

**NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW COMMUNITY LAWYERING PROGRAM
FOR THE STANLEY JONES CLEAN SLATE PROJECT
APRIL 2004**

**RESOURCE LIST FOR EX-OFFENDERS AND ADVOCATES
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OVERNIGHT SHELTER SERVICES	<p><u>NOTE:</u> These facilities offer housing for varying lengths of time. Some offer only emergency, night-to-night shelter. Also, some facilities offer other services. Some of the "Services" highlight only some of these other services. Many overnight shelters require a referral. While DOC and housing access agency personnel (<i>see entries below</i>) can refer EXOs to many of these and other facilities, the City of Boston Emergency Shelter Commission and Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance ("DTA") also provide emergency referrals. Boston Emergency Shelter Commission 24 Hour Hotline: 617-635-4500 MA DTA Hotline: 800-249-2007</p>			
	BOSTON RESCUE MISSION ("BRM") AND KINGSTON HOUSE ("KH")	39 Kingston St. Boston, MA 02111 www.brm.org	617-482-8819	
BROOKE HOUSE ("BH") AND CENSUS REDUCTION FOR EX-OFFENDERS PROGRAM ("CREO")	107 Park Dr. Boston, MA 02215 www.crjustice.org/AduItOff.html	617-867-0300		Both the BH and CREO are supported by the Community Resources for Justice. The BH is a 50-bed pre-release facility for male inmates from the Suffolk County House of Correction. Inmates are admitted by the BH 3 to 4 months prior to release. The CREO is a two month program, funded by the Boston Housing Authority for 5 male and 5 female EXOs, where guests are housed and fed. Guests are required to attend 3 meetings per week and undergo counseling while looking for employment and permanent housing. A referral and 60-day sobriety are required.

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CARDINAL MEDEIROS PROGRAM ("CMP")	316 Huntington Ave. Boston, MA	617-247-8956	Terry Wilson	The CMP is a shelter program at the Boston YMCA for men who are three months sober and have a working relationship with a case manager. Guests must have a fulltime job or receive social security benefits. EXOs are only accepted 6 months after release. A referral is required.
CAREY PROGRAM	51 Inman St. Cambridge, MA www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/audience.cf?audience=housing	617-349-6349	Stephen Johnson	The Carey Program is a men's transitional program housing at the Cambridge YMCA, linked to the Cambridge Department of Human Services and the Cambridge Multi-service Center (<i>see below</i>). Approximately 80% of the program participants are EXOs. It is a 9-month program, requiring residents to work. Participants must be referred and be clean and sober 6 months. The program is popular, with a substantial waiting list. Other services are also provided.
CASPAR EMERGENCY SERVICE CENTER ("CASPAR")	240 Albany St. Cambridge, MA 02139	617-661-0600		The CASPAR is a 75-bed emergency shelter geared specifically for homeless people with substance abuse problems. Referral is not required. Within this shelter, the CASPAR also provides a long term 10-bed transition detox program. The CASPAR frequently refers guests to other service providers.

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COOLIDGE HOUSE ("CH")	307 Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02115 www.crjustice.org/AdultOff.html			Sponsored by the Community Resources for Justice, the CH is a 120-bed comprehensive sanction center for male and female offenders from the federal bureau of prisons, federal district courts, and federal probation. The average length of stay is 5 to 6 months. The CH also reserves 4 beds for the SPAN program (<i>see below</i>), which serves newly released state and county offenders awaiting placement in transitional or permanent housing.
DIMOCK COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER HALFWAY HOUSE	55 Dimock St. Boston, MA 02119 www.dimock.org	617-442-8800	Ruth Kelly	The Dimock Community Health Center operates a halfway house for males and provides many other physical and mental health services.
DISMASH HOUSE ("DH")	PO Box 30125 Worcester, MA 01603 www.dismashouse.org	508-799-9389	David McMahon	The DH is a supportive community that provides transitional housing and services to EXOs. It is a sober house, where guests live and work as a family, helping each other grow towards the goal of reintegration into society.
FIRST CHURCH SHELTER ("FCS")	11 Garden St. Cambridge, MA 02138 www.firstchurchcambridge.org/shelter	617-661-1873		The FCS is a 14-bed emergency shelter and meal program for men, where the length of stay varies for guests. Staff assists with transitional and permanent housing searches and refers guests to other housing access service providers.

