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definition

ad litum	in place of someone else; i.e. parent
adjudicated	application of rules(laws) to juveniles usually then sentenced
adult	beginning at age 18/21, sentences are in years and they go to prison; youth may be treated as an adult
anti-social personality	psychiatric diagnosis in an adult meeting a set of criteria of behavior, considered "conduct disorder" before 18
appropriations	funding from governing bodies
bed space	sleeping capacity
behavior disorder	special education term for a student with behavior problems
bipolar	formerly "manic depression", psychiatric diagnosis for wide up and down mood swings
bitch	put-down for a subordinate, especially male
Black Gangster Disciples	gang
block	cell house
block	living quarters, group of offender rooms with associated dayroom, sometimes a pod with new buildings
Bloods	gang
borderline personality	pervasive pattern of instability of interpersonal relationships, self-image, and affect
bound over	juvenile sent to adult court and prison for a serious offense
bro'	"brother", blacks use as a term of familiarity or gang affiliation
bulldog	offender who preys on others
burglary	also B & E, use of a weapon or causes injuring when stealing
catastrophizing	making situations much worse by worrying or exaggerating
chain gang	work details off grounds with inmates shackled together
check in	request protective custody
check out	commit suicide
cigarettes	valuable in trade for sexual favors or other scarce items
cognitive restructuring	changing patterns of thinking
colors	different colors have significance to gang members although it is less prevalent than previously
community based...	services available after release
concurrent sentences	multiple sentences served simultaneously, also CS
conduct disorder	psychiatric diagnosis of a juvenile(before 18) meeting a set of criteria of behavior, "anti-social" in an adult
confidentiality	required to keep all inmate's information private/secret even the fact they are/are not in that facility
conjugal visits	inmate visits with legal spouse with privacy
consecutive sentences	one sentence following the completion of another, also CC, also "boxcars"
contraband	items not allowed
count	designated or random times to account for (count) inmates
court appointed lawyer	attorney assigned by the courts for defendants who cannot hire one
criminal mischief	property damage
Crips	gang
custody	under arrest, "in care" of the authorities
cuz	term of familiarity, frequently gang oriented
dabbler	youth experimenting with Satanism to make a statement
daddy	older or stronger offender who protects others for sexual favors
delinquent	youth offenders
detention facility	for temporary placement of juveniles arrested criminal activity or runaway
deuce	two year sentence
discipline	logical consequences for actions
distance learning	non-classroom experiences in learning to earn degrees, I.e. internet
donut	gang put-down
dozens or snaps	"playing the dozens", a game with humorous insults by/towards African Americans, "Your mother..."
duck	offender used for homosexual relations, usually young
dysfunctional family	family with nonadaptive behaviors often without 2 functioning adults/parents
early release	release of those closest to completion of sentence often due to overcrowding
eval	evaluation, assessment of psychological, educational or other status
expiration	date of sentence completion
false negative	in medical testing it registers negative but is positive
false positive	in medical testing it registers positive but is negative

