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and how they offer labor. Incarcerated individuals the freedom to choose when punished for work absences. ACA 8 would give incarcerated people are not forced to work or cruelly clause permitting slavery as punishment, so that passing of California ACA 8—a state constitutional servitude within prisons by advocating for the gathered across California to abolish involuntary activism, policy reform, and the amplification of the shackles of mass incarceration through political people, AOUON is dedicated to breaking the on behalf of formerly and currently incarcerated Amendment was ratified, it legalized slavery.” Not enough people are aware that "ACA 8 will give you, the voters of California, the opportunity to end "ACA 8 is another name for slavery." For more information on ACA 8 and involuntary Legal Services for Prisoners (LSPC) grassroots arm, All of Us or None (AOUON), organized a collaborative effort on Juneteenth to campaign against the legalized practice of slavery within California prisons. Article 1, Section 6 of the California Constitution permits involuntary servitude “as a punishment for crime,” and essentially functions as a loophole for the California government to legally enslave incarcerated individuals. “Not enough people are aware that slavery still exists and that language still exists in our federal Constitution in 2023,” says LSPC Deputy Director Paul Briley. According to Briley, AOUON’s core initiative for this celebration, with the same banner hanging inside Fairmont Park for the city’s 3rd Annual Juneteenth event to illustrate the reality of involuntary servitude within the prison system. “This criminal conviction business, this prison business, don’t get it twisted—it’s about enslavement,” Ortiz proclaimed. As the organizers spoke, behind them stood fellow AOUON members holding up a banner with the message: “Involuntary Servitude Is Slavery.” The AOUON Riverside Chapter tabled at Fairmount Park for the city’s 3rd Annual Juneteenth celebration, with the same banner hanging inside their booth, and their table scattered with ACA 8 informational pamphlets, resources to support their cause, and various AOUON merchandise with messages like “Retired Slave” and “Never Again.” Informing our community of the injustice of inhumane labor practice proves vital to gaining the support necessary to pass restorative legislation and, Revisiting Captivity by Alesia Moore, Elder Freeman Policy Fellow

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magine arriving at the very place where you were imprisoned, the parallel paths of your life, colliding. Who you were yesterday & who you are today meeting face to face for the first time. On the morning of yester years you were captive here leaving the dorms to start your day at this very same time feeling the chill of the freezing morning winds of autumn in Central California Women's Facility, the largest facility designed to house women in the world where you had spent the majority of your young life. The Pardons & Commutations Coalition team invited our staff member Barbara Chavez to come into CCWF as a guest of the Coalition on Pardons & Commutations, a team of former life without parole survivors (Kelly Savage, Nia Noor, & Steven Greene) & Colby Lenz of CCWP who have been working to educate the governor's office on issues that this demographic has faced thus far with no representation. Initially there was a call for all life without sentenced individuals to attend but as we all know the list was cut with no rhyme or reason much to the dismay of the coalition as they had hoped to have everyone present. Barbara expressed she was feeling nervous upon her initial arrival at CCWF but extremely blessed and honored to be able to go back inside and share her testimony of hope and endurance with other women who are in the same position as she once was, many of whom are considered family. The idea was simple, to help give life without parole people hope. Bringing the governor's commutation team, Representatives from the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) clerks office not only was able to show the LWOP population that they are not forgotten but also for the select group of inmates it gave them the chance to share what freedom looked like to them, amongst other questions as the commutation team listened & watched and connected to them on a very human level. For many of our readers outside the carceral system you may not know that within the California department of corrections and rehabilitation there are a host of rehabilitative programs happening. Moreover the bulk of these programs are being facilitated by life without parole individuals. This demographic over time has en masse contributed to the rehabilitation of thousands of incarcerated folks tirelessly. I have personally watched life without parole individuals write, develop & teach curriculam. Huggle with administration to get those same curriculums up and running & keep them running, mentor youth & other young lifers entering the system, quell issues that come up in population & advocate for their peers along the...
As members of All of Us or None, we pledge:

To demand the right to speak in our own voices
To treat each other with respect and not allow differences to divide us
To accept responsibility for any acts that may have caused harm to our families, our communities or ourselves
To fight all forms of discrimination
To help build the economic stability of formerly-incarcerated people
To claim and take care of our own children and our families
To support community struggles to stop using prisons as the answer to social problems
To play an active role in making our communities safe for everyone

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Paul Briley

Paul Briley is the Deputy Director of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children. Paul focuses on fines & fees among other legal monetary sanctions that burden formerly incarcerated individuals and disproportionately impact low-income people and communities of color. He grew up in the Bayview-Hunters Point district of San Francisco, a community that has seen its fair share of social problems over the years.