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HARVARD SQUARE HOMELESS SHELTER ("HSHS")	University Lutheran Church 66 Winthrop St. Cambridge, MA 02138 www.hshsc.org	617-547-2841		Operated entirely by volunteers from Harvard University, the HSHS is 24-bed emergency night-to-night shelter-meal program, open only from November 15 - April 15. Shelter is substance and smoke free and provides access to housing caseworker. No referral is required.
LONG ISLAND SHELTER ("LIS")	PO Box 158 Boston, MA 02122 www.bphc.org	617-534-7100 for referral		The LIS is a a night-to-night emergency shelter, operated by the Boston Public Health Commission. A referral by the Woods Mullen shelter is required. Among many other longer term shelter programs operated onsite, LIS offers a 20-bed program for HIV positive homeless men and women in recovery from substance abuse.
MCGRATH HOUSE ("MH")	699 Mass Ave. Boston, MA 02118			Sponsored by the Community Resources for Justice, the MH is a 20-bed pre-release facility for female offenders from the Suffolk County House of Correction. Selected inmates are transferred to the MH three to four months prior to release. The average length of stay is 3 – 6 months. McGrath House also manages the 5 beds reserved for women in the CREO program (<i>see Brook House above</i>).

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NEW ENGLAND SHELTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS AND THE POST INCARCERATED REINTEGRATION PROJECT("PIRP")	17 Court St. Boston, MA 02108 www.neshv.org	617-248-9400 617-371-1711	Meghann Ward	The PIRP provides 12-weeks of housing and services for veteran-EXOs, who are sober and employable. The program requires guest to work in the shelter and save half of their salary for first, last and security to secure long term housing. It also provides counseling and classes in employment training and long term housing. The PIRP is funded in part by the Department of Labor and is also affiliated with HomeStart and the Boston Housing Authority (<i>see below</i>).
PINE STREET INN ("PSI")	444 Harrison Ave. Boston, MA 02119 www.pinestreetinn.org	617-521-7626		The PSI is New England's largest source of emergency housing. Multiple night shelter is also provided for guests enrolled in some of its special programs, many of which are geared towards substance abusers. The PSI also offers transitional housing for at facilities, such as the Anchor Inn. Also, the PSI operates approximately 20 different permanent housing facilities which provide affordable housing for nearly 300 formerly homeless men and women. The waiting list for permanent housing is approximately 1 year. Case managers work regularly with guests who are EXOs. PSI also offers a support group, Beyond the Wall, geared specifically for EXOs.

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ROSIE'S PLACE ("ROSIE'S")	889 Harrison Ave. Boston, MA 02118 www.rosies.org	617-442-9322		Rosie's is a shelter for poor and homeless women and children. Among their programs are lunch and dinner every day; emergency shelter; permanent housing; advocacy; including assistance with housing and job searches; clothing; a food pantry and a food cooperative.
SALVATION ARMY - EMERGENCY SHELTER IN CAMBRIDGE	402 Mass. Ave. Cambridge, MA 02139 www.salvationarmy-ma.org	617-547-3400		This is an emergency shelter for men for 6 days at most. No referrals are required but guest must be sober and sex-offenders are not admitted.
SALVATION ARMY - HARBOR LIGHT CENTER ("HLC")	407 Shawmut Ave. Boston, MA 02118 www.salvationarmy-ma.org/locations/harbor.htm	617-536-7469	Jackie Hector	The HLC provides several temporary housing programs, including a 6-month Addiction Therapy Program for male and female substance abusers and a Sober House for sober men and women. The HLC also operates a semi-permanent SRO housing at a minimal rent. The HLC requires guests to be sober and to seek employment after 28 days. Referrals from detox, halfway and other agencies are common, but self-referrals are welcome as well. Since, August of 2002, the HLC has also run an electronic monitoring program for 13 male inmates referred by the Essex County House of Corrections.

