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The following is a non-exhaustive list of resources and organizations working on law enforcement violence against women and trans people of color and some of the resources they offer...

- ⇒ **The Audre Lorde Project - Safe Outside the System (SOS) Collective**, New York, NY — The SOS Collective works to challenge hate and police violence against LGBTSTGNC people of color. They are currently organizing a Safe Neighborhood Campaign to empower community members to be proactive in preventing anti-LGBTST violence, intervene when violent situations arise, and build stronger relationships between LGBTST people of color, our allies, and the community as a whole. For more information, see the SOS and Living Against Violence brochures in this toolkit and visit <http://www.alp.org/organizing/sos.php>
- ⇒ **The Audre Lorde Project - Transjustice**, New York, NY — TransJustice is a political group created by and for Trans and Gender Non-conforming people of color. TransJustice works to mobilize its communities and allies into action on the pressing political they face, including gaining access to jobs, housing, and education; the need for Trans-sensitive healthcare, HIV-related services, and job-training programs; resisting police, government and anti-immigrant violence. For more information, go to: <http://www.alp.org/transjustice>
- ⇒ **Bay Area NJ4 Solidarity Committee** – a group of queer people of color organizing in support of the NJ 4. For more information, go to: <http://freenj4.wordpress.com>
- ⇒ **Coalición de Derechos Humanos**, Tucson, AZ — Coalición de Derechos Humanos ("The Human Rights Coalition") is a grassroots organization which promotes respect for human/civil rights and fights the militarization of the Southern Border region, discrimination, and human rights abuses by federal, state, and local law enforcement officials affecting U.S. and non-U.S. citizens alike. For more information about their documentation and organizing projects, go to <http://www.derechoshumanosaz.net/>
- ⇒ **Communities Against Rape and Abuse (CARA)**, Seattle, WA - CARA pushes a broad agenda for liberation and social justice while prioritizing anti-rape work as the center of our organizing. CARA is spearheaded by survivors of sexual and domestic violence who have led organizing efforts against forced institutionalization of people with disabilities, against racist sterilization abuse of women of color and poor women, and against the alarming criminalization of young people. Organizers and activists demonstrate how these issues are intricately connected to the process of undermining sexual violence. CARA also uses community organizing as a tool to reconnect people to each other with a common goal of building safe, supportive, and accountable communities. Community members participate in support group facilitation training; in-depth dialogue about family/friend-based accountability strategies; and projects that emphasize positive sexuality. For more information, go to: <http://www.cara-seattle.org/aboutus.html>
- ⇒ **Community United Against Violence**, San Francisco, CA — 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. We believe that in order to end homo/bi/transphobia, we must confront all forms of oppression, including racism, sexism, ageism, classism, and ableism. For more information, go to: <http://www.cuav.org>



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⇒ **Creative Interventions, Oakland, CA** - Embracing the values of social justice and liberation, Creative Interventions is a space to re/envision solutions to family, intimate partner and other forms of interpersonal violence. Creative Interventions seeks to bring knowledge and power back to families and the community to resolve family, intimate partner and other forms of interpersonal violence at early stages and multiple points of abuse. It offers resources towards collective, creative, and flexible solutions, breaking isolation and clearing the path towards viable and sustainable systems of intervention. For more information, go to: <http://www.creative-interventions.org/>

⇒ **Critical Resistance, Oakland, CA** - Critical Resistance seeks to build an international movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex by challenging the belief that caging and controlling people makes us safe. We believe that basic necessities such as food, shelter, and freedom are what really make our communities secure. As such, our work is part of global struggles against inequality and powerlessness. The success of the movement requires that it reflect communities most affected by the PIC. For more information, go to: <http://www.criticalresistance.org>

⇒ **Different Avenues, Washington, D.C.** — Different Avenues is a diverse group of community activists, youth and HIV program specialists, and human rights experts. Recognizing that many people we serve are members of sexual and gender minorities, Different Avenues has extensive ties to transgender, bisexual, lesbian and gay communities in the Washington DC area. For more information, go to: <http://www.differentavenues.org>.

Different Avenues recently released *Move Along: Policing Sex Work* in Washington, D.C. which documents the results of a participatory research project on the impacts of “prostitution free zones” in D.C. The report is available at: <http://www.differentavenues.org/MoveAlongReport.pdf>

⇒ **Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, San Antonio, TX** — Esperanza's work helps individuals and grassroots organizations acquire knowledge and skills so that we can control decisions that affect our day-to-day lives in a way that respects and honors shared goals for a just society. We believe that by having a place with resources available we can come together to facilitate and provoke discussions and interactions among diverse groups of people who believe that together we can bring positive social change to our world and address the inherent interconnection of issues and oppressions across racial, class, sexual orientation, gender, age, health, physical and cultural boundaries. For more information, go to: <http://www.esperanzacenter.org/>

⇒ **Fabulous Independent Educated Radicals for Community Empowerment (FIERCE!), New York, NY** — FIERCE is a membership-based organization building the leadership and power of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth of color in New York City. We develop politically conscious leaders who are invested in improving ourselves and our communities through youth-led campaigns, leadership development programs, and cultural expression through arts and media. FIERCE is dedicated to cultivating the next generation of social justice movement leaders who are dedicated to ending all forms of oppression. For more information, go to <http://www.fiercenyc.org/> (More info on FIERCE! on next page...)



