

## One Voice. One Home.

The National Incarceration Association was created out of a need that is profound among the families and loved ones of the incarcerated.

Dear NIA future members,

As I continue this journey of gathering together our community of families I want to encourage you to stay engaged. This newsletter will update you on the work that we are doing with the Georgia Department of Corrections and The Citizen Advisory Panel. We will continually work with you to address concerns and needs that affect all of us.

We will also be working heavily in the political arena in order for our voices to be heard. We will engage in all areas that support you as you support your loved one. For those of you with loved ones in other states, fear not, we will be launching nationally as well.





## Connecting, Communicating, Caring Citizens Advisory Panel



The Citizens Advisory Panel was formed to create safe, open lines of communicationbetween families, concerned citizens and The Georgia Department of Corrections inorder to help incarcerated individuals get the resources that meet theirmental, emotional, educational and spiritual needs thus creating healthy and productive returning citizens.

We have been meeting monthly since last August and have made great strides. All NIA members will be able to engage in this conversation. Please email me for a complete update on the February meeting. Once the website is up it will be posted on line.



## Watch for the NIA Political Action Committee

Building on the continued efforts of Kate Boccia we will start forming our voter bloc. Let us know if you are interested in this area.



Do you know if your loved one is eligible for Clemency or Sentence Reduction? Do you have expungement needs? Look no more, <u>Light of Law</u> can help you. Be sure and tell them The NIA sent you!





## The NIA Launch

We will be launching on February 29, 2016 at Enhance the Chance Lobby Day at the Georgia State Capitol. The cost to become a member will be \$25.00 yearly and will include:

- Accessto resources, tools, advocates and safe information in order to help your lovedone
- Organizational Structure for the DOC
- Amonthly newsletter updating you on The NIA's work and how you can get involved
- Accessto our calendar of events
- Anewsletter mailed quarterly to your loved ones keeping them abreast of changesthat affect them
- Aguide on who to vote for, what laws to support and what changes need to be madeto get our loved ones the help they deserve
- Directaccess to an advocacy team
- AnNIA bumper sticker

We will be launching the website for the NIA where you will be able to become a member and have access to tools, resources, contacts and support. Watch for our newsletters and emails and don't hesitate to call me anytime! Kate Boccia, Founder ~678.849.5836

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