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SECOND HOMES OF UNITED HOMES ("SH")	9 Codman Park Roxbury, MA 02119	617-427-4244		The SH is a transitional home for EXOs for residency up to 18 months. Agency, pre-release or halfway house referral preferred.
SHATTUCK SHELTER ("SS")	170 Morton St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 www.friendsofshattuckshelter.org	617-522-8110	Paula McDonald	Sponsored by the Friends of Shattuck Hospital, the SS operates an 118-bed emergency shelter and three transitional programs, including a 28-day post-release detox/stabilization program, a 20-bed expanded day program for sober men, and the Transitions for Independent Living, where participants receive more intensive assistance from case workers for transitional and permanent housing access. The SS offers general support from case managers, health-workers and substance-abuse counselors. Its IMPACT program also provides employment assistance and street outreach. Referrals are not required.
SHELTER, INC.-CAMBRIDGE SHELTER ("SI")	103-109 School St. Cambridge, MA 02139 www.shelterinc.org	617-547-1885	Michelle O'Brien	The SI provides emergency shelter, meals and support to 21 men and women each night. Extended stays are available to guests working ending their homelessness. Agency referrals are preferred.
UP & OUT UNITED HOMES ("U&O")	Pilgrim Church 540 Columbia Rd. Dorchester, MA 02125	617-265-4515		The U&O is a 119-bed emergency shelter for adult males. No referral is required, but guests must present identification and sex offenders are not welcome.

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VETERANS BENEFITS CLEARINGHOUSE AND THE HOMELESS VETERANS REINTEGRATION PROGRAM ("HVRP")	173 Humboldt Ave. Dorchester, MA www.vbcoston.org	617-427-5603	Vernal Baker	Funded in part by the Boston PHA, the HVRP provides 27 SROs for homeless veterans. Other services include advocacy in appeals of denied public housing applications and counseling on home ownership.
WOODS MULLEN SHELTER ("WMS")	784 Mass Ave. Boston, MA 02119 www.bphc.org	617-534-7100		The WMS is a night-to-night emergency shelter operated by the Boston Public Health Commission. No referral is required; first come first served. The WMS also performs intake interview and provides referrals for the Long Island Shelter (<i>see above</i>).

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HOUSING ACCESS AGENCIES AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS		<p><u>NOTE:</u> Many of these organizations provide services that are not highlighted in this chart. Also, many other organizations, providing valuable services for EXOs are not included in this list. For a more comprehensive directory of additional services, <u>Coming Home: A Resources Directory for Ex-Offenders Returning to Greater Boston Communities</u> is recommended. (See web-site: www.exoffenderresources.org.)</p>		
ABCD HOUSING ("ABCD") AND THE SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PROGRAM ("SNAP")	178 Tremont St. 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02111 www.bostonabcd.org	617-357-6000 (SNAP) 617-267-7400	Jennifer Lang (SNAP) Truce See Allah	ABCD assists homeless and poor individuals with access to shelters and permanent housing or with keeping the housing that they may have already. While ABCD is not geared specifically for EXOs, it frequently helps EXOs upon release from incarceration with finding subsidies and assisting with job searches. For the homeless, those in shelters, and people at risk of being evicted, a referral is not necessary. A referral is required for those receiving welfare benefits. SNAP offers food, cosmetics and access to a computer lab. SNAP also provides job placement services. In concert with the South Bay House of Corrections and County Jail, SNAP offers direct services to 12-20 inmates before release.

