

Introduction

Transgender incarcerated individuals face alarmingly high rates of sexual assault—over five times more likely to be victimized by facility staff and more than nine times as likely to be assaulted by other incarcerated people compared to the general population (James 192). When examining the intersection of transgender identity and incarceration—two groups already marginalized on their own—we find a population that is even more vulnerable and often overlooked. There are few organizations that support incarcerated individuals, and even fewer that respect transgender folks, but one of them is Critical Resistance. Critical Resistance is a California based prison-abolition organization that connects incarcerated people with resources and advocates for their rights through community organizing. For my data science capstone, I will assist them in creating a digital toolbox for transgender incarcerated individuals for them to more easily access reliable resources and gender-affirming organizations. This project will be two-fold: collecting the information on organizations and then creating the digital toolbox.