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| 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                    | <b>on parole</b>  |
| 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                  | <b>gang</b>  |
| 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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