On campus:

Student Bridges
Political Economy Research Institute: Interdisciplinary institute designed to craft policy on jobs, microfinance, labor markets, living wage, state and local economies
The Stonewall Center: Campus and Five College LGBTQIA advocacy and training.
The Women of Color Leadership Network: Advocacy and training for university and community woman of color in the Five Colleges area.
Center for Multicultural Advancement and Student Success: Peer Mentoring and Social Justice issues around ALANA, multicultural and First Gen students.
UMass Labor Center Extension... A number of years ago all of the UMass Labor Extension programs collaborated on developing a Political Economy of Race curriculum. They have a popular education approach that makes it really useful and accessible for a freshman audience.
Karuna Center for Peacemaking: Works on ethnic, religious and political conflict
Social Justice Meditation Institute:

Local:

Just Communities (Springfield, MA): Their primary focus is on organizing around immigration issues, but obviously race and ethnicity are part of that package. The lead organizer is also a UMass sociology grad and would be great at engaging with the students.
National Priorities Project (Northampton, MA): Illustrating how federal budget shapes the lives of everyday folk.
Safe Passage (Northampton, MA): Shelter for women and families affected by domestic violence
Arise for Social Justice (Springfield, MA): A small group doing some really great low-income and anti-oppression work. Would be eager to chat.
Voices from Inside (Western Mass): Writing groups for incarcerated women.
The Real Cost of Prisons Project (Northampton connection)

Regional:

Race Forward (NYC): Publishes Colorlines, and through the Race Forward Racial Justice Leadership Action Network, they do online and in-person training and consulting services in skill-building, leadership development, organization- and alliance-building, issue-framing, messaging, and advancing solutions around issues of racial inequality.
Massachusetts Jobs not Jails (Boston, MA): They have been doing a lot of organizing and education work in Massachusetts this past year. They also have a full-time presence in Western MA.
Wellesley Centers for Women and the Women's Justice Network: Erika Kates’ organization.
Boston University's Prison Education Program: Danielle Rousseau, Director.
WORTH (NYC): They have speakers who include currently and formerly incarcerated women who try to challenge some of the perceptions about this group. They had a speaker at UMass.
Women's Prison Association (NYC): Working with women before, during and after incarceration on issues of employment, education, housing, peer support, and reunification with children and families.
Innocence Project (NYC): Mission is to assist and free unjustly imprisoned people.

National:

National Conference for Community and Justice: Advocacy and policy for respectful communities; the have a Mass/CT branch with an 80 year history.
Dismantling Racism Works (Durham, NC): a national organization that offers training and workshops around white privilege.
People's Institute for Survival and Beyond (New Orleans, LA): Conduct ‘Undoing racism’ workshops
Nation Inside (Wilmington, NC): Criminal Justice Policy advocacy group
West Coast Poverty Center (Seattle, WA): A hub for poverty researchers and scholars, who offer seminars and conferences on poverty and policy.
Racial Disparity Project (University of Washington, Seattle, WA): Aimed at reducing racial disparities in the criminal justice system through community organizing, education, and litigation.
Criminal Justice Research Center (Ohio State University, Columbus, OH): They advocate for racial democracy, crime, and justice.
From Piper Kerman’s website:

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WOMEN
Alabama Women’s Resource Network
401 Beacon Parkway West
Birmingham, Alabama 35209-3105
205-916-0135 ext.501*
Alabama Women’s Resource Network works to reduce the number of women in prison in Alabama by promoting investment in neighborhood resources and community-based alternatives to prison.

A New Way of Life Reentry Project
PO Box 875288
Los Angeles, CA 90087
323-563-3575
Led by Susan Burton, a CNN Hero of 2010, A New Way of Life Reentry Project provides housing, support services and leadership development to formerly incarcerated women in South Central Los Angeles, facilitating a successful transition back to community life.

California Coalition for Women Prisoners
1540 Market St., Suite 490
San Francisco, CA 94102
415-255-7036
California Coalition for Women Prisoners is a grassroots social justice organization, with members inside and outside prison, which prioritizes the leadership of the people, families, and communities most impacted by the prison system in building this movement.
The Center for Young Women's Development
832 Folsom Street, Suite 700
San Francisco, CA 94107
415-703-8800
The Center for Young Women’s Development is one of the first non-profits in the United States run and led entirely by young women. They organize young women who are the most marginalized in San Francisco — those in the street economies and the juvenile justice system — to design and deliver peer-to-peer education and support.

