Prison Justice Network newsletter Summer 2022

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reports from 'inside', resources, action calls, news, inspiration, and publications by, for, and with prisoners/detainees!

REPORTS FROM 'INSIDE'

The Mallard inmate newsletter, Mission (Medium) is now partially archived with The Penal Press https://penalpress.com/en/name/mallard

Mountain Lifers' Organization, Mountain is seeking access to trauma counselling

Politically Active Inmates Network, Mountain is petitioning for various changes



RESOURCES

Stark Raven radio show first Monday of each month 7-8pm

"interviews, news and analysis on issues related to prisons and criminalization" 100.5 FM Starchoice #845 https://coopradio.org/listen-live

image: http://prisonjustice.ca/stark-raven archived at

https://open.spotify.com/show/4RUonYoa5UkyA7e1Kytdf9

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ACTION CALLS

Rights, Regularization, Status for All, Vancouver Sunday, 18 September 2:30pm Grandview Park (1657 Charles Street) https://migrantrights.ca/events/sep18



Free Maddesyn George "Maddesyn George (Colville Confederated Tribes) is a survivor of domestic and sexual violence who has been incarcerated since July 2020 for defending herself..." https://fb.me/maddesyn509

"Help break the isolation of incarceration. Let Maddesyn know that you're thinking of her..." https://freemaddesyn.com/takeaction

image: Liberate Leah Defense Campaign, May 8 https://fb.com/liberateleah

Keep Letty, Andres, Isaias and Claudia Home "Write to Minister Fraser tell him to grant their applications for permanent residence and implement a program to ensure Immigration Status for All!" "The family arrived in Canada more than four years ago fleeing death threats from organized crime; however, the Immigration and Refugee Board rejected their claims..." https://fb.me/SanctuaryHealth https://actionnetwork.org/letters/letty-andres-isaias-claudia



Write to Minister Fraser to grant Adriana and Alberto's family permanent residence. "On November 30, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) stalked and handcuffed Adriana Rosales Contreras shortly after she dropped off her Canadian daughter at Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary School in New Westminster. Our community came together to condemn CBSA's targeting and surveillance of an

elementary school." https://fb.me/**SanctuaryHealth** sanctuarycityvan.com https://actionnetwork.org/letters/keep-adriana-and-alberto-home "In the spirit of solidarity, not charity, support Adriana and Alberto with meeting their basic needs..." https://gofundme.com/f/support-adriana-and-alberto

Pressure BC and Vancouver governments and Vancouver Police to **ban police street checks in BC** https://act.bccla.org/banstreetchecks



Tell the RCMP and government to "Stop the violence against Wet'suwet'en land defenders: RCMP off the land" https://leadnow.ca/RCMP-CGL https://yintahaccess.com

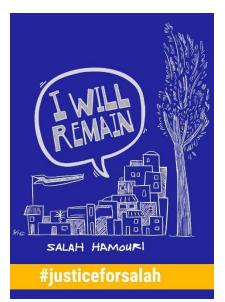
Write a letter to Prime Minister Trudeau: Say "No" to a second extradition of Hassan Diab, May - inside "Canada" https://iclmg.ca/diab-letter; outside "Canada" https://iclmg.ca/diab-letter-intl



"Because of migrant organizing,
Parliament has unanimously called
for a plan to be tabled by
September 8th 2022 to 'allow
workers of all skill levels
permanent residency.' In parallel,
Prime Minister Trudeau has
instructed the Minister of

Immigration to move ahead with 'regularizing status for undocumented workers'. This will finally open the door to citizenship for low wage essential workers and undocumented people. Add your name to the petition!" https://migrantrights.ca/take-action/permanent-resident-status see also "Temporary Migration or Landed Status Now?" by S.K. Hussan, Sep 9 https://socialistproject.ca/2022/09/temporary-migration-or-landed-status-now

