Resources and Contact Information: *Learning from Incarcerated Citizens*

**Books:**

* *The Little Book of Restorative Justice for People in Prison: Rebuilding the Web of Relationships* by Barbara Toews (Good Books, an imprint of Sky Horse Publishing)
* *After the Crime: The Power of Restorative Justice Dialogues Between Victims and Violent Offenders* by Susan L. Miller (New York University Press)

**Scholarly Articles/Reports:**

* *Promoting Inmates’ Positive Attitudes toward Participating in a Restorative Justice Process: The Effects of a Victim Awareness Process* April 2020: The Prison Journal DOI:10.1177/0032885520916820
* *How Does It Work? Mechanisms of Action in an In-Prison Restorative Justice Program* International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology DOI: 10.1177/0306624X16669143
* *From the Inside/Out: Greene County Jail Inmates on Restorative Reentry*: Aida Y. Hass and Caryn E. Saxon
* *Putting Justice Needs First: A Case Study of Best Practice in Restorative Justice:* Jane Bolitho
* *A New Lease on Life: Comprehensive analysis on Recidivism:* A Report for the Sentencing Project: Ashley Nellis, Ph.D*.*

**Media Links:**

* ‘*By Talking, Inmates and Victims Make Things ‘More Right’* (New York Times’, July 5, 2014 includes audio) <https://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/06/us/by-talking-inmates-and-victims-make-things-more-right.html>
* ‘*At Mass. Prison, Inmates and Victims Get A Chance at Dialogue’* (WBUR, February 16, 2016, with audio) <https://www.wbur.org/morningedition/2016/02/16/restorative-justice-norfolk-prison>
* ‘*Can Restorative Justice Help Prisoners to Heal?*’ (Greater Good Magazine June 9, 2015)

<https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/restorative_justice_help_prisoners_heal>

**Audio Links and Interviews:**

* *Story Corps: Tony Hicks and Azim Khamisa*

In 1995, 14-year-old Tony Hicks shot and killed 20-year old Tariq Khamisa in a gang-related robbery. Tony became the youngest person in California to be charged as an adult, and served the majority of his sentence in maximum-security prisons.

<https://storycorps.org/stories/both-ends-of-the-gun-how-two-men-were-brought-together-in-tragedy-and-forgiveness/>

* *Story Corps: Greg Gibson and Wayne Lo*

On December 14, 1992, Wayne Lo, an 18-year-old student at Simon’s Rock college in Massachusetts, stalked the campus with an SKS semiautomatic rifle loaded with ammunition he ordered over the phone and had delivered to him at school. He fired at random, killing two people and wounding four others. Today, Lo is serving two life sentences without the possibility of parole. Greg Gibson’s son Galen, also a student at Simon’s Rock, was murdered that night. In the years since, Gibson has set out to understand how it happened, in the hopes of preventing anyone else from having to live through what he has. <https://storycorps.org/stories/greg-gibson-and-wayne-lo-171208/>

* *Story Corps: Aja David, Kai Leigh Harriot, Tonya David*

Fourteen-year-old Kai Leigh Harriott is paralyzed from the chest down, the result of a stray bullet that hit her when she was three. Two years after Kai was shot, the family appeared at the shooter’s court hearing. In the audio, Kai Aja and their mother, Tonya remember what was said on the stand. <https://storycorps.org/stories/kai-leigh-harriott-and-aja-david/>

**Websites:**

* **JUST Alternatives**: [www.justalternatives.org](http://www.justalternatives.org)

JUST Alternatives is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to supporting victims/survivors of violence and violation, and to the advancement of promising Victim-Centered practices in justice and corrections. Their mission is to identify and support effective alternative approaches to reducing violence and victimization in our culture by affirming crime victims’ needs and the power of personal accountability among offenders.

* **The Insight Prison Project**: [www.insightprisonproject.org/a-restorative-justice-agency.html](http://www.insightprisonproject.org/a-restorative-justice-agency.html)

IPP was founded in 1997 at San Quentin State Prison. They offer unique and effective programs for thousands of men, women, and youth at 21 state prisons, three county jails, several reentry facilities, and one juvenile institution. The core program is the 18-month long Victim/Offender Education Group (VOEG), which includes a curriculum that was designed by licensed mental health therapists in collaboration with survivors of violent crimes and people incarcerated for previously violent behavior. ​

* **The Transformational Prison Project (TPP):** <https://www.transformprison.org/>

The Transformational Prison Project is a nonprofit that brings those who have been harmed together with people who have harmed them for intentional conversation that leads to compassion, understanding, and empathy. Its genesis lies in the experiences of a small group of men serving life sentences at MCI Norfolk Prison (a medium-security prison in Massachusetts) who began exploring what restorative justice means. These incarcerated men made clear in practice that restorative justice was a healing and transformative process that could benefit many other incarcerated men and women, just as it has in other parts of the country and throughout the world.

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