

Reform & Advocacy

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) New York Healing Justice supports people to heal and take leadership roles in confronting injustice in communities devastated by mass incarceration, abusive systems of imprisonment, and the collateral consequences of arrest and conviction. We join these communities in challenging the realities and political and economic root causes of these injustices, including the racism embedded in our criminal legal and related systems.

<https://www.afsc.org/new-york-healing-justice>

CURE New York: We believe at CURE-NY when working with other coalitions no element of the effort taken can be contrary to any of CURE's position as a whole or serve to promote another coalitions broader agenda as a whole. To maintain the integrity of our beliefs and mission as an organization, we must divert from other reform movements currently in place.

<http://www.curenьюyork.info/>

Legal Aid

Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP) works to end mass incarceration and promote racial justice through the release from prison of older and aging people and those serving long and life sentences. The number of people aged 50 and older in New York State, where RAPP was founded, has doubled since 2000; it now exceeds 10,000—about 20% of the total NYS prison population. This reflects a national crisis in the prison system and the extension of a culture of revenge and punishment into all areas of our society.

<http://rappcampaign.com/about/>

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York (PLSNY) is a non-profit legal services organization founded in 1976 to provide indigent incarcerated New Yorkers access to the courts. There are over 51,000 individuals incarcerated in 54 prisons across New York State and PLS responds to more than 10,000 requests for assistance annually. Our mission is to provide high quality, effective legal representation and assistance to indigent prisoners, to help them to secure their civil and human rights, and to advocate for humane prisons and for a more humane criminal justice system.

<https://www.plsny.org/>

The Legal Aid Society: As New York City's primary public defender, we believe advocacy must not only take place in the courtroom, but also in the communities where our clients live and work. Our holistic practice provides zealous, experienced representation to our clients. Every day our defenders are engaging clients, community members, and advocacy groups, helping to amplify the voices of people affected by a broken criminal legal system, especially those who are incarcerated in jail, prison or detention centers.

<https://legalaidnyc.org/what-we-do/defending-the-accused-incarcerated/>

New York Organizations

The Exoneration Initiative is a pioneering not-for-profit organization that provides free legal assistance to wrongfully convicted people in New York. We focus on the most challenging cases, those that lack DNA evidence.

<http://exonerationinitiative.org/>

New York Law School Post-Conviction Innocence Clinic (PCIC) represents a small number of clients who have been convicted of serious crimes in New York State but who present a colorable claim of actual innocence that cannot be proven through DNA evidence alone. NY Criminal Procedure Law §440.10 creates a pathway for such clients to request reversal of their conviction based upon newly discovered evidence.

https://www.nyls.edu/academics/office_of_clinical_and_experiential_learning/clinics/post_conviction_innocence_project/