Power Inside
PO Box 4796
Baltimore, MD 21211
410-889-8333
Power Inside is committed to building self-sufficiency and preventing incarceration among women and families in Baltimore through direct client services, advocacy, leadership development and public education.

Women and Prison: A Site for Resistance
Beyondmedia Education
4001 N. Ravenswood #204 B
Chicago, IL 60613 USA
773-857-7300
Women and Prison: a Site for Resistance is a website that makes visible women’s experiences in the criminal justice system. Documenting these stories in women’s own voices is essential to truly understand the reality of women’s experiences in prisons and jails. The stories are supported by a collection of resources, such as organizations, reports, essays, and links to a wide range of information on women and prison.

Women In Prison Project
c/o Correctional Association of New York
2090 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd., Suite 200
New York, NY 10027
212-254-5700
The Women in Prison Project is dedicated to addressing the effects of New York’s criminal justice policies on women and their families. The Project advocates for a shift in government priorities away from prison and toward alternative programs where a woman can stay connected to her family, address underlying issues, and become a productive member of society.

Women On the Rise Telling HerStory
c/o The Osborne Association
809 Westchester Avenue
Bronx, NY 10455
917-626-8168
WORTH (Women on the Rise Telling HerStory) is an advocacy and consultant group comprised of formerly and incarcerated women, who have the expertise and understanding to engage, navigate and challenge policies and perceptions concerning incarcerated women.

Women's Prison Association
110 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10003
646-292-7740
The Women’s Prison Association, founded in 1865, is the nation’s oldest service and advocacy organization committed to helping women with criminal justice histories see new possibilities for themselves and their families. WPA offers a host of useful information and resources on issues facing these women and our families, in addition to housing, health, employment and family services and leadership and advocacy training.

The National Institute of Corrections and the Women’s Prison Association partnered to create a searchable online National Directory of Programs for Women with Criminal Justice Involvement. This database provides a place where practitioners, policymakers, and community members can find information on programs and services for women in the criminal justice system. The database includes state-by-state programs and services for women at all stages of criminal justice involvement, both in correctional facilities and in the community.

CHILDREN
Reclaiming Futures National Program Office
Portland State University 527 SW Hall, Suite 400
Portland OR 97201
503-725-8911
Futures helps young people in trouble with drugs, alcohol, and crime by reinventing the way police, courts,
detention facilities, treatment providers, and the community work together (now in 26 communities around the country). Juvenile justice reform is a critical lever for changing the U.S. prison crisis for the better.

**Family and Corrections Network**
National Resource Center on Children & Families of the Incarcerated  
93 Old York Road, Suite 1 #510  
Jenkintown, PA 19046  
215-576-1110

Family and Corrections Network's National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated Works to connect program providers, policy makers, researchers, educators, correctional personnel and the public with the families of the incarcerated for advocacy, action and planning. They provide information on children of the incarcerated, programs for parenting from prison, prison visiting, incarcerated fathers, hospitality programs and a variety of other topics.

**Children of Inmates**
888-757-5439

Children of Inmates is a collaborative effort between nine Miami-Dade County organizations. They identify, encourage, and refer families to the services that will meet the needs of the children of inmates, based on their development and circumstances.

**Legal Services for Prisoners with Children**
1540 Market St., Suite 490  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415-255-7036

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children advocates for the human rights and empowerment of incarcerated parents, children, family members and people at risk for incarceration. They respond to requests for information, trainings, technical assistance, litigation, community activism and the development of more advocates. Their focus is on women prisoners and their families, and they emphasize that issues of race are central to any discussion of incarceration.

**Angel Tree**
Prison Fellowship Ministries  
44180 Riverside Pkwy # 100  
Leesburg, VA 20176-1709  
703-478-0100; 800-55ANGEL

The faith community has worked long and hard to provide services to current and former prisoners and address injustice. The Justice Fellowship believes that the way our government handles crime and punishment affects all of us, and advocates for reform, and their related programs include Angel Tree, which serves the children of prisoners at Christmastime and throughout the year.

**Corporation for National and Community Service**
Mentoring Children of Prisoners, Online Resource Center  
The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America, and United We Serve.

**WRITING AND BOOKS**
**PEN American Center Prison Writing Program**
588 Broadway, Suite 303  
New York, NY 10012  
212-334-1660

The PEN American Center Prison Writing Program believes in the restorative and rehabilitative power of writing, and serves hundreds of prisoners across the country. The program sponsors an annual writing contest, publishes a free handbook for prisoners, provides one-on-one mentoring to inmates whose writing shows merit or promise, conducts workshops for former inmates, and seeks to get inmates’ work to the public through literary publications and readings.

