



## **CALIFORNIA RESOURCE GUIDE**

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### **COUNSELING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES**

#### **Bay Area Women Against Rape**

470 27th Street  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Office: (510) 430-1298  
24-hour Hotline: (510) 845-7273  
E-mail: bawar2001@msn.com

Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR) is a non-profit organization formed in 1971 to provide free, in-person counseling to survivors of sexual assault and their significant others. BAWAR also offers accompaniment to survivors visiting police, courts, and hospitals, a 24-hour hotline, support groups, and community education. All services are available to survivors in detention.

#### **Bienestar Human Services, Inc.**

5326 E. Beverly Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90022  
Office: (323) 727-7896  
Website: [www.bienestar.org](http://www.bienestar.org)

Bienestar is committed to enhancing the health and well-being of the Latino Community and other underserved communities in Los Angeles. Bienestar accomplishes this through community education, prevention, mobilization, advocacy, and the provision of direct social support services. Bienestar offers mental health programs specifically for people living with HIV/AIDS.

#### **California Coalition Against Sexual Assault**

1215 K Street, Suite 1100  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Office: (916) 446-2520  
Website: [www.calcasa.org](http://www.calcasa.org)  
E-mail: [info@calcasa.org](mailto:info@calcasa.org)

California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) is a statewide coalition of rape crisis centers and prevention programs that provides leadership, vision and resources to rape crisis centers, individuals and other entities committed to ending sexual violence in California. CALCASA works closely with other statewide organizations such as the California District Attorneys Association and the California Police Officers Standards and Training to develop a statewide response to sexual violence and serves as a resource for policy makers working to change society's response to sexual violence by providing information and expertise on a wide range of issues. With over 90 rape crisis centers in California, CALCASA can connect survivors with the center that can serve them and their family or friends.

### **California Coalition for Women Prisoners**

1540 Market Street, Suite 490  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Office: (415) 255-7036 x 314  
Website: [www.womenprisoners.org](http://www.womenprisoners.org)  
E-mail: [info@womenprisoners.org](mailto:info@womenprisoners.org)

California Coalition for Women Prisoners (CCWP) is a grassroots racial justice organization that challenges the institutional violence imposed on women and communities of color by prisons and the criminal justice system. CCWP is building a movement with women prisoners, family members of prisoners, and the larger communities through organizing, leadership development, and political education. Programs include visiting people in California state women's prisons; political education work; *Compañeras*, which focuses on issues faced by Latina, Chicana, and immigrant people in women's prisons; *The Fire Inside* newsletter which is published 4 times per year and is free to all people in prison; and the Crisis Response Network, a program that provides a means for prisoners to contact people on the outside to work together to respond to crises.

### **Center for Community Solutions**

4508 Mission Bay Drive  
San Diego, CA 92109  
Office: (858) 272-5777  
24-hour Hotline: (888) 385-4657  
Website: [www.ccssd.org](http://www.ccssd.org)

Since 1969, the Center for Community Solutions (CCS) has been creating safe and healthy communities with a core emphasis on the prevention and intervention of sexual assault and relationship violence. CCS offers a 24-hour Crisis Line for immediate, confidential phone counseling; individual, family, couple, and group counseling for survivors of adult or childhood sexual assault; and phone and in-person counseling. All services are free and confidential.

### **Center for Health Justice**

8235 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 214  
West Hollywood, CA 90046  
Office: (323) 822-3835  
Hotline (accepts collect calls): (888) 372-0888  
Hotline Hours: Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm PST

Website: [www.healthjustice.net](http://www.healthjustice.net)  
Email: [info@healthjustice.net](mailto:info@healthjustice.net)

Center for Health Justice offers programs and services to both men and women in correctional facilities with a focus on prisoners who are HIV+ or at greatest risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Center for Health Justice operates a free national prisoner HIV prevention & treatment hotline that accepts collect calls from inmates during regular business hours. The hotline provides general HIV treatment and prevention information, support for callers who are ill or newly diagnosed with HIV, and advocacy support regarding medical care, medications or other health issues inside the jails and prisons across the country.

