Mass Incarceration: Outreach Opportunities

A number of organizations are engaged in the three focus areas of our task force. We encourage you to connect with one of these organizations. Invite others to join you in these volunteer opportunities.

Pre-Incarceration

Life Ties

Mentoring teens www.lifeties.org

Teri Triano-Davis, Mentor Coordinator, 609.671.0040, ttriano-davis@lifeties.org

COVID-19 update: currently tutoring virtually; "plenty of youth who need mentors"

Isles Youth Institute

Mentoring or tutoring youth www.isles.org 609.341.4780, volunteer@isles.org

COVID-19 update: currently on hold while they explore virtual options

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Get SET program: after school program for K-8, M-F 3-5:45 p.m.; homework help, mentoring, crafts.

Rev. Karen Hernandez-Granzen, 609.498.7419, karisuhg@aol.com

COVID-19 update: currently on hold

Incarceration

Certificate in Theology & Ministry: Inside

Outside students (anyone can apply) agree to meet weekly, for 19 weeks, alongside prisoners also enrolled in the Princeton Theological Seminary program at Garden State Youth Correctional Facility in Bordentown, NJ. www.ptsem.edu/discover/con-ed/certificate-in-theology-and-ministry-inside

COVID-19 update: on pause for 2020-2021 academic year

Petey Greene Program

GED tutoring at Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility or Garden State Youth Correction Weekly time commitment of 7:30-10:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays door-to-door from Princeton University campus.

Holly Polakiewicz, Regional Manager, 732.221.9142, hpolakiewicz@peteygreene.org www.peteygreene.org

COVID-19 update: for the Fall 2020 semester, PGP tutors will provide virtual tutoring to returning citizens served by Fresh Start Library locations. Fresh Start @ Your Library is a statewide library reentry program that is focused on reconnecting returning citizens with their communities at public libraries.

Pen Pal Letter-writing:

We will connect you with an incarcerated person seeking a pen pal. Marcia Van Dyke, 609.924.7597, mvandyck1@gmail.com

Post-Incarceration

NeighborCorps Re-Entry Services

Become a mentor for a returning citizen

www.neighborcorpsreentry.org

Austin Morreale, 732.675.1452, Austin.neighborcorps@gmail.com

COVID-19 update: currently functioning virtually or in person with social distancing precautions at the discretion of clients and mentors.

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (T.A.S.K.)

Tutoring adults, mornings or afternoons.

www.trentonsoupkitchen.org

Calmia "Mia" Hart, 609.695.5456, calmiah@trentonsoupkitchen.org

COVID-19 update: currently tutoring virtually

Other:

People & Stories//Gente y Cuentos

Reading and discussing stories

Peopleandstories.org

Cheyenne Wolf, 609.882.4926, cheyennew@peopleandstories.org

COVID-19 update: currently functioning virtually

Other faith-based organizations with active criminal justice reform programs:

American Friends Service Committee New Jersey Prison Watch Project

Website: https://www.afsc.org/new-jersey-prison-watch

Contact: Bonnie Kerness bkerness@afsc.org 973-643-3192

UU (Unitarian Universalist) Faith Action NJ

Website: https://www.uufaithaction.org/

Reformed Church of Highland Park

https://www.rchighlandpark.org/

Non-profit organizations advocating for criminal justice reform and/or racial equity

Campaign to End the New Jim Crow

Meetings 1st Tuesday of the month at Lawrenceville Public Library Endnewjimcrownj.org Facebook.com/CENJCPNJ

New Jersey Institute for Social Justice (NJISJ)

https://www.njisj.org/

The Marshall Project

The Marshall Project is a nonprofit, online journalism organization focusing on issues related to criminal justice in the United States,

Themarshallproject.org

Not In Our Town Princeton (NIOT)
A multi-racial, multi-faith group of individuals who stand together for racial justice and inclusive communities.

Niotprinceton.org