



# Inmate / Adoptee Survey

Adopt an Inmate

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\*\*\*IF THIS IS A DUPLICATE SURVEY, PLEASE DISCARD OR PASS ON TO SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED\*\*\*

## Personal Info & Confidentiality

Name & Inmate #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State & Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please notify re: address changes) DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a veteran? Y / N Branch? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you interested in being adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Information provided is used for research purposes and may be published on the Adopt an Inmate website, and/or provided to legislators and media sources. If your comments are published, please indicate your privacy preferences:  First and Last name, location (*"John Smith, TDCJ"*)

First name, location (*"John in TDCJ"*)  I prefer to remain anonymous (*"A prisoner in Texas"*)

3. How long have you been incarcerated? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did you have a paid attorney? Y / N Were you provided with a public defender? Y / N

5. Did your case go to trial? Y / N Did you accept a plea deal? Y / N

6. Were you satisfied with your legal representation? Y / N

7. What is your sentence? \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of release? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you feel your sentence is just? Y / N Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Were you married when you were incarcerated? Y / N Are you currently married? Y / N

10. Do you have children? Y / N If Y, please provide # and ages of each: \_\_\_\_\_

11. If you have minor children, who is caring for them? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Have family & friends stayed in contact during your incarceration? Y / N \_\_\_\_\_

13. Were you employed before you were incarcerated? Y / N \_\_\_\_\_

14. Were you attending school before you were incarcerated? Y / N \_\_\_\_\_

15. How far are you located from your home city? How far are you from your closest family? \_\_\_\_\_

16. How many times have you been moved to a different facility? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Which facilities have you been housed? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Have you spent any time in Solitary or Ad/Seg? Y / N # of times, & how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Reason? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Do you feel your time in jail/prison has benefited you? Y / N Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Have you made friends on the inside that you will keep after you or they are released? Y / N

21. Do you find that inmates are supportive of each other? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Estimate the percentage of inmates in your dorm/building are indigent? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Estimate the percentage of inmates in your dorm/building with no family support \_\_\_\_\_

24. Do you have a job? Y / N If yes, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_ Wage? \_\_\_\_\_



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## Tell us about your facility

25. Which company provides phone service? \_\_\_\_\_ How often do you place calls? \_\_\_\_\_
26. Is the cost of phone calls a hardship for your friends and family? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Would you make more calls if the cost were cheaper? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Estimate percentage of inmates in your dorm/building that make phone calls \_\_\_\_\_
29. Is email provided? Y/ N  Incoming  Outgoing Who is the provider? \_\_\_\_\_
30. How often do you get visitors: \_\_\_\_\_  Contact  Behind glass
31. Does the visitation procedure make it difficult for family to visit? \_\_\_\_\_
32. What would enable you to receive more frequent visits? \_\_\_\_\_
33. Estimate percentage of inmates in your dorm/building that receive visits \_\_\_\_\_
34. Please list and describe any educational opportunities offered \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
35. Please list and describe any rehabilitation programs offered \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
36. Were you ordered to pay any restitution? Y / N If Y, amount: \_\_\_\_\_
37. If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
38. Please indicate issues you would like to see addressed in your facility (use extra sheet if needed)
- Guards  Trustees  Food  Commissary/Canteen  Phone  Mail / Books  Visitation
  - Transfers  Grievance process  Access to reading material  Access to legal resources
  - Medical care  Safety/Security issues  Gangs  Substance Abuse  Parole / Probation
  - Contraband – presence of: drugs, alcohol, cell phones  Educational Opportunities
  - Rehabilitation & Treatment programs
  - Condition of facility – circle: bathrooms / showers / dayroom / dorms / yard / other \_\_\_\_\_

If you have family or friends that would like to receive our quarterly newsletter for adopters and advocates of inmates, please provide their **email address(es) if known:**

39. Name & contact info: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
40. How are you related to the above? \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*For other inmates who may want get on our waiting list, please ask them to send a survey request with SASE \*\***

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**We do not have the resources to respond in writing to your completed survey – please know that as soon as we receive it you will be added to our waiting list. Please update us with any change in status or address.**



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Use this sheet if needed to provide additional comments – please indicate question number(s). **Include any information that might help in matching you, i.e., hobbies, interests, education, occupation, etc.**

**NOTE:** *We are not a dating service, and do not collect fees or put ads on our site for individual inmates. We are also not lawyers and cannot provide legal advice. Do not send us your legal documents. If and when you are matched with an adopter – **NEVER** share your adopter’s contact info with others without express permission from him or her.*

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