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Fenced OUT: FIERCE!'s Youth-Produced Documentary: Fenced OUT is a youth-inspired, produced and directed video created in collaboration between FIERCE!, Paper Tiger Television and The Neutral Zone. Fenced OUT documents the struggle of LGBTSTQ youth of color to save the Christopher Street pier and the West Village from re-development and gentrification. While researching the history of the pier, FIERCE! members discovered past generations of queer peoples' fight for use of public spaces at Christopher Street and the piers. FIERCE! has continued to use the documentary as a public education tool to raise awareness about the increasing displacement, violence, and criminalization experienced by LGBTSTQ youth of color. FIERCE! offers several workshops in conjunction with Fenced OUT screenings, (including: LGBTSTQ youth organizing against gentrification and displacement; and LGBTSTQ youth of color and the prison industrial complex).

- **Live Arts Media Project (LAMP), Detroit, MI** - LAMP is a youth-led initiative to transform education in Detroit through creativity and critical thinking.

In 2006, youth used participatory research, hip hop and sound collages to build a hip hop audio documentary called "Rising Up From the Ashes: Chronicles of A Drop-out," which is available for sale at <http://www.detroitsummer.org>. Currently, they lead workshops in schools and community centers using the documentary to spark dialogue around the root causes of the city's over 60% drop-out rate and envision concrete solutions to those problems.

- **National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, Oakland, CA** - The National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR) is a national organization composed of local coalitions and immigrant, refugee, community, religious, civil rights and labor organizations and activists. It serves as a forum to share information and analysis, to educate communities and the general public, and to develop and coordinate plans of action on important immigrant and refugee issues. We work to promote a just immigration and refugee policy in the United States and to defend and expand the rights of all immigrants and refugees, regardless of immigration status. For more information go to: <http://www.nnirr.org>

NNIRR recently launched a national documentation project on the violation of human rights of immigrants. For more information, go to: <http://www.nnirr.org/hurricane/index.php>

- **The Sex Workers Project, New York, New York** - Created in December 2001, the Sex Workers Project is the first program in New York City and in the country to focus on the provision of legal services, legal training, documentation, and policy advocacy for sex workers. Using a harm reduction and human rights model, the SWP protects the rights and safety of sex workers who by choice, circumstance, or coercion remain in the industry. For more information, go to: <http://www.sexworkersproject.org/>

- **Sista II Sista, Brooklyn, NY** - Sista II Sista was a Bushwick, Brooklyn based community-based collective of young and adult Black and Latina women organizing to end violence in their community in all its forms. You can learn more about their work in the chapter they wrote in *The Color of Violence: The INCITE! Anthology*, published by South End Press, found on the Resource CD that accompanies this toolkit, and from their website <http://www.sistaiisista.org>.

Videos: *You Have the Right to Break the Silence* and *No More Violence Against Our Sistas* feature Sista II Sista's documentation and organizing around police violence against young women of color in their neighborhood, and the development of *Sistas Liberated Ground*, an organizing project to address violence against women in their community without relying on the police. Both videos are available on DVD from incite_national@yahoo.com for a donation of \$10-\$25.



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- ⇒ **Sylvia Rivera Law Project, New York, NY** — The Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP) works to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence. SRLP is a collective organization founded on the understanding that gender self-determination is inextricably intertwined with racial, social and economic justice. Therefore, we seek to increase the political voice and visibility of low-income people of color who are transgender, intersex, or gender non-conforming. SRLP works to improve access to respectful and affirming social, health, and legal services for our communities. We believe that in order to create meaningful political participation and leadership, we must have access to basic means of survival and safety from violence. For more information, go to: <http://www.srlp.org>

Toilet Training is a documentary video and collaboration between transgender videomaker Tara Mateik and the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, an organization dedicated to ending poverty and gender identity discrimination. The video addresses the persistent discrimination, harassment, and violence that people who transgress gender norms face in gender segregated bathrooms. Using the stories of people who have been harassed, arrested or beaten for trying to use bathrooms, Toilet Training focuses on bathroom access in public space, in schools, and at work. Includes discussion of legal questions of equal access; the health effects associated with "holding it"; and the social consequences of experiencing pervasive discrimination in bathrooms and other gendered spaces. Interviews with lawyers, social workers and activists explore current law and policy, and highlight recent and future policy changes necessary to enable equal bathroom access for all. Concluding with examples of policy change, Toilet Training provides a necessary foundation to public education and organizing to address this overlooked issue. This race, age, ability and gender diverse video is a great activist tool for those who want to struggle for gender self-determination and bathroom liberation for all people starting with local communities and institutions. Toilet Training is also an excellent classroom resource. Appropriate for undergraduate and graduate classes in Women's Studies, Gender Studies, LGBT Studies, Disability Studies, Law, Social Work and Education. Comes with a companion toolkit full of useful facts and talking points about trans equality and bathroom access.

- ⇒ **Transgender, Gender Variant and Intersex Justice Project, Oakland, CA** — The TGI Justice Project's (TGIJP) 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. Because of the profound and complex impact the prison industrial complex has had on the disabled, poor communities, communities of color and TGI communities, TGIJP operates at the intersections of race, gender, sex, class, sexual orientation, intersexuality, and ability, among others. In doing this work, TGIJP prioritizes and centralizes the wisdom and leadership of TGI prisoners and former prisoners. For more information, go to: <http://www.tgijp.org/>
- ⇒ **Young Women's Empowerment Project, Chicago, IL** — Our mission as the Young Women's Empowerment Project is to offer safe, respectful, free-of-judgment spaces for [girls and young women impacted by the sex trade and street economies](#) to recognize their goals, dreams and desires. We are run by girls and women with life experience in the sex trade and street economies. We are a youth leadership organization grounded in [harm reduction](#) and social justice organizing by and for girls and young women (ages 12-23) impacted by the sex trade and street economies. For more information, go to: <http://www.youarepriceless.org>