**Center for the Pacific-Asian Family**

543 North Fairfax Ave., Room 108  
Los Angeles, CA 90036  
Office: (323) 653-4045  
Toll-free 24-hour Hotline: (800) 339-3940  
Website: [www.cpaf.info](http://www.cpaf.info)  
E-mail: [contact@capf.info](mailto:contact@capf.info)

Center for the Pacific Asian Family (CPAF) is committed to meeting the specific cultural and language needs of Asian Pacific Islander women and their families. CPAF operates a 24-hour crisis hotline to support survivors of sexual assault and provides crisis intervention, advocacy, information, and referral resources. Emergency response services such as hospital/court accompaniment, survivor advocacy, and access to legal and financial assistance are available to survivors of sexual assault. Additionally, individual and family counseling are available.

**Community Service Programs, Sexual Assault Victim Services**

P.O. Box 1994  
Santa Ana, CA 92701  
South County Office: (949) 752-1971  
North County Office: (714) 834-4317  
24-hour Hotline for South County: (949) 831-9110  
24-hour Hotline for North County: (714) 957-2737  
Website: [www.cspinc.org/sexual.html](http://www.cspinc.org/sexual.html)  
E-mail: [sexualassault@cspinc.org](mailto:sexualassault@cspinc.org)

The Sexual Assault Victim Services Program is a component of Community Service Programs and provides extended support services to victims of rape and sexual assault who are residents of or victimized within Orange County. Certified Sexual Assault Counselors work with law enforcement and the Criminal Justice System serving Orange County. The Program maintains 24-hour crisis counseling hotlines with on-call counselors available to provide 24-hour telephone response to clients. Additional services include: crisis intervention and counseling for victims and their families; support groups for mutual sharing and support (support groups for survivors of sexual assault are offered in English and Spanish); emergency assistance; accompaniment to hospitals, law enforcement agencies, court proceedings, and other agencies; advocacy and

intervention on behalf of clients; and information and referrals to connect clients with various community resources.

**Community United Against Violence**

170 A Capp Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
24-hour Hotline: (415) 333-4357  
Website: [www.cuav.org](http://www.cuav.org)  
Email: [info@cuav.org](mailto:info@cuav.org)

Community United Against Violence (CUAV) is a multicultural organization working to end violence against and within our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQQ) communities. The Crisis Line is staffed by diverse volunteers and staff who annually respond to over 1,200 calls from LGBTQQ people who are being harassed, threatened, attacked, abused or stalked. Program staff offer case management and peer-based counseling to approximately 400 LGBTQQ survivors of hate violence each year. CUAV provides referrals to health services, safety planning assistance, criminal justice system advocacy, and other support services. CUAV accepts collect calls from prisoners.

**Community Violence Solutions, Rape Crisis Center of Marin and Contra Costa Counties**

2101 Van Ness Street  
San Pablo, CA 94806  
Office: (510) 237-0113  
24-hour Hotline: (800) 670-7273  
Website: [www.cvsolutions.org](http://www.cvsolutions.org)

Community Violence Solutions' Rape Crisis Center responds to more than 1,300 requests for help each year. Survivors of sexual assault receive immediate help through 24-hour crisis line counseling and in person support, including accompaniment to hospitals, police interviews, and legal proceedings. Community Violence Solutions' Stepping Stones Counseling Center specializes in providing counseling for people whose lives have been affected by sexual assault. Services are available to child, adolescent, and adult survivors of recent or past rape, incest, molestation or other forms of sexual abuse, as well as to friends or family members of sexual assault survivors. These services are provided to individuals from offices in San Pablo, Antioch, Concord, and San Rafael.

**East Los Angeles Women's Center**

1255 South Atlantic Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90022  
Office: (323) 526-5819  
Toll-free East L.A. Rape and Battering Hotline: (800) 585-6231  
Website: [www.elawc.org](http://www.elawc.org)

The mission of the East Los Angeles Women's Center (ELAWC) is to provide a variety of services for women, focusing on sexual and domestic violence and HIV/AIDS. ELAWC offers crisis intervention, prevention, education, and advocacy in order to address the needs of East

LA's multicultural and multilingual community. With an emphasis on the Latino community, ELAWC works to empower and give hope to individuals, families, and the community at large.