Free Jack Letts and 43 Canadian Kids, Women and Men in Syria petition to Global Affairs Minister "Canada's Guantanamo Bay – where Muslims are offshored beyond reach of law and rights, respect and dignity – is in NE Syria...illegally detained there under conditions the UN calls akin to torture because Ottawa refuses to repatriate them." homesnotbombs.blogspot.com https://change.org/p/children-forced-to-eat-sand-sign-to-free-jack-letts-43-canadian-kids-women-men-in-syria

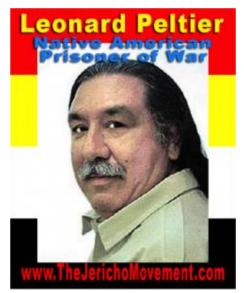


Write to Canadian diplomat regarding human rights defender Salah Hammouri

"Urge her to visit...Hammouri in [Hadarim] prison, and to pressure Israeli authorities for Salah Hammouri's immediate and unconditional release. https://actionnetwork.org/letters/write-to-canadian-diplomat-regarding-human-rights-defender-salah-hammouri

Justice for Salah - العدالة لصلاح "We invite you all to write a letter to our beloved...Hammouri, and send it to the following address: Salah Hammouri, Hadarim Prison, PO box 165, 405000 Even Yehuda, Israel Do Not Write Your Own Address On The Envelope" justiceforsalah.net

#FreeBrittanyMartin "Following the 2020 murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor citizens took to the streets to stand against police violence... "In towns like Sumter, South Carolina - a majority Black city of 44,000 residents - the response followed suit. In one rally, nine protestors were arrested, including mother and local activist, Brittany Martin, who led the protest. "...Judge Kirk Griffin ordering a four-year jail sentence for Martin, who is three months pregnant. We are calling for the release of Brittany Martin now." "We cannot stand by as law enforcement officials use force to silence anyone that speaks against them. "Join us... Sign the petition." https://chng.it/YXv5vBYSz9



Call on US President Biden to **grant clemency to Leonard Peltier** https://whoisleonardpeltier.info
https://change.org/p/joe-biden-leonard-peltierhas-covid-46-years-in-prison-hospitalize-and-freehim-now

https://whoisleonardpeltier.info

Tell US President: **Close Gauntánamo** act.amnestyusa.org/page/96987/action/1

Ban Weaponized Drones from the World

https://act.rootsaction.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=6180



Children's Art Project by Oso Blanco

"Indigenous Anarchist Political Prisoner of wolf clan Cherokee/Choctaw heritage": buy greeting cards and/or posters, "all proceeds benefitting children in the autonomous Zapatista zone of Chiapas & on reservations on Turtle Island"

https://freeosoblanco.org/art image: posted by ABCF, 2021 Sep 5

NEWS

Prison Justice Day Memorial (Aug 10) video Claire Culhane memorial bench, Vancouver Unceded Coast Salish Territories https://fb.me/prisonjusticevan Abolition Coalition's nationwide Prisoner Justice Day program video https://breachmedia.ca/prisonerjustice2022

BC RCMP's Community-Industry Response Group (C-IRG) sued by members of the Wet'suwet'en Nation for C-IRG's "'organized campaign of intimidation and harassment' designed to scare Indigenous people off their own territory," along with "pipeline builder Coastal GasLink and private security agency Forsythe Security, which is owned by an ex-Mountie who now provides services for the private sector" Jun/Jul, Brett Forester https://aptnnews.ca/tag/c-irg see also Nick Cunningham, Jun 17 https://desmog.com/2022/06/17/canadarcmp-surveillance-indigenous-peoples-fossil-fuel-pipelines-undrip-human-rights

"Letter to Premier Horgan calling on BC to **fund initiatives for Indigenous-run alternatives to prison**" Prisoners' Legal Services, 2021 Dec 9 https://prisonjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/letter-re-BC-alternatives-to-prison-for-Indigenous-people.pdf

Guilty Of Genocide! Proceedings of the International Tribunal on US Human Rights Abuses Against Black, Brown, and Indigenous Peoples, 2021 Oct https://tribunal2021.com/full-final-verdict https://thejerichomovement.com see also "About the People" podcast https://twitter.com/ AboutThePeople

BC ending immigration detention arrangement with CBSA, citing human rights

"British Columbia is ending an arrangement with Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to hold immigration detainees in provincial correctional centres, saying it doesn't align with its stance on human rights."