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felony	serious crime such as burglary or murder
fiber optics	fibers of glass using light for fast communication often for teleconferencing or distance learning
first degree	intentional crime with planning
fish	new commitment
Folk Nation	alliance of varied gangs: right side oriented, 6 point star, pitchfork, backward swastika, winged heart
folks	name of those affiliated with the Folk Nation
gangs	groups of youth which commit crimes, over 300 identified
Gangster Disciples	gang
good and honor days	days removed from the sentence for positive behavior as determined by the state, also good time
goon squad	group of officers called upon to subdue a violent or defiant offender or group
graffiti	gang symbols in spray paint for communication, often to mark neighborhood territory
grant	written document to request money from government/groups for specified purpose/program
harassment, sexual	unwelcome sexual advances
histrionic	craving excitement
hole (the hole)	slang for cells for disciplinary segregation
hostile work environment	when other's conduct creates an abusive work environment
industrial school	residential placement for juvenile offenders on court order including job training skills, also training school
intimidation	to frighten or coerce another to do something
jacket	inmate file
jailhouse lawyer	inmate self taught in law and uses it for himself or others
juveniles	individuals under 18/21 sent to training/industrial school not prison in terms of months
kid	offender "belonging" sexually to another
kite	interview request form, or a disciplinary report also known as a "write-up"
lock down	a time all must return to their cells and remain, often for a security issue
manipulation	skillful management of another to one's own purpose or advantage, staff or other inmate
manslaughter	criminal charge for accidentally causing a death
max	maximum security
methadone	a drug to replace the cravings for heroin
minimize	lessen one's own responsibility
minimum	minimum security
misdemeanor	less serious crime than a felony such as traffic violations
Nip 109	Chinese gang
non-residential	use of home detention, intensive supervision, electronic monitoring, day reporting, vocational training
ombudsman	protector of legal rights, to monitor programs and to educate for the "voiceless", i.e. children, inmates
on report	documented reprimand
oreo	put-down for mixed race person, black physically but "white" behavior
paper	on parole
parole	conditional release from incarceration before the sentence is completed
people	name of those with the People's Nation
People Nation	alliance of varied gangs; left side oriented, 5 point star, crown, crescent moon, top hat/cane
prison	secure facility for adult offenders
Prison Ministries	religious organization offered by outsiders for inmates
pro bono	legal work done without payment
probation	period of supervision under DOC before or following incarceration
psychotic	out of touch with reality
psychotropic medication	prescription medication for mental dysfunctioning
Public Law 94.142	US federal law for special education students having equal access to education
punishment	punitive treatment
rap sheet	list of police contacts
reaction formation	replace something painful by claiming the opposite. "I'm not angry" when he is.
reading level (or math)	tested as functioning as an average student in that grade/month; i.e. 9.3 is 9th grade/3rd month
recidivism	the re-arrest and re-incarceration of a previous offender
reformatory	secure facility for adults for rehabilitation
rehabilitation	return to normal but is often "habilitation" since some don't have normal, legal behavior

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repression	block unpleasantness in own consciousness
residential facility	a placement for 24 hour supervision
Restorative Justice	a process to address all aspects of a crime, victim, offender, and community
restraints, mechanical	hand cuffs, bellychains, leg shackles
restraints, soft	body wrap, velcro devices, strait jacket
robbery	armed with a dangerous weapon or inflicts/attempts to inflict serious injury when stealing
second degree	intentional crime without planning
segregation	separated from the general population
self medicating	taking substances to feel better, i.e. alcohol or illegal drugs which often worsens the situation
self mutilator	deliberate non-lethal harming of self, more often female
shank	home made knife, always contraband
shock parole	a judge's order to release inmate after 30 or 60 days in prison
skinheads	white racist gang
snipes	new cigarette created with tobacco of butts
sociopath	individual born without empathy for others
suicide attempt	an unsuccessful try to kill ones self, 8 times more often than successful suicides
suicide completion	self inflicted death, 60% preceded by suicide attempts, males are higher risks using more lethal means
superintendent	institutional head official
swaddling	using a restraining device to help a person regain control emotionally and physically
tattoo	permanent ink body markings often symbolizing gang affiliation or times incarcerated
theft	stealing property
thinking errors	internal dialogue which results in criminal behavior: A-B-C, Assume the worst, Blame, self-Centered, M-M, Minimize, Maxi
three hots and a cot	3 square meals and a place to sleep, usually referring to jail or institution
throwing gang signs	gang related hand gestures
Title I, formerly Chapter 1	US federal grant money for students under 21 for reading and math improvement
training school	residential facility for juvenile offenders on court order
turn out	the inmate manipulation culminating in staff set-up; con game
Vice Lords	gang
vocational training	hands-on learning for trade skills, i.e. computer programming, culinary, automotive
wannabe	a youth obviously trying to imitate gang behavior to become accepted
warden	institutional head official
warehousing	housing inmates with little treatment often due to overcrowding or financial difficulties
White Supremacist	white gang, very racist

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