### **Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center Anti-Violence Project**

1625 N. Schrader Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90028-6213  
Office: (323) 993-7670  
Toll-free (English): (800) 373-2227  
Toll-free (Spanish): (877) 963-4666  
Website: [www.lagaycenter.org](http://www.lagaycenter.org)  
Email: [avp@lagaycenter.org](mailto:avp@lagaycenter.org).

The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center Anti-Violence Project provides a broad array of services for people who are, or are perceived to be, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and/or HIV-positive survivors of hate crimes and other forms of violence. As the largest victim-services program of its kind in Southern California, the Anti-Violence Project offers the following resources: crisis and follow-up counseling; detailed documentation and reporting of the hate crimes and hate incidents; advocacy with law enforcement agencies, service providers, and employers; restraining order preparation; accompaniment to court; assistance in securing compensation under California's Victims of Crime Program; attorney consultations; and referrals to long-term mental health services. Whether or not a survivor decides to report the crime to the police, it may help to talk to an advocate about what happened. All victim services are free and confidential. Spanish-speaking staff and volunteers are available. Hay hispanohablantes disponibles para ayudar a víctimas de violencia.

### **Operation Care**

621 New York Ranch Road  
Jackson, CA 95642  
Office: (209) 223-2897  
24 Hour Hotline: (209) 223-2600  
Toll Free 24-hour Hotline: (800) 675-3392  
Website: [www.operationcare.org](http://www.operationcare.org)

Operation Care is a non-profit organization founded in 1980 that provides domestic violence and sexual assault support services, crisis intervention, and education to Amador County. The Rape Crisis Assistance Program offers counseling, advocacy, and accompaniment services for survivors of family/domestic violence and sexual assault. Counselors are also available 24-hours a day for people experiencing depression, loneliness, substance abuse, stress, parenting difficulties, teenage crisis, and/or child abuse. All services are confidential and free of charge.

### **Peace Over Violence**

605 West Olympic Boulevard, Suite 400  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
Office: (213) 955-9090  
24-hour Hotline for Central Los Angeles: (213) 626-3393  
24-hour Hotline for South Los Angeles: (310) 392-8381

24-hour Hotline for West San Gabriel Valley: (626) 793-3385  
24-hour Stalking Hotline: (877) 633-0044  
TDD Hotline: (213) 955-9095  
Website: [www.peaceoverviolence.org](http://www.peaceoverviolence.org)  
E-mail: [info@peaceoverviolence.org](mailto:info@peaceoverviolence.org)

Peace Over Violence is a non-profit, multi-cultural, feminist, community-based volunteer organization whose mission is the elimination of violence against women, youth, and children through working toward social change, equality and social justice. Peace Over Violence Emergency Services offer survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking emotional support, information, compassion, accompaniment, and referral and advocacy services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### **Project Sister Family Services**

P.O. Box 1369  
Pomona, CA 91769  
Office: (909) 623-1619  
Office: (626) 915-2535  
24-hour Hotline: (909) 626-4375  
24-hour Hotline: (626) 966-4155  
Website: [www.projectsister.org](http://www.projectsister.org)  
E-mail: [info@projectsister.org](mailto:info@projectsister.org)

Project Sister Family Services (PSFS) is dedicated to reducing the trauma and risk of sexual violence and child abuse for women, children, and men of all ages. PSFS annually serves 26,000 individuals through its crisis hotline, individual and group counseling, and prevention education programs in a 70 square-mile service area from the East San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys to Western San Bernardino County communities. Comprehensive services are available to survivors of sexual assault and child abuse and their non-offending family members. Crisis services include: 24-hour help line, information and referrals, advocate support, counseling services, and support groups.

### **Resource Center for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Family Violence**

259 N. Blackstone Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93701  
Office: (559) 497-2900  
24-hour Hotline: (559) 222-7273  
Website: [www.rcsfresno.com](http://www.rcsfresno.com)

Resource Center for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Family Violence (RCS) is a non-profit, victim advocacy agency. RCS offers a 24-hour crisis-line available 365 days a year. RCS has advocates who provide crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy for victims of sexual assault and their families. RCS also offers individual therapy to victims of sexual assault and their families. All services are free of charge.

**Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center**

1845 Chicago Ave., Suite A  
Riverside, CA 92507  
24-hour Hotline: (951) 686-7273  
24-hour Southwest County Hotline: (866) 686-7273  
Website: [www.rarcc.org](http://www.rarcc.org)

The Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center is committed to providing support and services to survivors of sexual assault and their families and to providing community education to achieve awareness and prevention of sexual assault. Advocates provide in-person crisis intervention, information, and referrals to victims of sexual assault, family members, and friends. These services are provided at local hospitals, police stations, court, etc. The Crisis Hotline provides crisis intervention, information, and referrals to victims of sexual assault, family members, and friends by telephone. All phone calls are confidential.

**San Francisco Women Against Rape**

3543 18th Street, #7  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
Office: (415) 861-2024  
24-hour Hotline: (415) 647-7273  
Website: [www.sfwar.org](http://www.sfwar.org)  
E-mail: [info@sfwar.org](mailto:info@sfwar.org)

San Francisco Women Against Rape (SFWAR) provides resources, support, advocacy and education to strengthen the work of all individuals, and communities in San Francisco that are responding to, healing from, and struggling to end sexual violence. SFWAR is a women of color led, volunteer-based organization that has provided rape crisis services to survivors of sexual assault for over 30 years. As the primary provider of rape crisis services in San Francisco, SFWAR also offers support to friends and families of survivors and provides expert advice, training, and assistance to healthcare workers, medical professionals, educators, law enforcement officers, and other professionals throughout the city. All services are confidential and free of charge.

**Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center/Centro Contra la Violación Sexual**

433 East Cañón Perdido St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
Office: (805) 963-6832  
24-Hour Hotline: (805) 564-3696  
Website: [www.sbrapecrisiscenter.org](http://www.sbrapecrisiscenter.org)  
Email: [sbrcc@silcom.com](mailto:sbrcc@silcom.com)

Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center (SBRCC) has been working since 1974 to support survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones and to build a just community free from all forms of sexual violence. SBRCC offers a 24-hour hotline, crisis and long-term counseling, advocacy and accompaniment services, support groups, self-defense training, and sexual assault prevention education. All services are offered in Spanish and English and available regardless of the ability

to pay. SBRCC is an inclusive organization that welcomes individuals of all gender identities, sexual orientations, races, classes, abilities, and ages.

**The Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center of San Luis Obispo**

51 Zaca Lane, Suite 140  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
24-hour Hotline: (805) 545-8888  
Toll-free 24-hour Hotline (800) 656-4673  
Website: [www.sarpcenter.org](http://www.sarpcenter.org)  
Email: [contact@sarpcenter.org](mailto:contact@sarpcenter.org)

The Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center of San Luis Obispo County is a non-profit organization that provides a safe and caring atmosphere in which survivors of sexual assault can begin to heal. The SARP Center Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day to offer confidential support to survivors and their significant others. Trained Crisis Line volunteers can make referrals to many other community resources, support groups, and mental health care professionals. All calls are kept confidential, and callers are not required to give their names. The crisis line is also available for significant others of sexual assault survivors.

**United Against Sexual Assault of Sonoma County**

835 Piner Road #D  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
Office: (707) 545-7270  
24-hour Hotline: (707) 545-7273  
Website: [www.uasasonoma.org](http://www.uasasonoma.org)  
E-mail: [info@uasasonoma.org](mailto:info@uasasonoma.org)

United Against Sexual Assault's (UASA) goal is to provide support to survivors, their family, and friends. UASA promotes social justice and equality for all women, men, and children who have been sexually assaulted. Services include a 24/7 Crisis Hotline, medical accompaniment and legal advocacy, individual therapy, and support groups. The Prevention Department provides outreach programs and seminars to schools, community organizations, and any group looking to educate themselves. All services are confidential.