"Exactly 12 years ago, Sara Lopez fled Mexico. Lopez now lives in Burnaby, but she was held in a Surrey jail for three months after she claimed refugee status. During that time, she had no access to legal counsel and she wasn't able to speak with family back home. "'The only thing I had as a freedom there was going to the washroom and taking a shower,' said Lopez."

"B.C. Human Rights Commissioner Kasari Govender, who called on the province to end its participation in immigration detention, says the practice is a human rights violation and she's hopeful this will spark greater change."

"'We're all looking. What happens next? Does the Canadian Border Services Agency look at its own practices about detaining migrants across the board and work to end migrant detention in Canada[?]'" by Canadian Press, Jul 21 https://cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/cbsa-immigration-detention-ending-1.6528001

"Join the call to other provinces, Nova Scotia @TimHoustonNS, Quebec @francoislegault, to follow suit." http://welcometo-canada.org see also Overview of Canadian Council for Refugees positions on detention, Feb https://ccrweb.ca/en/overview-ccr-positions-detention

New theatre program in Prince George helps inmates find their voice

"Theatre NorthWest announced its new Theatre in the Pen program in collaboration with the Prince George Regional Correctional Centre. "The program is inspired by similar artistic rehabilitation programs for inmates, such as the 41-year-old 'William Head on Stage' at the William Head Institution on Vancouver Island, and the Pops in the Pen music appreciation program organized by the Prince George Symphony Orchestra.

"Sessions of Theatre in the Pen, which started three weeks ago and are held once every week, include small-scale performances and different games and activities designed to develop communication skills among the participating prisoners." by Winston Szeto, Jul 17

https://cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/theatre-in-the-pen-prince-george-1.6521399

prisons (not prisoners) routinely break the law Senate of Canada, June 14 "The Senators found that CSC [Correctional Service Canada] practices often fail to comply with, much less uphold, the provisions of the *Corrections and Conditional Release Act (CCRA)* [which governs the operation of prisons in Canada]. Correctional realities also fail to adhere to international instruments that impact the human rights of prisoners, and contradict the principles and objectives of sentencing [as laid out in the *Criminal Code*].

"Too many of CSC's practices violate the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the principles of fundamental justice, while operating without the Rule of Law." https://johnhoward.ca/blog/prisons-break-law https://sencanada.ca/media/lbcaty5i/220513_honkimpate_final2-med_res.pdf

"On November 30, 2021, the John Howard Society of Canada submitted a Charter application challenging the **exclusion of federal prisoners from the definition of 'insured person'** in the Canada Health Act." "Among other things, the application alleges the exclusion violates federal prisoners' section 7, 12 and 15 Charter rights..." https://johnhoward.ca/canada-health-act

"When your jailor oversees your healthcare, neglect and torture inevitably ensue" op-ed by by **John Howard** articling fellow Leandra Keren, 2021 Nov 30 https://johnhoward.ca/jhs-in-the-news/6586



"Advocates Call on Government and CSC [Correctional Service Canada] to Act to **Protect the Rights of Trans Prisoners**" by Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, 2021 Nov 18 https://caefs.ca/public-statement-and-call-for-action-advocates-call-on-government-and-csc-to-act-to-protect-the-rights-of-trans-prisoners

see also "The hidden lives and uncertain future of trans prisoners" by Simon Rolston

"For decades, trans people in Canadian prisons fought for their right to be housed safely and humanely. Despite some victories, **new policy**

proposals could set their rights back even more", 2021 Oct 6

https://xtramagazine.com/power/trans-prisoners-canada-legal-fights-209961

Alberta Police Misconduct Database https://policemisconductdatabase.ca "New Alberta group creates database of police misconduct incidents" by Madeleine Cummings, May 24 https://cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/alberta-group-database-police-misconduct-incidents-1.6464530

