

For 3 1/2 years I have been on the incredibly painful journey of being emotionally incarcerated. Those of you who love someone in prison understand what I mean.



Connecting Communities for Justice Reform

A Message from Kate



The phone rings, it's another family member in distress. I spend the first 10 to 15 minutes learning about their loved one's story, then we discuss ideas and solutions that will help them.

One of the areas that I have discovered in this work is that every single person I speak with feels the exact same way when they love someone in prison. Fear is the number one emotion, second to helplessness. Another phrase I often hear is 'I feel so alone.' What surprises me is that we don't have to be alone in this journey. With the internet's capabilities we should be connected by a simple click of a button.

When we think purposefully about mass incarceration we must understand that there are solutions. There are people and products available that can fix this problem. As our country engages in these conversations I begin to realize that while it is a hot topic, the actual solutions are still fragmented. There is no real database of vetted out, evidence based programs to help those who are 'caught up.' Yes, there are thousands of groups doing the work, yet there is no connectivity. Families are not able to communicate within the community they belong, we are not able to support each other, discuss our fears or engage in activities that promote change.

Hence why I formed The National Incarceration Association. The NIA is a membership driven platform that will allow for safe, open communication, vetted out resources and sustaining partnerships in order to bring about true change. We are to 'human rights' what The NRA is to 'gun rights'. We are a voter bloc so large that our voice will be heard.

[Learn how to join The NIA!](#) (Our website will be live April 16, 2016)



The NIA Mission is simple!

To provide the *community* of families, loved ones

and advocates of the incarcerated, reliable information and resources to help them during their difficult journey while also leveraging coordinated actions among our members and those who have the authority to make measured changes, and reform our system of justice for the better public interest and safety.



Members Kick Off
Save the Date: April 16, 2016 4-6pm
Details coming!



Team NIA
We are moms, wives, sisters, daughters. We are
husbands, grandfathers, sons.
We are all included and we want to include you!



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