



PRISONER REENTRY NETWORK

LIST OF REENTRY RESOURCES

Unless a resource has an address listed, you can get it by writing us at PO Box 71552 Oakland, California 94612.

Identification: When you leave prison, you may have only prison-issued identification. While this serves as state-issued identification and will get access to a bus or train, it won't get you a social security card or driver's license. This document outlines the steps required for obtaining legal identification in preparation for release, a process that can be begin any time following arrest, and includes all necessary application forms.

Directions Home: PRN produces guides for getting from CA's prisons to its major cities using public transportation.

Post-Release Cell Phones: After you leave prison, you can get a low-cost cell phone subsidized by the federal government.

Guide to Technology: You will come home to a very different world. The guide explains cell phones, how to obtain a cell phone for free upon release, the Internet, e-mail, and security online.

Banking: When you leave prison, you are provided \$200 and little else. This guide will teach you how to open a bank account, establish a line of credit, and use these essential economic tools.

Resources for Transgender Prisoners: PRN contacted advocacy organizations and developed a list of Resources for Transgender People.

Social Security Offices: The addresses of all known social security offices in California.

DMV Offices: The addresses of all California DMV offices.

The Job Search: This guide will help you assemble the documents and information you will need to provide to prospective employers. Also included in this packet are tips on interviewing and how to present yourself to prospective employers. At the end of this packet there is a collection of forms you may need or may see in the future.

Other Information Providers:

CDCR Community Resource Directory: A list of reentry resource providers in each county, and their addresses. The most comprehensive list of resources available in each of California's counties. Available through a prisoner's Correctional Counselor, and at each prison's law library. They are too large for PRN To send through the mail.

Getting Out and Staying Out: The best guide for individuals anticipating release from prison, Getting Out and Staying Out was initially created by the San Francisco Reentry Council and much of its information is specific to San Francisco County. However, this easy-to-use guide is valuable to individuals anticipating release to any California county because it provides such great general information on identification, public benefits, probation and parole, and the array of issues facing an individual anticipating release from prison. The guide will be distributed free by writing to this address:

Reentry Council of the City & County of San Francisco

Adult Probation Department

880 Bryant Street, Room 200

San Francisco, CA 94103

Life Support Alliance – California Lifer Newsletter: Life Support Alliance (LSA) is an advocacy group that monitors all aspects of the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH). They observe parole hearings, correspond with prisoners, report their findings, and serve as a repository of information to advocacy organizations and government officials interested in our prisons. They also produce the California Lifer Newsletter (CLN), which is the best legal and political information available for prisoners, particularly lifers. To subscribe to CLN send \$30 (for prisoners) or \$99 (for free people) to:

California Lifer Newsletter

PO Box 277

Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

LSA also provides information through mail, and takes calls from prisoners:

916.402.3750

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children: LSPC has developed information for incarcerated individuals, including information specific to incarcerated parents, pregnancy, and a host of other issues. Write them at:

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

1540 Market St., Suite 490

San Francisco, CA 94102

Prison Law Office: Prison Law Office has developed guides on immigration, habeus corpus, prison conditions, and a number of other issues. Most notably, they have a parolee rights manual in both English and Spanish. Write them at:

Prison Law Office

General Delivery

San Quentin, CA 94964

Prison Activist Resource Center – Prisoner Resource Directory: Up-to-date listing of resource providers on a wide variety of topics. Available at this address:

Prison Activist Resource Center

PO Box 70447

Oakland, CA, 94612

Guidebook for Incarcerated California Veterans: This is another comprehensive guide on reentry resources, and not all resources in this guide are available only to veterans. Pages 50-100 detail reentry resources for each county. Available at prison law libraries.

Prison Library Project: The Prison Library Project provides free reading materials to prison inmates nationwide. PLP prioritizes educational and self-help literature and recognizes the value of literacy development through active engagement with books in general. Prisoners can write to request books at:

915-C W. Foothill Blvd

PMB 128

Claremont, CA 91711

Root and Rebound’s Roadmap to Reentry: An exhaustive resource detailing legal information affecting individuals who have left prison. Distributed free to prisoners who request a copy at this address:

Root & Rebound

1730 Franklin Street, Suite 300

Oakland, CA 94612

Criminal Record Information:

Reading and Understanding RAP Sheets: This guide explains how to understand your RAP sheet, and correct errors, available here.

Sacramento County Public Law Library: Cleaning Up Your Criminal Record:

Guide to clearing up your criminal record, with corresponding forms, available here.

Clearing Your Adult Criminal Record in California: This step-by-step guide explains how to clean up your RAP sheet, available, here.

Social Security Information: Brief overview by the Social Security Agency entitled, “What Prisoners Need to Know.”

Education Information: John Jay College’s guide to continuing your education after incarceration.

Certificate of Rehabilitation from San Diego: A certificate of rehabilitation will reduce many of the barriers related to a felony record. It is very rare to be granted a certificate of rehabilitation, but worth trying. Though these are documents related to

getting a certificate from San Diego county, and they provide a good guide for anyone obtaining a certificate of rehabilitation in California.

Bridges to Freedom: For individuals anticipating a hearing before the Parole Board, Bridges to Freedom guides an individual through every step of the parole hearing process. Developed single-handedly by PRN Advisory Board Member James DeBacco, an individual currently incarcerated in Ironwood State Prison, this guide is an intellectual tour de force, and represents the staggering talent that is trapped behind prison walls. This is only available to groups of prisoners who are anticipating a parole board hearing.

Miscellaneous:

Yoga Stretches: Even under 24-hour lock-down, you must exercise. Yoga is a wonderful way to exercise in prison, and organizations like the Prison Yoga Project are not available in every prison.

Star Charts: When an individual leaves a level four facility, they are permitted to see the stars for the first time since being incarcerated. Write PRN for a star chart.