

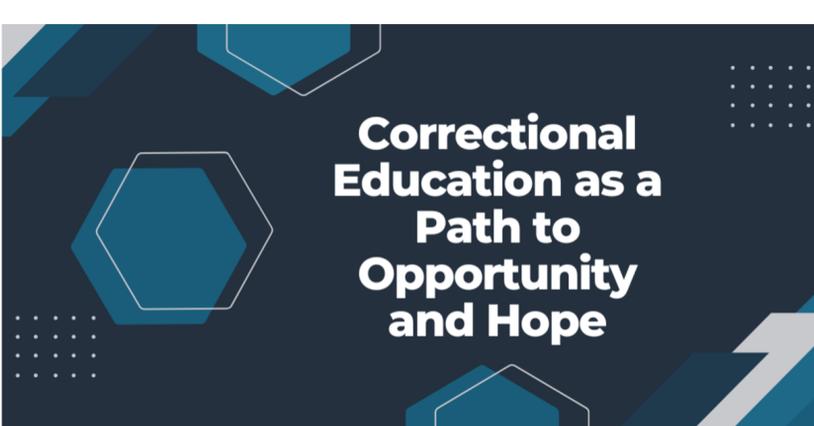
## NEWSLETTER



*You are the CEO/Founder of the Urban Equity Group, LLC. The Urban Equity Group was formed to provide quality Information Technology (IT) services through a lens of social advocacy. What inspired you to get involved in this work, and how is it relevant to individuals involved with the criminal legal system?*

The Urban Equity Group is a socially responsible tech company with the vision of using technology to move equity forward. In addition to IT consulting with businesses, nonprofits, and private individuals, Urban Equity Group also partners with community organizations to deliver digital literacy training for their service utilizers. Digital literacy includes using common software to type documents, create presentations, or organize spreadsheets.

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### Correctional Education as a Path to Opportunity and Hope

Correctional education is a broad term that applies to the many learning opportunities that can be made available to people who are incarcerated. This might include everything from parenting education to vocational training to college and graduate-level courses. These all have one thing in common: they provide residents of correctional settings opportunities to improve themselves personally and professionally, and they offer hope for life after—or during sustained—incarceration. Individuals with mental and substance use disorders often face challenges to educational attainment across their lifespan. Providing opportunities for meaningful education programs during incarceration can shift their trajectory and provide a pathway away from further justice involvement.

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### Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico: Support, Community, and Connection for Transgender Individuals Involved in the Criminal Justice System

The Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico (TGRCNM) is a community organization that has provided a wide range of services to Albuquerque and surrounding communities for more than 15 years. Founders Adrien Lawyer and Zane Stephens decided to “build their own” when they couldn’t find the types of services and supports they needed as transmasculine men in Bernalillo County, where Albuquerque is located. Since beginning with a web-based resource list and a few support groups, TGRCNM has grown to now employ 10 people across different roles and typically provides services to about 20 to 30 people at any given time. They provide support and advocacy, education, and direct services for transgender, nonbinary, and gender non-conforming individuals in their community, criminal justice system, and beyond, including the following:



Co-founder Adrien Lawyer (photo courtesy of Albuquerque Community Foundation)

- Support groups (10)
- Food justice program
- Case management and community referral
- HIV programs, including testing and syringe exchange
- Mental health services
- Legal supports
- Connection to housing and community resources
- Employment opportunities

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