

Correctional Resources

New York State Resources

AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP),

www.nyhealth.gov/diseases/aids/resources/adap/index.htm

The ADAP provides free medications for the treatment of HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections. The drugs provided through ADAP can help people with HIV/AIDS to live longer and treat the symptoms of HIV infection. To reach by phone, call 1-800-542-2437.

Legal Action Center, www.lac.org

This is a non-profit law and policy organization whose mission is to fight discrimination against people with histories of addiction, HIV/AIDS, or criminal records, and to advocate for sound public policies in these areas. Several resources are available on this website including, *How to Get and Clean Up Your New York State Rap Sheet*, *How to Get Section 8 or Public Housing Even with a Criminal Record* and *How to Obtain Important Documents* (driver's license, birth certificate, social security card, etc.).

New York State Commission of Correction, www.scoc.state.ny.us

The New York State Commission of Correction has a mission to provide for a safe, stable and humane correctional system in New York State. To this end, the Commission: (1) Promulgates minimum standards for the management of correctional facilities, (2) Evaluates, investigates and oversees correctional facilities, (3) Assists in developing new correctional facilities (4) Trains correction officers, supervisors and managers, and (5) Provides technical assistance.

New York State Department of Correctional Services, www.docs.state.ny.us

The New York State Department of Correctional Services is responsible for the confinement and habilitation of approximately 63,500 inmates held at 69 state correctional facilities, plus the 902-bed Willard Drug Treatment Campus. This website provides a map of prison locations as well as the resource, *Handbook for the Families and Friends of New York State Department of Correctional Services Inmate*

New York State Department of Health, Corrections and HIV/AIDS, www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/aids/corrections/index.htm

The AIDS Institute's Criminal Justice Initiative (CJI) was developed in response to the emerging prevention and service needs of HIV-positive and at-risk detainees, inmates and ex-offenders in New York State. This website has several resources, some of which include:

- Overview of the CJI and Listing of CJI Providers
- Statewide Training Calendar at **www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/aids/training/index.htm**
- Transition Guide: How to Get a Good Start on the Outside
- Transitional Planning Standards (and forms)
- How to Gain Access to County Jails for Delivery of HIV/AIDS Services (A Guide for Community-Based Organizations)
- New York State Hepatitis C Continuity Program (Fact sheet and brochures)
- Provider Materials at **www.hivguidelines.org**
- Consumer Materials at **www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/aids/publications**

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New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us

The Division of Criminal Justice Services is a multi-function criminal justice support agency with a variety of responsibilities, including collection and analysis of statewide crime data; operation of the DNA databank and criminal fingerprint files; administration of federal and state criminal justice funds; support of criminal justice-related agencies across the state; and administration of the state's Sex Offender Registry that allows anyone to research the status of an offender.

New York State Division of Parole, www.parole.state.ny.us

The New York State Division of Parole's mission is to promote public safety by preparing inmates for release and supervising parolees to the successful completion of their sentence.

New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (DPCA), www.dpca.state.ny.us

DPCA is committed to improving practices that promote public safety, ensure offender accountability, provide restitution to victims and reduce recidivism.

New York State Office of Family & Children Services (OCFS), www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/

The OCFS serves New York's public by promoting the well-being and safety of our children, families and communities. OCFS has numerous responsibilities including: foster care, adoption and adoption assistance, child protective services, preventive services for children and families, services for pregnant adolescents, child care and referral programs, and protective programs for vulnerable adults.

Re-entry Resource Center - New York, www.reentry.net/ny

This is the first-ever support network and information clearinghouse on prison and jail reentry, and the consequences of criminal proceedings on individuals and families in New York State.

New Jersey Resources

Access Project, New Jersey Resources and HIV Care Providers, www.atdn.org/access/states/nj/care.html

The Access Project keeps track of the efforts of community groups, professional groups, educational resources, and federal and state proposals and laws that could affect how and whether care and treatment can be accessed. This webpage outlines several HIV-related care resources in New Jersey. The Access Project can help explain ADAP, Medicaid and other Insurance Plans to patients. Additional resources are also posted on this website.