As a child Paul was displaced by the foster care system and subsequently fell into a deep cycle of recidivism. The juvenile dependency court deployed him to a military boarding school for troubled youth. This instilled a great deal of consciousness and respect for different people and different places, but it also sparked an immense amount of curiosity and concern within. The majority of individuals confined were impacted by public policy.

After aging out of foster care Paul became politicized through Project Rebound and learned how to use his carceral experience as a catalyst for change in social justice. He attended San Francisco State University and became an advocate for system impacted students on campus. He transferred to the University of California, Berkeley and became a student ambassador for the Berkeley Underground Scholars, a student-led organization of formerly incarcerated students on campus working to expand the prison to school pipeline. During undergrad, Paul noticed significant differences that distinguish one community from another and how social programs, public policy laws, and monetary allocations create these community distinctions. He explored how multiple areas of study intersect with one another and majored in interdisciplinary studies with a specific goal in mind, utilize the inside knowledge of institutions and systems currently in place to help people from marginalized groups.

All of Us or None presented an opportunity in 2019 to become a Ronald Elder Freeman Policy Fellow. He was trained to become a community organizer and policy advocate for formerly incarcerated and convicted people as well as their families. During his fellowship, Paul helped draft the language for ACA 6 which restored the right to vote to 50,000 people on parole in California. He also helped lead the People over Profits campaign in San Francisco, an ordinance change that required the City and its vendors to stop generating revenue from incarcerated people and their loved ones.

San Francisco became the first city in the nation to make jail phone calls free and end the markup of commissary items in the county Jail. The victory in San Francisco permeated throughout California influencing larger legislation cosponsored by LSPC making phone calls free inside of all CA state prisons.

The People over Profits ordinance was an important change but it didn't help people who still lacked the funds to purchase from the commissary. To go a step further, Paul created the Commissary Allowance Program in San Francisco, which allows incarcerated people who lack financial support to receive a small monthly allowance to pay for basic necessities. This is the first program of its kind in the country.

Paul extends his efforts to those who have fallen victim to social forces and will work to reconstruct the policies that have allowed this to happen. Under the new institutions of previous order, he is creating an alternative discourse independently of the dominant social group. Paul has an insatiable appetite for resilient truth, obtaining knowledge that produces solutions, and creating ways to sustain institutional change.

Dr. Tanisha Cannon

Dr. Tanisha Cannon is a dedicated and compassionate advocate for social justice, committed to making a lasting impact on the lives of prisoners and their children. As the Managing Director of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the fields of education, sociology, criminal justice, and public administration.

Dr. Cannon earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership with a focus on social justice from California State East Bay in May 2023. Prior to that, she pursued her undergraduate studies in sociology and completed a Master's in Public Administration. Her academic background has provided her with a comprehensive understanding of the complex issues surrounding underserved communities and the criminal justice system.

Dr. Cannon's passion for creating positive change stems from her personal experiences. Having witnessed firsthand the effects of the criminal justice system on her own family, with her mother, brothers, and grandfather all experiencing incarceration, she is deeply committed to challenging the status quo. As a juvenile, she also faced direct impacts from the system, giving her a unique perspective and a sense of urgency to work towards systemic reform.

Throughout her career, Dr. Cannon has actively engaged with underserved communities. She dedicated her time and expertise at the Oakland Housing Authority, where she worked tirelessly to address the needs of marginalized populations. Additionally, her role as a Cultural Strategist with the City of Oakland allowed her to collaborate with government officials and community leaders to develop initiatives promoting equity and inclusion.

She believes in the power of civic engagement and community organizing to drive meaningful change. Her dedication to empowering individuals and creating systemic solutions sets her apart as a leader in her field.

Dr. Cannon firmly believes that her works at LSPC should be organized around principles of caring, compassion, love, and humanity. Drawing inspiration from the concept of Ubuntu—a Zulu South African philosophy of humanism—she recognizes that while individuals have diverse lived experiences, their shared humanity is the foundation for affirming and validating their voices. She strives to prioritize the human element in her work, placing greater emphasis on the stories, experiences, and perspectives of individuals rather than reducing them to mere numbers and charts.