Police fight against defunding, showing their true colours by Shiri Pasternak and Kevin Walby, Jun 9 https://theconversation.com/thin-skinned-blue-line-police-fight-against-defunding-showing-their-true-colours-183784

"Police see major budget increases despite majority support for defunding" by Ted Rutland, Feb 1 https://breachmedia.ca/police-see-major-budget-increases-despite-majority-support-for-defunding image:

fb.me/defund604network

Police Intervention Program ... Targeting Minors and Indigenous Women

"adult Indigenous women were subject to 40 percent of all interventions with women in Surrey...

"...198 minors in Surrey were assessed for Situation Table interventions—based on authorities' belief they were at risk of gang activity—with the average age for intervention being 14, and the youngest, 6. Kids in neighbourhoods with large immigrant populations were subject to the most interventions." by Nathan Munn, 2021 Jan 18 https://vice.com/en/article/4adbgn/a-police-intervention-program-in-canada-is-targeting-minors-and-indigenous-women see also Munn, Jul 28 breachmedia.ca/terrifying-canadas-police-going-all-in-on-pre-crime-intervention

"The **Truth Never Mattered at Guantánamo**" by Elise Swain, Jun 11 https://theintercept.com/2022/06/11/the-truth-never-mattered-at-guantanamo "The sudden silencing of Guantanamo's artists" by Joel Gunter, Aug 29 https://bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-62399826

"The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) released on [May 6] Palestinian prisoner Khitam Saafin, a noted woman human rights defender, after holding her for 19 months in jail" "Khitam Saafin is president of the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees and member of the General Secretariat of the General Union of Palestinian Women" Palestinian Information Center, May 7 https://english.palinfo.com/51005

INSPIRATION



#Justice For Jared "Jared Lowndes, known as Jay...was brutally murdered by Campbell River RCMP just before 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 8[, 2021]." https://justiceforjared.org "Jay and [his mother] Laura are of the Laksilyu (Small Frog) House of Wet'suwet'en. Following protocol, this past year has been focused on grieving for Laura. Now begins 'my year of love and rage,' she says. 'I'm going to turn my rage into action, and my pain into power.'" "Laura marched beside Martha Martin, the mother of Chantel Moore, a Tla-o-qui-aht woman who was killed by RCMP in 2020 during a 'wellness check.' Chantel's death has since been ruled

a homicide." by Odette Auger, Jul 12 https://indiginews.com/vancouver-island/one-year-after-rcmp-killed-wetsuweten-man-jared-loved-ones-push-for-justice image: Megan Speers, via #JusticeForJare https://fb.me/defund604network

Defund [Police] 604 Network https://fb.me/defund604network https://defund.ca

"All Prisoners are Political Prisoners" video of teach-in: "hear directly from previously incarcerated people who have been leading the charge about the conditions inside and what you can do to take action" Mar 21

Christophe Lewis, Activist and Former Prisoner

Randy Riley, "Black Power Hour" and Former Prisoner ckdu.ca/listen/shows/227
Lamar Bursean Jackson, Activist and Former Prisoner

Glowz, Supporting Loved Ones Inside https://torontoprisonersrightsproject.org https://youtu.be/watch?v=gNZPw25Dr5s https://scholarstrikecanada.ca

Abolition Coalition https://noprisons.ca https://twitter.com/NoPrisonsCanada **Syllabus** Aug 9 "learn from and honour the vital organizing, research, resource development, and community building that both prisoners and their advocates have been doing" https://noprisons.ca/abolition-syllabus-2022