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AID TO INCARCERATED MOTHERS ("AIM")	434 Mass. Ave., 5th Floor, suite 503 Boston, MA 02118	617-536-0058	Jean Fox-Way	Among other services, AIM runs a support group for female ex-offenders who have returned to the community, working on habits that will help avoid recidivism. Referrals for services such as de-tox programs, shelters, and sober houses are also provided. AIM also advocates for women coming out of prisons with custody issues. AIM staffs an onsite a supervising attorney and works with women on court cases involving divorce, domestic violence, and sexual assault.
ELLA J. BAKER HOUSE ("BAKER HOUSE")	411 Washington St. Dorchester, MA 02124 www.thebakerhouse.org	617-282-6704	Ken Johnson	The Baker House focuses on youth violence. Its staff also works with EXOs prior to and upon re-entry. The Baker House also provides EXOs with the opportunity to work with at risk youth.
BRUCE WALL MINISTRIES ("BWM")	Dorchester Temple Baptist Church 670 Washington St. Dorchester, MA www.dorchester temple.org	617-282-0155	Harrison Lilly Damon Hamilton	Focused on EXO self-actualization, the BWM serves EXOs released from the South Bay House of Corrections. In conjunction with DOC officers prior to release, the BWM works with a class of 20 inmates, who have been determined to be more likely to re-offend. The BWM continues working with this class after release and also assists with housing searches by walking EXOs through the housing application process and advising them on CORI issues. The BWM discourages EXOs from relying on shelters, instead it encourages rebuilding family relationships. Other serves for EXOs are also provided, including referrals to job training resources and family counseling.

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CAMBRIDGE MULTI-SERVICE CENTER ("CMSC")	19 Brookline St. Cambridge, MA 02139 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/multiservice.cfm	617-349-6340	Len Thomas	The CMSC services include case management and transitional housing programs for men and women; housing search and stabilization services for Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance-referred families facing homelessness; and mental health, legal, financial and substance abuse counseling. The CMSC case managers also assist individuals or families who are in need of short-term counseling, assistance with housing concerns, or referrals to a variety of services, including food pantries, job training and benefits programs. They are not particularly tailored to EXOs, but EXOs staying in a Cambridge shelter or living in Cambridge are welcome.
CITY MISSION SOCIETY ("CMS")	14 Beacon St. Boston, MA	617-742-6830		The CMS provides housing search assistance to (non-ex-sex-offender) men recently released from prison. Other services are provided. A DOC or other agency referral is required.
CITY OF BOSTON REFERRALS - REFERRAL LINE TO EMERGENCY SHELTER	Emergency Shelter Commission Boston City Hall, Room 716 Boston, MA	24-hr. Hotline: 617-635-4500	Helen Nichols	This office provides a 24 hour referral line to emergency shelters in Boston. The Referral office also provides consultation on available resources for housing, employment, etc. for homeless men, women and children. The referral policy for EXO favors referrals for facilities other than emergency shelters, as they may facilitate recidivism; instead, EXOs are commonly referred to programs that assist with securing permanent housing and provide more specific advocacy for EXOs.

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CITY WIDE MINISTRIES ("CWM")	PO Box 2217 Boston, MA 02130 http://www.christianresourcenetwork.org/paige5.html	617-442-3032; 617-989-8891	Reverend Clovis Turner Clara Smith	The CWM's mission is to meet the needs of the community by providing a stable living environment, counseling, job training, and support to equip individuals with the resources to help them become productive citizens. The CWM performs outreach for the homeless and at various housing developments and operates a prison ministry for women at the MCI Framingham prison. Recently, it raised funds for a transitional house to accommodate eight women coming out of prison.
FIRST INCORPORATED ("FIRST INC.")	167 Centre St. Roxbury, MA 02119	617-427-1588		First Inc. provides services for EXOs with substance abuse issues and mental health issues. Its program is geared towards behavior modification through counseling and building structured lives as well as assisting participants with accessing other services.
HOMESTART	105 Chauncy St. Boston, MA 02111 www.homestart.org	617-542-1454	Niomi Schweitzer	HomeStart's mission is to end homelessness in the Greater Boston area by assisting individuals in obtaining permanent housing, and by developing strategies to address systematic barriers to housing placement. HomeStart has over 10 years of experience interacting with permanent housing providers (subsidized as well as private housing). HomeStart's core focus is relocating people from overnight shelters to permanent housing. HomeStart is working with the DOC, on addressing the housing issues faced by EXOs and the fact that shelters have become the dumping grounds of EXOs in Boston especially. In 2003, HomeStart developed an EXO program. One of their program addresses the housing needs of EXOs released from state prisons by offering housing search support, and case management for EXOs. A DOC referral is required for this service.