By incorporating these principles into her role as Managing Director, Dr. Cannon ensures that her work is guided by empathy, respect, and a commitment to amplifying marginalized voices. She seeks to create a space that recognizes and values the inherent dignity and worth of every individual, fostering an environment that promotes equity, justice, and positive change.

Dr. Cannon will continue to champion the cause of justice and support the families impacted by incarceration. Her tireless efforts, combined with her extensive knowledge and personal experiences, make her a compassionate and effective advocate for systems change.

"I am because of who we all are."

- Ubuntu: An African philosophy emphasizing 'being self through others'.
I t’s official. I got onto the Reparations Commission in Alameda County! Thank you, Alameda County District 5 Supervisor Keith Carson, for selecting me to serve the interest of the modern-day slave population, i.e., the incarcerated class of black men and women. I will do my part to ensure that whatever is decided is to be given as reparations that those behind walls get it too.

The Commission is set to run from June 2023 through June 2024, during which our Commission will make recommendations, if you have any real knowledge concerning reparations, shoot it! We’re talking about everything from land, to money, to sentencing laws, to constitutions, and whatever is in between. We haven’t had our first meeting yet, but I will keep you posted on how things go. I expect to learn a lot from the process and will share it with you.

This Juneteenth felt special. I went to Juneteenth in my hometown of San Francisco (in the Fillmore district, or as we say, Fillmoe) where local Bay Area talent was performing live onstage. Thousands came out and came through. No drama. All love and good vibes. I recalled going to Juneteenth in my youth when strutting was popular: Demons of the Mind, Close Encounters, and The Best Strutter I ever saw, Longshoreman Greenleaf there in June 2023. There was the car show, the fashion show, the R&B show, and the Hip Hop shows! It was really lit! A lot has been happening in the political home front. Bills are steadily moving through houses. A few to keep your eyes on are: ACA 8 (The End Slavery Act), ACA 4 (Voting Rights for Prisoners), and AB 958 (Visiting Rights Restored). The ACAs are proposed constitutional amendments to our state’s constitution. In order to change the constitution, it must be voted on by the People. The legislators can’t change the constitution. They can only make laws under the constitution.

ACA 4 - Right now, our state constitution does not allow for prisoners to vote. To change that, the People must vote to have it changed. To get it on the ballot for voters, it must either 1) be voted to our state’s constitution. In order to change the constitution, it must be voted on by the People. The legislators can’t change the constitution. They can only make laws under the constitution.

ACA 8 - If ACA 8 passes in the California State Legislature, voters will have the opportunity to truly abolish slavery in our state’s Constitution. ACA 8 will help liberate an entire class of people in this state, including those incarcerated. Other states, such as Alabama, Tennessee, Oregon, and Vermont, have already passed such legislation—it’s time for California to follow suit. As Briley illuminated, “this will be the first time since slavery that black people have the opportunity to vote on something related to slavery.”

AOUON is dedicated to getting ACA 8 passed and educating the public on this issue. “The singular most important thing people can do to support this cause is talk about it,” states AOUON Policy Fellow Alissa Moore. “If people start talking about it, you can’t help but get pissed off. If you don’t, you’re part of white silence and white complacency, and you’re part of keeping the structure of white supremacy in place in our culture. So talk about it.”

Conversation, while crucial, is not the only way to support this cause. Briley explains that people can actively “reach out to the legislature in their district, show up to hearings, and if time permits, the State Capitol, and vote on this issue.”

AOUON is actively working to involve community members in this effort. “There is a want to be a part of this movement to abolish slavery,” according to Dr. Cannon. “We are still fighting a fight that our ancestors have been fighting for centuries, and this is a historical moment in time.”

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ultimately, reforming our state constitution.

LSPC Managing Director Dr. Tanisha Cannon elucidated a lack of social awareness surrounding the correlation between involuntary servitude and slavery: “Many of our brothers and sisters are still being held as slaves under a different name, and it’s just a new version of Jim Crow,” she says.