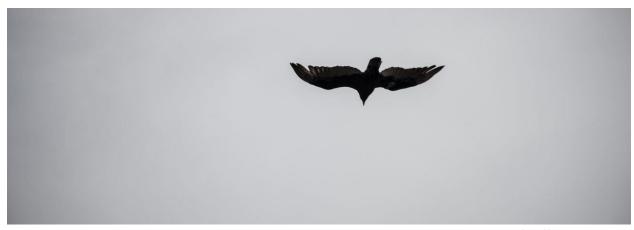


image: p4wmemorialcollective.com

Prison for Women Memorial Collective conversations "with three trans women, Cedar, Moka Dawkins, and Tami Starlight about prison experience, and trans femme decolonial and abolitionist dreams. Each speaker offers an acute analysis of state violence, including anti-Black racism, policing, anti-Indigenous self-determination, and violence against BIPOC trans and two-spirit folks and women and girls." for Prison Justice Day 2020

https://p4wmemorialcollective.com/cedar

https://p4wmemorialcollective.com/mokadawkins

https://p4wmemorialcollective.com/tamistarlight

"We support the amendments to Bill C-16 and the Canadian Human Rights Act that protect the rights and freedoms of gender identity and expression" **P4W**Memorial Collective, 2020 https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/protect-bill-c-16

Indigenous Prison Arts and Education Project, Alberta and Saskatchewan https://ualberta.ca/native-studies/research/indigenous-prison-arts--education-program-ipaep.html Inspired Minds https://fb.me/groups/1576853365779327

Coalition for Justice and Human Rights, Edmonton: advocacy "to protect and promote human rights and justice" https://fb.me/coalition4justiceandhr and **Alberta Prison Justice Society** https://albertaprisonjusti.wixsite.com/website

"The **Popular Art Centre** (PAC) has partnered with South African Palestine solidarity groups to produce a representative **Palestinian Jerusalema dance challenge video** inspired by the global hit song by Master KG and Nomcebo Zikode", 2020 Nov 4 https://youtu.be/watch?v=kbuJ61WBdpo https://popularartcentre.org https://afropalestinians.org



Migrant Farmworkers in Canada Demand Status For All! Workers from Jamaica in Canada's Seasonal Agricultural Workers Programme (SAWP) and members of Migrant Workers Alliance for Change wrote an open letter for support in August. The "described housing conditions as so poor that rats eat their food. They live in crowded rooms with zero privacy

with cameras, and lack dryers to dry their clothes after it rains, they wrote. "'It feels like we are in prison,' the letter reads.

"On working conditions, workers wrote they're 'treated like mules' and punished for not being quick enough. They said they're exposed to dangerous pesticides without adequate protection, and their bosses are verbally abusive.

"'They physically intimidate us, destroy our personal property, and threaten to send us home,' the letter reads."

"'As it currently stands, the...Program...is systematic slavery,' the workers wrote" "MWAC's executive director Syed Hussan said 'Working in farms in Canada is a human rights disaster.'" by Ali Raza, Aug 20 https://migrantworkersalliance.org cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/jamaican-migrant-workers-open-letter-1.6557678 image: https://migrantworkersalliance.org/farmworkers uploaded 2021 Mar

Why Canada Must Stop Funding the Philippine Counter-terrorism Campaign "the Canadian Government...is inadvertently enabling the Government of the Philippines to use the counter-terrorism campaign as a tool of repression by providing financial, programmatic, and technical support. Canada risks being complicit in the thousands of extrajudicial killings, arbitrary and irregular searches, arrests and detention, vilification and harassment campaigns and other severe human rights violations associated with the counter-insurgency campaign" by International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines – Canada, May 18 https://ichrpcanada.org/2022/05/18/why-canada-must-stop-funding-the-philippine-counter-terrorism-campaign

World Without Prisons "connections between national and international struggles, and between political prisoners and social prisoners, who are mostly working-class victims of poverty, racism, marginalization and neglect" https://worldwithoutprisons.org https://twitter.com/withoutprisons

Mass Action Against Police Brutality "Open to all victims of police brutality, their families and allies in communities of color, immigrant communities, unions, student groups, women's rights groups, churches, LGBT folks, and all defenders of democratic rights..." USA http://maapb.org https://fb.me/maapb617