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TRAINING ("DET")	Hurley Building 19 Staniford St. Boston, MA 02114	617-626-5733	Dave Sullivan	The DET Division of Career Services operates re-entry and re-employment services by providing one-stop career centers, which includes JOBNET. These centers are federally funded and are very EXO friendly.
MASS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE	600 Washington St. Boston, MA 02111 www.state.ma.us/dta	Referral Hotline: 800-249-2007		The DTA administers all state-funded emergency programs. It also operates a referral hotline for emergency housing.
ON THE RISE, INC. ("OTR")	341 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02139 www.ontherise.org	617-497-7968		OTR provides homeless women with referrals to agencies providing assistance on housing and other matters.
PROJECT PLACE	32 Rutland St. Boston, MA 02118 www.projectplace.org	617-262-3740		Project Place is a nonprofit organization that serves homeless men and women in the Boston area. It offers job training, work experience, education, housing and support services to help homeless individuals reestablish themselves in society with dignity. Its Homeless Resource Center provides housing search assistance, case management, lockers, voicemail, etc.
ROXBURY MULTI-SERVICE CENTER ("RMSC")	317 Blue Hill Ave Dorchester, MA 02121 www.rmsscinc.org	617-427-4470		The RMSC offers a homeless shelter for families, emergency assistance to needy individuals, and other services.

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SOUTH MIDDLESEX OPPORTUNITY COUNSEL ("SMOC")	300 Powers St. Framingham, MA 01702	508-620-2303	Jeff Handler	The DOC contracted with the SMOC and HomeStart (<i>see above</i>) to provide housing counseling for EXOs and to select qualified EXOs for housing loans provided by DOC funds. As a part of this campaign, SMOC will offer placements in its own properties throughout Massachusetts, which includes emergency housing, re-entry housing, sober housing, and low rent apartments.
SPAN	110 Arlington St. Boston, MA 02116	617-423-0750	Adolph Grant	Working with DOC staff and social workers, SPAN assists inmates and EXOs by offering many services including a transitional housing program for EXOs and counseling for permanent housing. Other services include reintegration support which provides 3-4 wks in financial assistance for housing, classes in pre-GED, GED, cognitive behavior, anger management, "thinking for a change" classes, and living skills.
ST. FRANCIS HOUSE	39 Boylston St. Boston, MA 02112 www.stfranchishouse.org	617-654-1235		St. Francis provides many services including emergency services, rehabilitative programs, job skills training, transitional housing for poor and homeless individuals, and housing counseling. St. Francis' fulltime housing counselor assists guest in search of decent affordable housing. Its Moving Ahead program is a 14 week life skills program offered at both St. Francis House and the Dedham House of Corrections ("DHOC"). At the DHOC, in the first half of the program, inmates complete exercises challenging personal barriers and teaching job skills. At the time of the inmates' releases, participants begin an internship to fulfill the program.

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SUPPORT AND TRAINING RESULT IN VALUABLE EMPLOYEES PROGRAM ("STRIVE")	154 Forsyth St. Boston, MA	617-437-1441	Abrigal Foster Stanley Green	A nationally-recognized 3-week job readiness and placement program that teaches participants the skills needed to secure and maintain employment. Workshops include: attitudinal adjustment program, which helps EXOs to adjust to a workplace culture and avoid recidivism, interviewing skills, resume development, and introductory computer skills. Job placement counseling is also available. Participants live in shelters while undergoing program. STRIVE does not rely on any government funds.
UNITED SOULS SUPPORT GROUP ("UNITED SOULS")	First Church Putnam St. Roxbury, MA 02119 www.uuum.org/unitysouls.html	617-541-2643 617-445-8393	Sam Williams	Created by the Urban Ministry, United Souls was founded to provide group support and one-on-one counseling for men facing incarceration, currently incarcerated or recently released. The group's mission is to help members develop life skills and to prevent them from returning to criminal life. The group currently meets twice a week. Group discussions cover topics such as substance abuse, parenting skills, CORI restrictions, anger management, domestic relations, job resources, self-esteem, and resume preparation.
WAITT HOUSE	117 Mt. Pleasant Ave. Roxbury, MA 02119	617-445-5510		The Sisters of Charity founded WAITT House as a literacy and career development program. More than 850 men and women have been served at WAITT House since its founding in 1970. The WAITT House offers a literacy and career development skills program to help adult students earn a high school diploma.