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Freedom On My Mind

by Mr. Hernandez Wiley aka Bro. Truth, a political prisoner, freedom fighter and lyrical drawing artist. Florida State Prison
Policy Update by Jeronimo Aguilar: LSPC Policy Analyst

SB 474 Becker - Canteens: The BASICs ACT
Status: Passed Asm Pub Safety and is awaiting a date in Asm Appropriations
What you can do: Reach out to your Assemblymembers and ensure that they are in support of this important legislation which would allow prison industries to sell items to incarcerated people and create a living wage minimum wage increase.

SB 460 Wahab - Fair Chance Housing
Status: On HOLD- 2 Year Bill
What you can do: Continue to support any Fair Chance Housing initiatives going in your local areas. Currently we are moving cloud policy in Alameda County, LA County, Contra Costa County, Riverside County, San Diego County, and are looking to continue expanding.

AB 1226 Haney - Keep Families Close ACT
Status: Passed referral to Senate Appropriations
What you can do: Reach out to your Senators and encourage them to support this common sense legislation which prioritizes maintaining family connection. For more information on this legislation or campaign, reach out to Family Unity Coordinator Ivana Cortez at ivana@prisonerswithchildren.org or write her at 4400 Market St, Oakland, CA 94608.

AB 1226 Kalra - Bench Warrant Reform
Status: Passed Senate Pub Safety and is awaiting referral to Senate Appropriations
What you can do: Reach out to your Senators and encourage them to support this reform which would put an end to petty warrant oversight for probation parole and other very serious consequences for marginalized communities. For more information on this legislation reach out to LSPI Policy Analyst Jeronimo Aguilar at jeronimo@prisonerswithchildren.org or write to us at 4400 Market St, Oakland, CA 94608.

AB 958 Santiago - Prison Visitation
Status: Passed Senate Pub Safety and is awaiting referral to Senate Appropriations.
What you can do: Reach out to your Senators and ensure that they are supporting AB 1306 which would stop the transfer of undocumented prisoners in CDCR that benefit from any and that includes incarcerated workers.

Legal Corner
Regulating Staff Misconduct in Carceral Institutions
by Eric Craig Sapp, LSPC Staff Attorney

I n 2023 the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) promulgated new regulations governing its processing of allegation of staff misconduct, defined as behavior by CDCR employees making a violation of laws, rules, policy, or procedure, or actions contrary to an ethical or professional standard. 15 C.C.R. §§3486(c)(2)(C). Section 3486(a) states that “Any person alleged to have engaged in any conduct prohibited by statute or who misconduct” and specifies that the regulations call “inmates and paroles” should use form 602-HC at 602-HC and that “[c]itizens” – which here does not mean citizenship status but means persons with disabilities, if alleging staff misconduct, will also be processed although the procedure will be more complex. See 15 C.C.R. §3486(b) and §3482(a). The new rules establish a screening phase at which allegations are classified as routine (non-misconduct), alleged misconduct requiring non-specialized inquiries, and alleged misconduct requiring special investigations; the rules describe the official roles and investigative and reporting phases in the process. 15 C.C.R. §3480.1-3486.3. If allegations are substantiated, staff face discipline or prosecution.

As required by law, new regulations must go through a public comment process before being approved. Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) in August 2023 submitted detailed comments on the new regulations. Although our suggested improvements were rejected, nonetheless the government’s responses revealed some useful information about the intent of the rules. It is possible that future complainants or litigants can use some of the responses contained in the Final Statement of Reasons NCR 22-06 (issued 10/20/22, hereafter “Final Statement”) as weighty evidence for interpreting the regulations.

LSPC objected that the final version of the regulations did not define the term “inmate” rather than “incarcerated person” which earlier drafts of the regulations had used. We argued that the latter forecloses the dignity and humanity of prisoners as “inmate” and erases an already refuted rationale of terminological consistency.2

LSPC objected that the process for handling of complaints with both “routine” grievances and misconduct allegations was unclear. The government responded that mixed complaints “would be split, with the routine issue sent […] for resolution under the grievance and appeal process, and the complaint of staff misconduct referred to the Allegation Investigation Unit […] or to […] a Local Employee Coordinator”. Their rationale says that this will help routine grievances not be delayed. Final Statement, p. 4.