No Police Military Base in Weelaunee Forest "The City of Atlanta has leased 381-acres of Weelaunee Forest, stolen Muscogee land, to the Atlanta Police Foundation for a police military facility funded by corporations. Cop City will never be built. #StopCopCity #DefendWeelaunee" https://stopcop.city

Dignity in Schools "coalition working to **dismantle the School to Prison Pipeline**" #CounselorsNotCops, US-based https://dignityinschools.org



Clinic "to get your record expunged", Neighbor Program "guided by the politic of Revolutionary Pan-Africanism,

Black Radical Tradition, elders, theory, decolonized political education, and lived experiences" USA https://neighborprogram.org

Open Arms Lifeguard Sea Rescue, Spain/Mediterranean https://openarms.es/en

Virtual Delegations to Palestine, recorded tours include Prisoner Support and Israeli Army Refusers https://eyewitnesspalestine.org/virtual-delegations

Movement of Victims of the Regime (MOVIR), El Salvador, El Movimiento de Víctimas del Régimen https://fb.me/movirsv see also analysis by Equipo Maíz cispes.org/article/state-exception-snake-only-bites-people-who-are-barefoot

Association of Families of the Detained/Disappeared of Guatemala FAMDEGUA Asociación de Familiares de Detenidos-Desaparecidos de Guatemala https://fb.me/FAMDEGUAG

PUBLICATIONS



Dark Traveller "Canada's first podcast created by incarcerated artists" William Head on Stage (WHoS) prison theatre company and SNAFU Society of Unexpected Spectacles, 2021 Jun https://whonstage.weebly.com/dark-traveller-2021.html

Dark Traveller cover art by Carolyn Moon as part of WHoS and SNAFU's pen-pal art exchange between 'outside' and incarcerated artists

Voices Inside and Out podcast "talks with people who've actually walked through those gates, both those who've walked out again and with those who are still waiting for that day. We look at their personal stories, the strategies they used to get to where they are, their successes, and their failures. By looking at the common and unique themes from these individual stories we can create stronger support systems for prisoners, their families, and their communities once they reenter them." https://voices-inside-and-out.simplecast.com/episodes

"COVID-19 **Pandemic Struggles of Prisoners' Families**" by Joanne Fry, founder of Mission Prison Family Association, July https://doi.org/10.18192/jpp.v31i1.6445

Prison Ricochet: Loved Ones of Incarcerated Persons in Canada "Testimonials and analysis of the experiences of loved ones" https://prisonricochet.ca

Does the Criminal Code apply to federal prisons? John Howard Society, Feb 16 "panel...explores the extent to which criminal law could be a tool to address abuse behind bars" https://youtu.be/watch?v=pya-ORwZ9fk
Lisa Kerr, Law Professor, Queen's University [law.queensu.ca/directory/lisa-kerr
Tom Engel, President, Cdn Prison Lawyers Association [engellaw.ca/tom-engel]
Shane Martinez, lawyer [http://martinezlaw.ca/about.html]

"The **role of prison in genocide and crimes against humanity** against Indigenous people in Canada" Prisoners' Legal Services, 2021 Sep 29 prisonjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/role-of-prison-in-genocide.pdf

films "Joe Buffalo" by Amar Chebib "an Indigenous skateboarder overcomes addiction and trauma stemming from his years in [Residential School]", 2021 Oct https://newyorker.com/culture/the-new-yorker-documentary/a-cree-skateboarding-legend-grapples-with-the-trauma-of-canadas-residential-schools "Holy Angels" "In 1963, Lena Wandering Spirit became one of the more than 150,000 Indigenous children who were removed from their families and sent to residential school. Jay Cardinal Villeneuve's short documentary Holy Angels powerfully recaptures Canada's colonialist history through impressionistic images and the fragmented language of a child. Villeneuve met Lena through his work as a videographer with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission" 2017 https://www.nfb.ca/film/holy-angels