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LEGAL SERVICES				
CAMBRIDGE AND SOMERVILLE LEGAL SERVICES ("CSLS")	432 Columbia St. Cambridge, MA 02141	617-603-2700 (LARC)		The CSLS provides legal services in many areas including housing law matters involving public housing access. LARC is the legal service hotline for basic legal services including housing matters. LARC performs the intake interviews for CSLS and GBLS.
COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES & COUNSELING CENTER ("CLSCC")	1 West St. Cambridge, MA 02139	617-661-1010		The CLSCC provides legal services in many areas including housing law matters involving public housing access.
GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES ("GBLS")	197 Friend St. Boston, MA 02114	617-603-2700 (LARC)		The GBLS provides legal services in many areas including housing law matters involving public housing access, and appeals of public housing application denials. LARC is the legal service hotline for basic legal services including housing matters. LARC performs the intake interviews for CSLS and GBLS.
MASS LAW REFORM ("MLR")	99 Chauncy St. Boston, MA	617-357-0700	Fran Fajama Tony Winsor	The MLR provides legal advice and assistance to people with CORI issues, particularly misuse of CORIs by employers and housing authorities and incorrect or mismatched CORIs. The MLR has tried and won or settled several suits alleging CORI misuse.

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SHELTER LEGAL SERVICES FOUNDATION ("SLS")	885 Centre St. Newton, MA 02459	617-552-0623		The SLS relies on trained law students to provide legal assistance in many areas including housing matters. The SLS offers weekly and bi-weekly clinics in several shelters in the Boston area and is a good source for advocacy in the appeal process of PHA application denials.
ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS AND ALLIANCES				
ABT ASSOCIATES ("AA")	55 Wheeler St. Cambridge, MA www.abtassociates.com http://offenderreentry.blogspot.com	617-349-2882	Dale Parent Peter Broderick	AA is an academic research and policy driven organization that has implemented model corrections and re-entry programs throughout the U.S. AA has developed a central web-site - the blog (http://offenderreentry.blogspot.com), which addresses issues around corrections. AA is currently working with the National Institute of Corrections to create a the Transition from Prison to Community Initiative, a model to assist states to prepare prison inmates for return to communities.
COMMUNITY RESOURCES CENTER FOR JUSTICE ("CRJ")	79 Chandler St. Boston, MA 02116 www.crjustice.org	617-482-2520		The CRJ offers a unique mix of innovative services, advocacy for system improvement, research and publications. Its Adult Correctional Services and Programming Department currently includes three residential programs, two non-residential programs, and the agency's Programming initiatives. (See residential programs described above.) Its services are geared for men and women in federal, state, and county correctional facilities and probation and parole agencies. They have recently received funding to survey public sentiment on the status of EXOs in our society.

