



PUBLIC NOTICE
February 12, 2020

Contact: Zakee Martin
Email: zmartin@usccr.gov
Tel: 202-376-8359

**Public Conference Call with Chair Catherine E. Lhamon
& Commissioner David Kladney**

Women in Prison: Seeking Justice Behind Bars

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 | 10:45 am EDT

WHAT:

On February 26th, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Chair Catherine E. Lhamon and Commissioner David Kladney will hold a public conference call to discuss the Commission's forthcoming report, ***Women in Prison: Seeking Justice Behind Bars***. The report examines the state of federal civil rights protections for incarcerated women to explore women's experiences while incarcerated. It covers a range of issues incarcerated women face, including access to healthcare, prevention of sexual assault, discipline and segregated housing, parental rights, and availability of programming. The report provides examples of prison administrations seeking to address these issues and it evaluates the response of the federal government. The Commission's research includes examination of high rates of a history of trauma reported by incarcerated women, as well as policies responsive to this trauma. The report also offers recommendations to Congress and the executive branch.

The Commission held a [public briefing](#) on the subject in February 2019, including testimony from academic experts, formerly incarcerated women, prison administrators, and policy experts. We invite you to view the [morning](#), [afternoon](#) and [public comment](#) sessions, and the briefing [transcript](#).

WHO:

[Catherine E. Lhamon](#), Chair, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
[David Kladney](#), Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

WHEN:

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 | 10:45 am EDT

WHERE:

Public teleconference | Call-in line: 800-367-2403 | Conference ID: 890-8595
Callers will have the opportunity to ask questions about the report
Participants are encouraged to RSVP to publicaffairs@usccr.gov

###

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is the only independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights and reporting annually on federal civil rights enforcement. Our 51

state Advisory Committees offer a broad perspective on civil rights concerns at state and local levels. For information about the Commission, please visit www.usccr.gov and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).