# An Informational Session For Family and Friends of the Incarcerated



**State Appellate Defender Office** 

### Who is SADO?

SADO is the only state-funded and statewide public defender office in Michigan. We represent and oversee the representation of indigent individuals appealing their felony convictions and sentences.

# **How Can SADO Help 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 invites anyone 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. Attendees will also learn how to stay connected with incarcerated loved ones through visits and letters, and will learn about various resources related to incarceration.

#### Other Information

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.

# Stay Connected

Visit <u>www.SADO.org</u> for resources and information.

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## When and Where?

Thursday March 19, 2020 5:30pm – 7pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing 5509 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing, MI 48911

All are welcome.

Please RSVP at least two days in advance to Marilena David-Martin <a href="mailto:mdavid@sado.org">mdavid@sado.org</a> or 313-670-0309

Specific topics may vary slightly depending on what attendees wish to discuss.

Light refreshments will be provided.

#### 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."

Supported by Sesame Street. Toolkits are available for children with incarcerated parents and those affected by incarceration.

