Solitary Confinement and Mass Incarceration
Social Work Curriculum Educational Resource Database
Overview of Resource Database and Index of Keywords and Resource Types

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Social Workers Against Solitary Confinement (SWASC) is a national coalition of social workers and concerned allies who seek to abolish the torturous practice of solitary confinement in our jails, prisons, youth facilities, and detention centers.

We compiled this database in order to share resources for educational, advocacy, activism, coordination and networking purposes.

The overarching principles of social work, as defined by International Federation of Social Workers, are respect for the inherent worth and dignity of human beings, doing no harm, respect for diversity and upholding human rights and social justice. The treatment of people in solitary confinement, other than in emergencies and for the shortest time is direct conflict with social work principles. (See more on solitary confinement, dual loyalty and abolition in our "Resolving Ethical and Conflict" toolkit and our three-part Vimeo and PowerPoint presentation in the Resource Database). Solitary Confinement is one example of the torture that exists in our racist, classist system of mass incarceration.

Since 2014, SWASC has been urging the social work profession to provide support, guidance and leadership in order to abolish solitary confinement and end mass incarceration. Towards this end, we've created a Resource Database that educators, students, and other allies can use in order to raise consciousness and take actions. We appreciate the contributions of so many outstanding individuals and organizations. We intentionally uplift the voices of those impacted by the system.

The resources included in this Resource Database include many of the intersections of the carceral system, including abolition, human rights, solitary confinement, racism, healthcare, restorative justice etc. Specific content is identified by keywords and resource types. Below we provide a complete list of search terms categorized by topical areas and resource types and instructions on how to search and sort these terms in the database.

This Resource Database is a working document. A Google spreadsheet version of this document is available to you to add to. Reach out to us with questions, concerns, thoughts. Join us as coalition members in our work to end solitary confinement, subscribe to our newsletter – *End Solitary!,* email us at SWASC999@gmail.com, and visit our website at www.socialworkerasc.org.

And above all, share these resources and talk about them with your colleagues, friends, and loved ones. Silence sustains our monstrous carceral system.

Index of Keyword and Resource Type Search Terms

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HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH
addiction
death by suicide
detrimental
healing
health
long term effects
mental health
mental illness
mortality rates
risk assessment
trauma

SOCIAL WORK and HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS
clinical
dual loyalty
effects
elderly/geriatric social work
ethics
forensic social work education
health care
health professionals
NASW
National Association of Social Workers
public health
social work
Social work/health providers

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
adult prisons
carceral system
carceral system/mass incarceration
compassionate release
criminal justice
criminalization
death penalty
geriatric release
handbooks
law
legislation
manuals
mass incarceration
media
military
New Jersey
organizational culture
policy
prison staff
racism
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POPULATIONS
Chicano
elderly
immigrants
LGBTQ
political prisoners
women
youth

PRISONER TREATMENT
abuse
conditions
education
from inside
human rights
human rights abuse
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solitary confinement
torture
violence
wrongful conviction

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toolkit
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blog
book
book chapter
book/pdf
journal article
magazine
newsletter
newspaper article

Reports and information materials
database
fact sheet
guide
infographic
lecture
online training
organization
panel discussion
presentation
prisoner resources
regulation
report
research study
resources
statement
training
website

Multimedia sources
art
audio
discussion series
documentary
interview
online forum
podcast
podcast series
TED talk
television series
video
virtual reality
webinar

Directions for use

To **search** the spreadsheet, do a word search.
1. On your keyboard, hold the "control" and "f" key at the same time and a search box will appear in the top right corner of your screen.
2. Type the word you are looking for, and it should bring you to the first mention of that word.
3. If there are multiple instances of that word, press return or next to see the next mention of that word.

To **filter** the spreadsheet by column, use the checklist to select what you would like to display
1. Using the checklist to filter the resources requires unselecting all of the categories by clicking on "clear"
2. Select those you wish to see by clicking on them (a checkmark should appear next to selected items) You may select multiple items.

For more instructions on doing a word search, please watch this video.
For more instructions on using filters, please watch this video.