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MASS COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS ("MCFH")	300 Congress St. 5th Floor Boston, MA 02210 www.mahomeless.org	617-423-9162	Dianne Yentel	The MCFH is a policy advocacy organization which provides housing and policy information training to any organization working with the homeless. While the MCFH does not have any direct contact with the homeless, it operates a furniture bank, whereby furniture donations are distributed to those in need.
MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING AND SHELTER ALLIANCE ("MHSA")	5 Park St. Boston, MA 02108	617-367-6447	Ezra Sykes	MHSA is a statewide public policy advocacy and planning alliance of over 75 organizations serving the homeless. Over the past 12 years, MHSA has led public policy and program initiatives that have created new resources to end homeless. Recently, MHSA began hosting a regular meeting of the <i>Corrections Committee</i> , comprised of advocates concerned with the successful re-entry of EXOs. The committee includes representatives from the DOC, Homestart, St. Francis, SPAN and many other organizations serving EXOs. In its monitoring of shelter populations in the past years, it has found that many guests are coming directly or indirectly from prisons or jails and are a major presence in Boston area shelters.
PRISONER RE-ENTRY WORKING GROUP ("PRWG")	Community Change 14 Beacon St. 6th Floor Boston, MA 02108 www.exoffenderresources.org	617-236-1808	Carol Streiff	The PRWG is committed to helping EXOs as they seek to develop productive and responsible lives in the neighborhoods of Greater Boston. It publishes "Coming Home: A Resource Directory for Ex-Offenders Returning to Greater Boston Communities," a compilation of over 300 agencies, programs, and individuals who can provide assistance and information to EXOs. The directory is available on-line at the PRWG homepage.

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STANLEY JONES CLEAN SLATE PROJECT ("SJCS")	PO Box 120582 Boston, MA 02112-0582 www.cleanslateproject.org	617-238-2460		The mission of the SJCS is to educate the public and policymakers about the value of public policies that support a successful community re-entry for those returning from incarceration.
TEN POINT COALITION ("TPC")	215 Forest Hills St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130	617-524-4331	Reverend Ray Hammond	The TPC is a coalition of clergy of color in Boston and the Boston police department. The TPC works on a range of campaigns, including an effort to keep at-risk youth from criminal activity and to help these youth renounce and turn away from such activity.
POLITICAL CONTACTS	<p><u>Note:</u> This list is not comprehensive of the political officials in support of the issues facing EXOs. This list represents those officials whose offices were contacted or are currently engaged in campaigns related to EXOs.</p>			
JARRETT BARRIOS, STATE SENATOR	State House Room 309 Boston, MA 02133 www.state.ma.us/legis/member/jtb0.htm	617-722-1650		He supports prison reform. Barrios has hosted committees discussing classification reform, prison culture, guard culture, and is part of an executive committee looking at corrections reform in MA.
MAUREEN FEENEY CITY COUNCILMEMBER	1 City Hall Plaza 5th Floor Boston, MA 02201 www.cityofboston.gov.council	617-635-3455		She served as an administrator to state halfway house and has served on the Boston City Council since 1993.

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MARIE ST. FLEUR, STATE REPRESENTATIVE	State House Rom 473G Boston, MA 02133 www.state.ma.us/legis/member/mps1	617-722-2070		She recently supported proposed legislation to establish a committee to study issues on post-release and assistance for EXOs.
CHUCK TURNER CITY COUNCILMEMBER	1 City Hall Plaza 5th Floor Boston, MA 02201 www.cityofboston.gov/contact/default.asp?id=19	617-635-3510		He supports EXO re-entry advocacy work.
DIANNE WILKERSON, STATE SENATOR	State House Room #312c Boston, MA 02133 www.state.ma.us/legis/member/tmfl	617-722-1673		She has sponsored legislation to reform CORI. Her proposed bill requires more accuracy in CORI reports. Her staff assists EXO access to community resources, and through word mouth, she has gained a reputation for providing support and guidance to EXOs.

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BOSTON FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION ("BFHC")	Boston City Hall 1 City Hall Plaza Suite 966 Boston, MA 02201	617-635-4408		The BFHC assists citizens of Boston in the housing search and buying process. The BFHC also provides services for people who have been discriminated against in the housing search process. A walk-in service is available from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
FEDERAL HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) OFFICE, REGION I	10 Causeway St. Room 301 Boston, MA 02222 www.hud.gov	617-994-8200		This office is a general resource for federally funded housing facilities, providing information on the policies related thereto. The HUD Equal Opportunity Office manages housing discrimination cases.
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ("DOC")	DOC has many facilities and offices throughout the state. See web-site. www.state.ma.us	978-405-6695	Lisa Jackson, Director of the Re-entry Unit	The Re-entry program has a staff of approximately 20 people who case manage inmates one year prior to release. The DOC funds the Offices of Community Corrections which provide supervision and resources for EXOs, parolees, and probationees. The DOC has implemented various programs and contracted with SMOC and HomeStart (<i>see above</i>) to provide transitional assistance to EXOs. The DOC Commissioner, Kathleen Dennehy, has also expressed interest in working with advocates for EXOs.

