



**American Friends
Service Committee**



CHANGING THE SYSTEM

Dear George,

The U.S. imprisons more people than any country in the world, with over 2.4 million people behind bars and about 2.7 million children in the U.S. with an incarcerated parent. Poor people and people of color are incarcerated at

vastly disproportionate rates, and few resources are invested in reentry or community programs.

Want to learn more about how you can support change? Here are some resources and tips to help you stay informed and support your activism:

[Worried about family separation? It's time to look at the prison system](#) There are approximately 2.7 million children in the U.S. with an incarcerated parent.

[Five tips for talking about criminal punishment to help end mass incarceration](#) Help change the narrative, instead of reinforcing negative ideas about incarcerated people or the criminal punishment system.

[Ending perpetual punishment](#) Imagine what could happen if we created more paths to personal transformation for people in prison.

[Why it's time to end felony disenfranchisement](#) One in 13 African Americans—2.2 million people—are barred from voting because of a felony conviction.

[Sanctuary Spaces: A place for healing from incarceration](#) In New York, AFSC provides safe spaces for formerly incarcerated people and the children of currently incarcerated parents.

[An interview with Joshua Saleem, Director of AFSC's St. Louis Peace Building Program](#) Young people in St. Louis are taking the lead in working for racial justice in their schools and community and ending the school-to-prison pipeline.

Thank you!

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