**WEAVE, Inc.**

1900 K. Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Office: (916) 448-2321  
24-hour Hotline: (916) 920-2952  
Toll Free 24-hour Hotline: (866) 920-2952  
TDD Hotline: (916) 443-3715  
Website: [www.weaveinc.org](http://www.weaveinc.org)  
Email: [info@weaveinc.org](mailto:info@weaveinc.org)

Founded in 1978, WEAVE is the primary provider of crisis intervention services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Sacramento County. WEAVE serves women, men, teens,

and children who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Free services include: 24-Hour Crisis Line, counseling, prevention and education, emergency response, legal advocacy, and a confidential Safehouse program. Individual and group counseling is available to all survivors of sexual assault: male, female, teen, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender. WEAVE offers counseling for significant others and relatives of survivors who may be struggling with their own reactions to the assault.

### **Women's Center of San Joaquin County**

620 North San Joaquin Street  
Stockton, CA 95202  
Office: (209) 941-2611  
24-hour Hotline: (209) 465-4997  
Website: [www.womenscenterofsjc.com](http://www.womenscenterofsjc.com)

### Lodi

29 South Washington  
Lodi, CA 95241  
Office: (209) 368-3406

### Tracy

35 East 10th Street, Suite A  
Tracy, CA 95376  
Office: (209) 833-0300

The Women's Center has three locations that provide a wide range of services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault including women, children, and men. The Women's Center offers a 24-hour Helpline staffed by certified rape crisis counselors who offer crisis intervention, counseling, hospital accompaniment, legal advocacy, and information and referral services to men, women, children, and families surviving sexual assault. Assistance is available even if the assault is not reported. Callers may remain anonymous; all calls are confidential and services are provided free of charge. The Women's Center also offers counseling and support groups for survivors of sexual assault.

### **Women's Crisis Support - Defensa de Mujeres**

233 East Lake Avenue  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
Office: (831) 722-4532  
24-hour Hotline: (831) 685-3737  
Website: [www.wcs-ddm.org](http://www.wcs-ddm.org)  
E-mail: [saprogram@wcs-ddm.org](mailto:saprogram@wcs-ddm.org)

Women's Crisis Support - Defensa de Mujeres (WCSDDM) provides services to survivors of sexual assault for all of Santa Cruz County through their Sexual Assault Program. A 24-hour crisis hotline is staffed by trained sexual assault peer counselors who are always available for support, information, and referrals. Sexual Assault Advocates are specially trained to address issues relating to sexual assault. Advocates are available 24 hours a day to accompany survivors

to the hospital, police station and/or to provide court accompaniment. Advocates work collaboratively with law enforcement, hospital staff, and the District Attorney's Office to help sexual assault survivors to understand their options and to navigate the criminal justice system. Advocates also provide information and support for survivors and their families. Additionally, peer counseling and support groups are available for sexual assault survivors, family members or significant others.

**YWCA in Santa Clara Valley, Rape Crisis Center**

375 South Third St.

San Jose, CA 95112

Office: (408) 295-4011

24-hour Hotline (collect calls accepted): (408) 287-3000

Website: [www.ywca-scv.org](http://www.ywca-scv.org)

Serving all of Santa Clara County, the YWCA offers a broad range of services to a diverse constituency. The Rape Crisis Center works to minimize the traumatic aftermath of sexual assault. Some of the Rape Crisis Center programs include: 24-hour rape crisis hotline, counseling services, support groups, safe ride home, and legal advocacy. Counseling services and support groups are available for survivors, their families, and friends. All services are offered at no charge.

## **LEGAL RESOURCES**

### **Justice Now**

1322 Webster Street, Suite 210  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Office: (510) 839-7654  
Website: [www.jnow.org](http://www.jnow.org)

Justice Now is the nation's first legal training program serving imprisoned women. Undergraduate students and law school students are trained and supervised in providing women prisoners with legal assistance, information, and referrals. Services are offered in prisons and county jails. Individual cases are not accepted, but Justice Now can help women navigate the state's Compassionate Release program when there has been abuse and sexual violence against female inmates. Incarcerated women should send a letter detailing their experience and desired assistance.

