems. Provides job assistance and subsidized housing. Runs a program for justice-involved youth.*

**Sullivan County****Tioga Opportunities Program**

9 Sheldon Guile Boulevard  
Owego, NY 13827  
(607) 687-4222

Services provided: SS, P, H  
*Provides support services for returning citizens, including housing and head-start programs for family health and planning.*

**Tompkins County****Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources**

518 West Seneca Street  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
(607) 272-7885

Services provided: SS, P  
*Provides support services and advocacy for returning citizens to aid in community readjustment.*

**Warren County****Warren-Hamilton Counties Community Action Agency**

P.O. Box 968  
190 Maple Street  
Glens Falls, NY 12801  
(518) 793-0636

Services provided: R, FA, SS, P  
*Provides support services for returning citizens, including referrals and emergency food, clothing, and rental assistance.*

**Wayne County****Wayne County Action Program**

30 Church Street  
Lyons, NY 14489  
(315) 333-4155

www.waynecap.org  
Services provided: C, SS  
*Provides support services for qualifying returning citizens through a structured program that includes counseling and referral (even people who were incarcerated for periods as short as one day may be admitted). Works with probation and parole officers.*

**Westchester County****Mount Vernon Community Action Group of WestCOP**

28 East 1st Street  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
(914) 664-8680

Services provided: C, P  
*Provides counseling for drug addiction, alcoholism, and AIDS.*

**Pretrial Services Institute of Westchester County**

10 Woods Road, Box 10  
Valhalla, NY 10595  
(914) 428-6663

*Interviews and screens criminal defendants in the Westchester County Jail for release without bail through its "ROR" Program. Runs a bail expediting program for those whose bail is less than \$5,000, assisting with calls to collect the necessary funds for bail.*

## C. Official Corrections Agencies

### 1. Watchdog Agencies

The New York State Commission of Correction and the New York City Board of Correction provide information and investigate complaints from incarcerated people in state prisons and New York City jails.

#### **New York State Commission of Correction**

Alfred E. Smith State Office Building  
80 South Swan Street, 12th Floor  
Albany, NY 12210  
(518) 485-2346  
[www.scoc.ny.gov](http://www.scoc.ny.gov)

#### **New York City Board of Correction**

1 Centre Street  
Room 2213  
New York, NY 10007  
(212) 669-7900  
[www1.nyc.gov/site/boc/index.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/boc/index.page)

### 2. Administrative Agencies

These agencies oversee the prisons and jails in New York State and New York City.

#### **New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision**

Building 2, 1220 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12226  
(518) 457-8126  
[www.doccs.ny.gov](http://www.doccs.ny.gov)

#### **New York City Department of Corrections**

75-20 Astoria Boulevard  
East Elmhurst, NY 11370  
(718) 546-1500  
[www.nyc.gov/doc](http://www.nyc.gov/doc)