10 ways to learn more about women in prison*

1. On ending mandatory minimums (famm.org; drugpolicy.org; curbprisonspending.org; sentencingproject.org)
2. On termination of parental rights (brennancenter.org; sentencingproject.org)
3. On reproductive justice in prison (sistersong.net; jnow.org)
4. On the shackling of pregnant women (rebeccaproject.org)
5. On reducing excessive collect phone charges (curenational.org; etccampaign.com)
6. On supporting lives uninhibited by post-conviction retribution (lac.org; alofusornone.org)
7. On starting a reentry initiative (nationalreentryresourcecenter.org)
8. On donating books to empower (wpbp.org/book-donations)
9. On promoting nonviolent solutions to child sexual abuse and domestic violence (generationfive.org; creative-interventions.org)
10. On donating to national organizations fighting for justice in women’s prisons (rebeccaproject.org; prisonerswithchildren.org, womenprisoners.org)

*excerpt from Inside this Place, Not of It: Narratives from Women’s Prisons

Organizations

At Stanford:

- **Project ReMADE** led by Debbie Mukamal at the Stanford Criminal Justice Center works with women out of prison to facilitate re-entry.
- Three Strikes Clinic, led by Michael Ramano, advocates for the termination of the three strikes law that gives life sentences upon three convictions.

In San Francisco:

- Volunteer opportunities available with Legal Services for Prisoners with Children
- Donate to organizations doing good work in the area.

For more information, visit [gender.stanford.edu/women-prisoners](http://gender.stanford.edu/women-prisoners)

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Justice Now works with women prisoners and local communities to build a safe, compassionate world without prisons. Visit jnow.org

A New Way of Life Reentry Project is non-profit in South Central Los Angeles that helps women and girls break the cycle of entrapment in the criminal justice system and lead healthy lives. Visit anewwayoflife.org

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children works to restore rights of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people and transform the injustice of mass incarceration. Visit prisonerswithchildren.org
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Facts About Women in Prison:

• In California, the population of women in prison grew 1,522% between 1977 and 2004, rising from 661 female inmates to 10,882

• Black women represent 30 percent of all females incarcerated under state or federal jurisdiction, and Hispanic women 16 percent

• Two-thirds of incarcerated women are mothers of a minor child

• Children of incarcerated women often fall into the foster care system or are subject to fast-track adoption policies

Books available to buy following the panel:

• Inside This Place, Not of It, compiled and edited by Robin Levi and Ayelet Waldman

• Golden Gulag – Prisons, Surplus, Crisis, and Opposition in Globalizing California, by Ruth Wilson Gilmore

• Resistance Behind Bars, by Victoria Law