Spend your spring break in Ann Arbor, MI learning about the criminal justice system and organizing from the AFSC staff and community!

Maybe you have learned about the problem of prison and mass incarceration in a class or through fulfilling your own curiosity. Maybe you have been involved in working against the prison industrial complex because of personal interest or direct experience within the system. Maybe someone you love has been caught in the criminal justice system.

If you are interested in confronting the problem of mass incarceration and directly encountering and learning how to challenge the problems inherent in a system that relies on punishment and social control as the basis for its existence, we encourage you to enroll in Social Justice Spring Break with AFSC’s Michigan Criminal Justice Program.

You will be engaged with a series of hands on and educational experiences, including:

- A day in the life of prison reform activists;
- Training in advocating with people in prison in MI;
- Meeting and conversing with local activists engaged in work around criminal justice policy in Michigan prison abolition, conflict mediation inside and creative arts projects in Michigan’s prisons;
- Participation in a symposium on mental illness, the criminal justice system and laws about diminished capacity;
- Prison tour.

Candidates should have an interest in peace and justice issues, enjoy working in groups, and have a flexible attitude. Previous knowledge about prisons/criminal justice not required. This is a learning opportunity.

Details:
- Free home stays through the local Quaker Meeting
- Lunch and some dinners provided by AFSC
- Transportation to, from and in Ann Arbor provided
- Apply by February 14 to epolley@afsc.org

To Apply
Please send a cover letter, resume and a 500-700 word essay addressing the question, “What is my role in peace and justice?” to Erin Polley at epolley@afsc.org. Application deadline February 14, 2014. For more info, call 317-626-0868. LIMIT 12 students, apply early.

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is committed to social justice, peace and humanitarian service. Its work is based on the Quaker belief in the worth of every person and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice.

AFSC’s Michigan Criminal Justice Program advocates for over 1,500 Michigan prisoners and their families each year, building an “advocacy network” throughout the state. The program encourages dialogue among prisoners and the general public, and works for humane reform of the criminal justice system, and for the rights of prisoners.