**Book’Em**
The Thomas Merton Center  
5129 Penn Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15224  
412-361-3022

Book’Em sends educational books & quality reading material to prisoners & prison libraries all over the U.S.

**Books Through Bars**
4722 Baltimore Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19143
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The Pew Center on the States Public Safety Performance Project helps states advance fiscally sound, data-driven policies and practices in sentencing and corrections that protect public safety, hold offenders accountable and control corrections costs.

Women’s Prison Book Project
c/o Arise Bookstore
2441 Lyndale Avenue
South Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405
The Women’s Prison Book Project provides women and transgender–identified persons in prison with free reading materials covering a wide range of topics from law and education (dictionaries, GED, etc.) to fiction, politics, history, and women’s health.

NATIONAL RESOURCES
Nation Inside
P.O. Box 448
Wilmington, NC 28402
877-410-4863
Nation Inside is a platform that connects and supports people who are building a movement to systematically challenge mass incarceration in the United States.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums
1612 K Street NW Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20006
202-822-6700
Families Against Mandatory Minimums is the national voice for fair and proportionate sentencing laws. They show the human face of sentencing, advocate for state and federal sentencing reform, and mobilize thousands of individuals and families whose lives are adversely affected by unjust sentences. FAMM works to change mandatory sentencing laws through the legislative process on the federal and state levels, participation in precedent-setting legal cases and by educating the public.

Innocence Project
100 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10011
212-364-5340
The Innocence Project works to exonerate wrongfully convicted people in the U.S. and reform the justice system so that innocent people do not go to jail. Since 1992 over 250 innocent people have been exonerated through DNA testing (which is available in only a small fraction of criminal cases) including 17 who were at one time sentenced to death.

Just Detention International
3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340
Los Angeles, CA 90010
213-384-1400
Just Detention International is a human rights organization that seeks end sexual abuse in all forms of detention. Just Detention works to ensure government accountability for prisoner rape; to transform ill-informed public attitudes about sexual violence in detention; and to promote access to resources for those who have survived this form of abuse.

Justice Center, Council of State Governments
100 Wall Street, 20th Floor
New York, New York 10005
212-482-2320
The Council of State Governments Justice Center is a national nonprofit organization that serves policymakers at the local, state, and federal levels from all branches of government. Staff provides practical, nonpartisan advice and consensus-driven strategies— informed by available evidence—to increase public safety and strengthen communities. As part of their work they focus on mental health, justice reinvestment, and national re-entry resources.

The Pew Center on the States Public Safety Project
901 E St. NW, 10th Floor
Washington, DC 20004-1409
202-552-2000
The Pew Center on the States Public Safety Performance Project helps states advance fiscally sound, data-driven policies and practices in sentencing and corrections that protect public safety, hold offenders accountable and control corrections costs.
The National H.I.R.E. (Helping Individuals with criminal records Re-enter through Employment) Network is both a national clearinghouse for employment information and an advocate for policy change.

The Vera Institute of Justice is an independent, non-partisan, nonprofit center for justice policy and practice. Their projects and reform initiatives, typically conducted in partnership with local, state, or national officials, are located across the U.S. and around the world. They help leaders in government and civil society improve the systems people rely on for justice and safety.

Prison Movement’s Weblog, from a tireless reformer. Her blogroll is extensive.

Reentry Central provides a centralized national news and information site for professionals in the fields of ex-offender reentry and related criminal justice areas.

Restorative Justice Online emphasizes repairing the harm caused by crime. When victims, offenders and community members meet to decide how to do that, the results can be transformational. This is very different from retribution, and is grounded in cultures around the world. Find out how it’s put into practice.

Thousand Kites is a fascinating, innovative community-based performance, web, video and radio project centered on the United States prison system. It integrates radio broadcasts, phone calls from and to prisoners, and individuals’ stories to serve families affected by incarceration, provide a lifeline to prisoners held in Appalachia, and create human context for what happens in our prisons.


Workshop In Business Opportunities is a private non-profit organization that supports men and women with the drive to become successful entrepreneurs. WIBO offers a myriad of services including its flagship 16-week workshop, How to Build a Growing Profitable Business. Other services include personalized business coaching, legal and accounting clinics, monthly seminars, networking events, and other support services. They also offer entrepreneurial training programs to inmates in various correctional facilities in New York City.