New Jersey Resources (continued)

American Correctional Association, New Jersey Chapter, www.njaca.org/index.html

The New Jersey Chapter of the American Correctional Association is a non-profit professional organization that has served as a forum for corrections in New Jersey since 1983. Membership includes a wide variety of correctional employees drawing from probation, parole, institutions, community based facilities, treatments centers, schools, law enforcement, the judiciary and related governmental and private agencies. It provides criminal justice practitioners in New Jersey with educational training and networking opportunities.

Division of Programs and Community Services (Part of the New Jersey Department of Corrections), www.state.nj.us/corrections/structure/html/community.html

The Division of Programs and Community Services provides institutional and community-based program opportunities for inmates, including community labor assistance, academic and vocational educational programs, recreational programs, library (lending and law) services, substance abuse treatment and transitional services. This website outlines each service in detail.

New Jersey Association on Correction (NJAC) Resource Center, www.njaconline.org/index.html

The Resource Center is NJAC's oldest non-residential program, and serves as a walk-in center for former inmates. The goal of the Resource Center is to assist clients in remaining crime-free. Issues of major importance to recently released inmates are employment, housing and adjustment to community standards. Staff works with clients in order to remove these barriers and assist in their adjustment. Short-term case management services are provided that assist clients with emergency needs and community stabilization.

New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC), www.state.nj.us/corrections/

The NJDOC is responsible for 14 major institutions -- eight adult male correctional facilities, three youth facilities, one facility for sex offenders, one women's correctional institution and a central reception/intake unit -- as well as a Stabilization and Reintegration Program. These facilities collectively house approximately 23,000 inmates in minimum, medium and maximum security levels. This website provides a map of prison locations as well as contact information for each institution. Information about the Office of Transitional Services is also provided.

New Jersey Resources (continued)

New Jersey State Parole Board, www.state.nj.us/parole/index.html

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is New Jersey's lead reentry agency. As required by law, appointed Parole Board Members and staff conduct more than 20,000 hearings per year, solicit input from victims and decide parole matters. SPB sworn parole officers supervise more than 15,000 offenders statewide. In addition, SPB officers are also active partners with multiple Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, SPB's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit and private agencies to connect ex-prisoners with vocational, mental health and related services, targeted to break the cycle and risk of crime.

State of New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (HIV/AIDS Service Division), www.state.nj.us/health/aids/index.shtml

The Division's mission is to prevent and reduce the spread of HIV, and ensure that HIV-infected people and those at risk of infection have access to the care they need. The Division uses its resources to help community-based networks deliver high-quality, comprehensive services that meet the language and cultural needs of the people they serve.

National Resources

Bureau of Justice Statistics, www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs

This website is the United State's primary source for justice statistics. Numerous reports are included on this website including *HIV in Prisons*, with specific data on New York State.

Federal Bureau of Prisons, www.bop.gov

The Federal Bureau of Prisons consists of 114 institutions, 6 regional offices, a Central Office (headquarters), 2 staff training centers, and 28 community corrections offices. This website provides a facility locator.

National Minority AIDS Council's (NMAC's) Prison Initiative, www.nmac.org

The Prison Initiative is a project of NMAC, which helps community and faith-based organizations, correctional facilities and health departments evaluate, improve and implement effective discharge planning for HIV positive-inmates and former inmates. The Prison Initiative offers numerous publications with comprehensive programmatic and policy information around HIV/AIDS and correctional facilities in the United States.

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National Commission on Correctional Health Care, www.ncchc.org

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) is committed to improving the quality of health care in jails, prisons, and juvenile confinement facilities. NCCHC offers a broad array of services and resources to help correctional health care systems provide efficient, high-quality care.

National H.I.R.E. Network, www.hirenetwork.org

The National **H**elping **I**ndividuals with criminal records **R**e-enter through **E**mployment Network is both a national clearinghouse for information and an advocate for policy change. The goal of the National H.I.R.E. Network is to increase the number and quality of job opportunities available to people with criminal records by changing public policies, employment practices and public opinion. The National H.I.R.E. Network also provides training and technical assistance to agencies working to improve the employment prospects for people with criminal records.

Urban Institute, www.urban.org

The Urban Institute analyzes policies, evaluates programs, and informs community development to improve social, civic, and economic well-being. It works in all 50 states and shares its research findings with policymakers, program administrators, businesses, academics, and the public online and through reports and scholarly books.

United States Department of Justice: Re-entry, www.reentry.gov

This website provides information about prison re-entry.