Prison Abolition *Briarpatch* issue: "we asked prisoners across Canada and the U.S. to reflect on the question, 'Can you imagine a world without prisons?'" 2021 Sep https://briarpatchmagazine.com/issues/view/september-october-2021 "Organizing against education's jailers" by Irene Bindi: "police-free schools (PFS) organizers in the cities known as Hamilton, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Toronto, and Vancouver..., the broader politics of those efforts, the power of students as well as the strain put upon them in their fight, and the deep hypocrisies", Jan 5 briarpatchmagazine.com/articles/view/organizing-against-educations-jailers

"Defund, Demilitarize and Abolish Police, Prisons, and All Forms of Carcerality" teach-ins by scholars, activists, artists and students, Mar 21-22 https://scholarstrikecanada.ca/scholarstrike-2022-teachins

"Imagining Abolition: Beyond Prisons, Wars, and Borders" A Virtual Gathering videos, 2021 Apr 14-17 https://sites.google.com/view/imagining-abolition

"Maternal incarceration in a provincial prison in Canada: A qualitative study" by Martha Paynter, Clare Heggie, Lauren Matheson, Claire Rillie, Dominica Beals, Mirinda Bray, experiences of Mothers in Nova Scotia provincial prisons, Jan 31 https://doi.org/10.1111/jan.15154 reviewed by Stephen Wentzell, Mar 8 https://rabble.ca/feminism/incarcerated-mothers-in-nova-scotia-deserve-better



Wellness Within "working for reproductive justice, prison abolition, and health equity" https://wellnesswithinns.org



"Fatherhood, Interrupted" radio documentary
"Jirard Saddleback and Kwaku Frimpong are both proud
fathers and they're both trying to parent from behind bars",
May 3 https://cbc.ca/radiointeractives/docproject/fatherhoodinterrupted
Dad HERO (Helping Everyone Realize Opportunities),

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Canadian Families and Corrections Network

https://cfcn-rcafd.org/dadhero image: https://cfcn-rcafd.org

Disability Injustice: Confronting Criminalization in Canada edited by Kelly Fritsch, Jeffrey Monaghan, and Emily van der Meulen ubcpress.ca/disability-injustice

Anti-Colonial Approach to Abolition *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons* issue, Apr https://uottawa.scholarsportal.info/ottawa/index.php/jpp/issue/view/601

"Why Indigenous women account for half of all female inmates and what to do about it" radio clip

"Donna Gamble shares her experience of more than twenty years in the corrections system. And Eleanore Sunchild says Donna's story is a common one. She is an Indigenous lawyer with **Sunchild Law**" May 6 https://cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-63-the-current/clip/15910888-why-indigenous-women-account-half-female-inmates https://sunchildlaw.com

Life in the City of Dirty Water by **Clayton Thomas-Müller** "This is my story. It is the story of many Indigenous Peoples who find themselves in one of Canada's inner cities with questions. It is the story of how we became dispossessed and how we rise" 2021 https://lifeinthecityofdirtywater.com

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Social movements and radical legal support organizing

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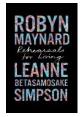
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WHO TO CALL INSTEAD OF 911: BC VERSION

Calling the police may lead to the brutalizing (or even killing) of the victims themselves.

Here are resources that can help in a crisis without involving the police.

MENTAL HEALTH

Considering suicide: 1-800-SUICIDE Mental health support: 310-6789

Fraser Health Crisis Line: 604-951-8855/ 1-877-820-7444

Bullying Hotline Canada: 1-877-352-4497

Violence

VictimLinkBC: 1-800-563-0808

24 hr Rape Crisis Line: 604-872-8212

Senior Abuse: 1-866-437-1940/ 604-437-1940

Substance Abuse

Alcohol and Drug info: 604-660-9382/ 1-800-663-1441

Housing

Shelter and Street Help Line: 211

LGBTQA+ Resources

Trans lifeline: 1-877-330-6366

Trevor Project (for LGBTQ Youth): 1-866-844-7386

LGBT Youth Line: 1-800-268-9688

Other Resources

Poison control: 604-682-5050 / 1-800-567-8911

Helpline for Children: 310-1234

Healthlink (confidential health info and advice): 811 -deaf/

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