



Toledoans for Prison Awareness

is a coalition of groups and individuals united by a common goal: to bring the human and institutional crisis of the prisons out of the shadows and into the foreground of policy debate, public awareness, and community ministry.

What we do: TPA facilitates initiatives pursued by coalition participants to build a concerned constituency and to promote co-sponsored events.

Before there can be reform, there has to be awareness. And awareness requires education.

Facts:

The United States is the world's leader in incarceration with 2.2 million people currently in the nation's prisons and jails — a 500% increase over the last forty years.

Sentencing policies of the War on Drugs era resulted in dramatic growth in incarceration for drug offenses. Since its official beginning in the 1980s, the number of Americans incarcerated for drug offenses has skyrocketed from 41,000 in 1980 to nearly a half million in 2014

More than 60% of the people in prison today are people of color. Black men are nearly six times as likely to be incarcerated as white men and Hispanic men are 2.3 times as likely. For black men in their thirties, 1 in every 10 is in prison or jail on any given day.

The number of women in prison has been increasing at a rate 50 percent higher than men since 1980. Women in prison often have significant histories of physical and sexual abuse, high rates of HIV, and substance abuse problems. Women's imprisonment in female-led households leads to children who suffer from their mother's absence and breaks in family ties.

Source: The Sentencing Project www.sentencingproject.org

**To get involved or for more information visit
www.ToledoPrisonAwareness.org**

Presenting

Toledoans for Prison Awareness



**Fourth Annual
Prison Awareness Week**

**April 4 - 8
2016**

PRISON

The Invisible Institution

**People affected by incarceration
are your neighbors,
your friends,
your families,
YOU.**

**What do YOU know about this
invisible institution?**

Monday April 4th

1:00 to 3:00 @ Hospice of N.W. Ohio, Edgar Barens presents
Prison Terminal: The Last Days of Private Jack Hall

6:00pm to 9:00pm @ 1st Unitarian Church of Toledo, Edgar Barens presents
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Tuesday April 5th

10:00 to 11:30 @ United Way of Greater Toledo,
Chris Stewart of the Ohio Adult Parole Authority presents
Impact Speaker-Victim Awareness

5:30 to 7:00 @ UT 2160 Snyder Memorial Rm.,
Returned Citizen Panel Discussion

Wednesday April 6th

11:00 to 1:00 @ #1 Government Center, Reentry Coalition of
N.W. Ohio presents *Going Home to Stay* with debrief by Chris Stewart of
the Ohio Adult Parole Authority

2:00 to 3:30 @ United Way of Greater Toledo, Judge William Buhl,
Ret'd Michigan Circuit Court presents
Where to Now? Retributive or Restorative Justice

5:30 to 7:00 @ UT Health and Human Services Rm. 3202,
Judge William Buhl, Ret'd Michigan Circuit Court on *Criminal Sentencing*

Thursday April 7th

9:30 to 11:00 @ St. Andrews Episcopal Church,
Anthony Bouyer, Probation Officer Toledo Municipal Court presents
The School to Prison Pipeline

12:00 to 2:00 @ Wesley United Methodist Church presents
Citizens Circle with debrief by Clare Conrad

5:30 to 7:00 @ Lourdes University, Franciscan Center Board Room,
Lucas County Juvenile Court staff presents *What Works in Juvenile Corrections*

Friday April 8th

9:00 to 10:00 @ TBA, Juan Hernandez
will speak about the *Toledo Correctional Camp*

1:00 to 3:00 @ United Way of Greater Toledo, Amy Borrer of the
Ohio Public Defenders Office presents *Sex Offender Registry*
with commentary by Jim Prager and Kim-Kensler Prager

"It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has
been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by
how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones."
-- Nelson Mandela

"While there is a lower class, I am in it, while there is a
criminal element, I am of it, and while there is a soul in
prison, I am not free." -- Eugene V Debs

All events are free and open to the public
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