### **Lambda Legal: Western Regional Office**

3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1300  
Los Angeles, CA 90010-1729  
Office: (213) 382-7600  
Fax: (213) 351-6050  
Website: [www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org)  
E-mail: [legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org](mailto:legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org)

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work. Western Regional Office provides services for those who are located in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

#### **Help Desk Hours (Pacific Standard Time):**

Mondays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If Help Desk staff are busy helping other callers, your call will be routed to the Legal Help Desk voicemail. Please leave the following information: name, state, contact info, best time to reach you, and a brief message outlining your legal inquiry. A Help Desk staff person will return your call.

It is usually most efficient for Help Desk callers to contact Lambda Legal by phone. If you are in a place where you are not able to make long distance calls, Lambda Legal can make an appointment to call you. If you are absolutely unable to call, you may e-mail Lambda Legal at [legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org](mailto:legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org) or write to the addresses above.

**Legal Services for Prisoners with Children**

1540 Market Street, Suite 490  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Office: (415) 255-7036  
Website: [www.prisonerswithchildren.org](http://www.prisonerswithchildren.org)  
E-mail: [info@prisonerswithchildren.org](mailto:info@prisonerswithchildren.org)

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children does not have funding to provide individual legal assistance to prisoners, but does respond to hundreds of inquiries each month. Legal Services for Prisoners with Children will investigate cases of abuse, assault, and rape by conducting legal visits. They will provide information and referrals that are advocacy-related and they may be able to help guide you through the litigation process. For more information contact Heidi at (415) 255-7036 ext. 321.

**Prison Law Office**

General Delivery  
San Quentin, CA 94964  
Office: (415) 457-9144  
Website: [www.prisonlaw.com](http://www.prisonlaw.com)

The Prison Law Office provides free legal services to California state prisoners, and occasionally to California state parolees. Assistance is generally limited to cases regarding conditions of confinement. Self-help and informational materials are also provided free of charge to prisoners. All issues concerning individual prisoners and prison conditions should be sent via mail. Telephone calls from prisoners and their families are not accepted.

**Transgender, Gender Variant, and Intersex Justice Project**

342 9th Street, Suite 202B  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
Office: (415) 252-1444  
Website: [www.tgijp.org](http://www.tgijp.org)

The Transgender, Gender Variant, and Intersex (TGI) Justice Project's mission is to challenge and end the human rights abuses committed against transgender, gender variant/genderqueer, and intersex (TGI) people in California prisons and beyond. Specifically, TGJIP assists TGI people in the San Francisco Bay Area awaiting sentencing to petition their judges to divert them into plans that would connect them to needed health, social and economic services, rather than sentencing them to jail or prison. TGJIP also supports base-building projects that build the leadership capacity of TGI communities, and especially among TGI prisoners and former prisoners. Although TGJIP focuses most of its work in California, TGI prisoners and former prisoners from outside California are encouraged to contact the organization for information and support. Prisoners can send confidential legal mail to the above address.

## **GOVERNMENT RESOURCES**

### **Office of the Inspector General, Sexual Abuse in Detention Elimination Ombudsperson**

P.O. Box 348780

Sacramento, CA 95814

Office: (916) 830-3600

Website: [www.oig.ca.gov](http://www.oig.ca.gov)

Through the Office of the Sexual Abuse in Detention Elimination Ombudsperson, the Office of the Inspector General is responsible for overseeing what happens inside California state prisons and ensures the impartial resolution of inmate and ward sexual abuse complaints. The ombudsperson has the authority to inspect all California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) institutions and to interview all inmates and wards.

Write confidentially to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) at the address above and be sure to mark the envelope “Legal Mail”. The OIG will contact officials at your prison to determine if a report of the alleged abuse has been made and to determine the status of the institutional investigation. Please note that your identity – and that of the alleged perpetrator(s) – likely will become public once the OIG gets involved.

The OIG investigates reports of the mishandling of incidents of sexual abuse within correctional facilities and may be able to provide assistance to prisoners who have been victims of sexual abuse, including transfer to another facility in some cases.

*JDI has directly contacted each organization listed in the Resource Guide in hopes of pointing survivors toward those currently accepting new clients. However, the inclusion of any group or individual in the Resource Guide does not necessarily constitute an endorsement or recommendation by JDI, nor can JDI guarantee the availability of the services described here.*