In response to LSPC’s questioning the clarity of the interaction of the new regulations and the grievance dispositions described in 15 C.C.R. §3483, the government replied that “the staff misconduct inquiry process does not preclude a complainant from getting administrative remedies” Final Statement, p. 5. This means that if you submit a grievance alleging misconduct, you may still be entitled to a remedy beyond whatever discipline the staff person receives after the misconduct investigation process.

In response to our query, the government clarified that complaints by formerly incarcerated persons and persons off parole, for events transpiring during incarceration or parole, would still be handled by the staff misconduct procedures. Final Statement, p. 5.

LSPC also stressed that the privacy and security of incarcerated people, their families, and that includes incarcerated workers. To get involved in this important legislation reach out to LSPI Policy Analyst Jeronimo Aguilar at jeronimo@prisonerswithchildren.org or write to us at 4400 Market St, Oakland, CA 94608.

Status: Will be heard in Senate Pub Safety on 7/11
What you can do: Reach out to your Assemblemembers and encourage them to support this modest but very necessary reform which would prioritize families and children with regards to visitation and loved ones. It would require institutions to make some changes to ensure that there is a proper and welcoming environment for children and families. For more information on this legislation you can reach out to our policy team at advocate@prisonerswithchildren.org or write to us at 4400 Market St, Oakland, CA 94608.

SB 799 Durazo - Visitation Reform
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Status: On HOLD- 2 Year Bill
What you can do: Reach out to your Senators and ensure that they are supporting this legislation which would allow access to reunification services for those involved in the justice system. Too many parents have lost their children stolen from them without any recourse. For more information on this legislation you can reach out to our policy team at advocate@prisonerswithchildren.org or write to us at 4400 Market St, Oakland, CA 94608.

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1Although the government has stated that requests for reasonable accommodations that also include related staff misconduct will be “split” so that both components are properly processed, it may be advisable for persons with disabilities requesting accommodations and alleging relevant staff misconduct to submit both a form 1824 and a form 602.

2Our Public Comment had pointed out that some statutes already used “person” language. See Penal Code §§2600, 5054.
Mailbag

D.A. Price’s Critics

by Tasha Brown
California Institution for Women

If we could incapacitate our way to public safety, wouldn’t we have done it by now (with nearly 2.3 million people currently incarcerated and over 70 million people with a criminal record)? In California alone, there are nearly 40,000 people serving a life sentence. So, empirical evidence suggests that harsh punishment has not reduced crime. What it has done is left 2.7 million children with a parent that is incarcerated. And the negative consequences only accumulate from there.

For the record, I do not condone or excuse crime. However, incarceration is an after-the-fact attempt to undo the damage. In order for meaningful change to materialize, we as a society have to refocus our underlying belief system, and the dominant mindset: which is our commitment to punishment if we are to have contextualized conservations about the underlying causes of crime. Here is where it gets uncomfortable and causes people to look away in apathy.

Crime is partly an economically driven problem. There are barriers created by unequal access to resources, power, and wealth building opportunities. When people are denied equal participation in education, employment, and politics, they lack the resourcefulness necessary for life’s challenges. We (some of us) deny that these structural inequalities exist, but denying it doesn’t stop it from existing. And the pandemic has created new extremes of the income inequality, coupled with the dimensions of persistent inflation and exorbitant rent prices, a system that has chronically excluded (and othered) acts as a conveyor belt into the criminal justice system.

We cannot criticize, blame, or complain our way to public safety either. But we can democratize power and wealth. We can create a society where policies and practices aren’t shaming and punitive. We can create a society where traumatized people get treatment, who provide access to nutritious food/housing/locating employment/social services—a multi-pronged approach to enhance our chances of safety.

Norway never sentences an offender to over 21 years, yet they only have a recidivism rate of 20%. The U.S. sentences people to life, yet we have a 70% rate of recidivism! Mass incarceration has had negative impacts on public safety. Let’s take off the façade of inclusivity and prioritize the collective good. Then and only then will we see meaningful change materialize.

When Rehabilitation Takes a Backseat

by Bruce Swenson
Corcoran State Prison, CA

As a three striker, I have been down for 27 years, having fallen early in May of 1996. My program has been amazingly clean with no write-ups, just over 60 laudatory chronos and two vocations completed. I even signed on into CDCR’s Non-Designated Programming Facilities (NDPF), agreeing to all its criteria.

In late March of 2018, I was moved to California’s Men’s Colony (CMC) and into its west side as a level II programmer, “high risk medical,” based on my acts of criminality. In fact, it became my priority there, as I’d face the Board of Parole soon.

