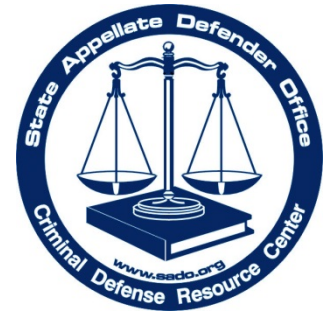


# An Informational Session For Family And Friends Of The Incarcerated

Presented by: The State Appellate Defender Office (SADO)



## Who is SADO?

The State Appellate Defender Office (SADO) represents indigent criminal defendants on appeal from their felony criminal convictions. SADO has two office locations, in Detroit and Lansing. SADO attorneys represent those with convictions arising out of all counties within the State of Michigan.

## How Can SADO Help Your Families?

It can be a scary and confusing time when your loved one is convicted of a crime and sentenced to the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC). SADO would like to invite families affected by incarceration to join us for a free informational session about what to expect after a loved one has been convicted and sentenced to prison. Attendees of this informational session can talk with SADO staff about the process of appealing a conviction and how an appeal is different from the trial or plea proceedings, and will learn how to stay connected with incarcerated loved ones through visits and letters, and much more.

## Other Information

Dates for upcoming sessions are listed to the right. Friends and family members interested in attending should call SADO for details.

Specifics of an individual's case will not be discussed at these sessions and legal advice will not be given. These sessions are intended to be informational only.

## This Informational Session is offered on the following dates and times:

- February 11, 2016, Thursday in Lansing at 5:30 pm
- May 19, 2016, Thursday in Detroit at 5:30 pm
- August 18, 2016, Thursday, in Detroit at 5:30 pm
- November 17, 2016, Thursday, in Lansing at 5:30 pm

Detroit Location: 645 Griswold, Suite 3300 Penobscot Building, Detroit, MI 48226

Lansing Location: Capitol National Center, 200 North Washington Sq., Suite 250, Lansing 48933

Sessions typically last until 7 pm. Specific topics may vary slightly depending on what attendees wish to discuss. Light refreshments will be provided. The sessions are open to all.

## Feedback from those who have attended in the past:

*"The information you gave us today empowers us."*

*"Very grateful this was offered."*

*"You were very caring, compassionate and empathetic to us as a family."*

*"This is exactly what we needed!"*

*"Thank you for helping me understand."*

*"Program was very helpful and gave very useful information."*

*"This is our first experience with the criminal justice system. It has been heartbreaking. We appreciate the information we received."*

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