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE ("DTA")	600 Washington St. Boston, MA 02111 www.mass.gov/dta	617-348-5330	Felicia Collazzo	The DTA monitors shelters, handles shelter finances, and manages complaints related to particular facilities.
RENTAL HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER ("RHRC")	Boston City Hall, Rm. 709 Boston, MA	617-635-4200		In addition to providing other services, the RHRC manages tenant-landlord disputes for tenants who experience difficulties with their landlord.
SUFFOLK COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTIONS ("SCHoC")	20 Bradston St. Boston, MA	617-635-1000	Stefan LoBuglio,	One of the biggest county correctional facilities, SCHoC provides different programs for EXOs in its community corrections program. SCHoC also runs several pre-release centers in the City of Boston.. The facility only has inmates with prison terms of 2.5 years or less. This facility can offer more services to inmates than a medium or maximum security prison on the state level. In conjunction with Bunker Hill Community College, SCHoC operates an 8-week re-entry program for classes of 18 men prior to their release. The program entails job training, life skills, referrals to community organization. SCHoC also staffs one discharge planner who meets with inmates prior to their release. For those inmates who cannot return home or enter a program, the planner prefers to refer them to small shelters and service providers, more geared to the special needs of EXOs than the larger facilities.

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BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY ("BHA")	52-56 Chauncy St. Boston, MA 02111 www.bostonhousing.org	617-988-4156; 617-988-4541	Sheila Donahue Gloria Meneses	The BHA provides public housing and Section-8 Vouchers for low-income applicants in Boston. Imposes a strict CORI policy that is not EXO-friendly. An EXO may be denied of an offense he or she committed over 20 years prior to his or her housing application. Its strict policy on EXOs is viewed as one method of decreasing its large applicant pool.
CAMBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY ("CHA")	19 Prospect Street Cambridge, MA 02139 www.cambridge-housing.org/chaweb.nsf	617-864-3020	Michael Johnston	The CHA provides public housing and Section-8 Vouchers for low-income applicants in Cambridge. It is viewed as more liberal than most other PHAs as the CHA is able to shift its policies to address local needs. The CHA only reviews CORI within the five years prior to housing application. The CHA also manages SROs in addition to other housing units.
LAWRENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY ("LHA")	353 Elm St. Lawrence, MA 01842	978-683-2751		The LHA is a public housing agency that administers both state and federal housing programs. The LHA allows all EXOs with CORI reports to appeal their initial admissions denials to demonstrate that they have reformed their behavior. The LHA administrator of the appeals process recommends that EXO-applicants come prepared with testimonials and letters of recommendation in support of personal reform.

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MILTON HOUSING AUTHORITY ("MHA")	65 Miller Ave. Milton, MA 02186	617-698-2169		The MHA is a public housing agency that administers both state and federal housing programs. The MHA administers its Section 8 waiting list through the centralized waiting list operated by the National Association for Housing Authorities for Southeast Massachusetts. The MHA performs criminal background checks on all applicants for public housing. It allows appeals after an initial rejection of an applicant on the basis of CORI. In appeals, the MHA considers whether an EXO-applicant would endanger other persons or property.
NUESTRA COMUNIDAD ("NC")	391 Dudley St. Boston, MA 02119	617-442-8472	Blair Macumber	The NC is a community development corporation that builds affordable housing with federal and state funding. It has contributed to the resurgence of many depressed Boston neighborhoods and owns and operates 400 affordable units throughout Boston. These units are a potential housing resource for EXOs with the proper advocacy and supportive documentation. They have a housing wait list that is shorter than many PHAs' lists. Each unit must have a tenant selection plan that is approved by the Mass Housing Finance Agency. The managers rely on CORI, but a criminal history can be balanced by a record of mitigating circumstances and rehabilitation.