But then, a startling development from CDCR Headquarters, who would take down all that CMC west had cultivated over decades. This entire west side was to be deactivated before the end of 2023. Wooden dorms had to come down and be replaced with cement buildings. This meant that everyone would be moved away to other prisoners throughout the state. The entire west side of CMC was to be emptied of all its level II inmates by November 1st of 2023. In March, I had drawn the short straw, and was one of the first ones to be transferred out. I left on 3/22/23.

It’s not only upsetting to me that I’ve been removed from all those programming fœlas I had worked with developing my insight. What’s worse is that this sudden disruption to my rehabilitative nature has shoved me into an old Corcoran cell, previously designed for punishment. I was moved to a facility which had been a Segregated Housing Unit (SHU) space. No direct electricity in these cells, no hot water to clean with, no in-cell lockers for our own property, and on & on.

I was even expected to accept the exceedingly used, cut-up and smelly mattress which was in the cell I was told would be mine. Who knows what is in that old mattress? This administration could not issue me, as a new arrival, a new mattress based purely on “security and safety concerns”? And what about the hygiene issues over such a thing? All who were moved to this old level four SHU yard were told … “ding, it’s a level II now!” With fairy dust and the flick of some magic wand, CDCR wants us all who were brought here to “continue present program”? There is not enough dedicated square feet here, anywhere, in order to service such self-help groups and rehabilitative programming. A closet here and there does not cut it. This SHU yard never had inmates going into group settings to do anything.

The structural design of this whole place was intended for punitive occupancy only. The brilliant ones up there in Sacramento’s CDCR who dreamed this up are perpetuating callous disregard with deliberate indifference upon us all by forcing us to do our time here.

Both the Department and Corcoran Prison are pulling the wool over California’s tax payers eyes as they push this illusion in the name of rehabilitation. Personally… I can only view this as punishment. And to top it all off, Corcoran is under the threat of flooding by historic proportions. We all may need to be evacuated once the Tulare Lake levees fail due to snow melt from the Rocky’s. Could CDCR have planned it any worse?

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way all the while knowing full well that aside from their personal healing and growth they will receive no accolades for their efforts, no time off or other benefits. Life without parole individuals are actively contributing to our society on a daily basis by leading with healing to help other incarcerated folks because they truly want everyone to have all the tools they can to never come back to prison once they are released.

As Barbra Chavez, a former Life without parole sentence survivor so poignantly shared, some of the incarcerated ladies at the visit had been incarcerated so long they were unable to articulate their thoughts & feelings of what freedom would look like to them. While heartbreakng this example is a clear indication as to why this visit and those to come are so vital and groundbreaking. Life without parole individuals must be allowed the basic human liberty to have hope.

Congratulations & Kudos and a LOUD shout out to Colby, Kelly, Nia, Steven, Governor Newsome for seeing it is high time this population is given some reprise, Moreover thank you all for doing the heavy lifting to make conversations & opportunities for growth & healing a possibility and a reality. Thank you for being leaders in our community and most importantly for giving our people their voice back. It is our plan here at Legal Services for Prisoners With Children to continue to keep our eye on this program, actively assist / support if possible & keep the population up to date.
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AOUON is a grassroots organizing project of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) fighting to restore the civil and human rights of formerly incarcerated people and our families. Founded in California in 2003, AOUON currently has chapters all over the country advocating effectively to Ban the Box, restore voting rights, increase access to housing and education, and end mass incarceration. We demand a voice in building healthy communities.

LSPC organizes communities impacted by the criminal justice system and advocates to release incarcerated people, to restore human and civil rights, and to reunify families and communities. We build public awareness of structural racism in policing, the courts, and prison system, and we advance racial and gender justice in all our work. Our strategies include legal support, trainings, advocacy, public education, grassroots mobilization, and developing community partnerships.

All of Us or None Membership Form

Yes, I want to become a member of ALL OF US OR NONE!

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Address: ______________________________________

Country of Origin: ______________________________

Do you have children? YES / NO. Do you need support with family issues? YES / NO

Earliest Parole/Release Date: _____________ County of Parole/Probation:

I can organize & facilitate group meeting
I can help with membership outreach
I can distribute materials & resources
I can address & pass along feedback

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