

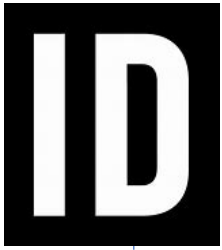


Let's Get Started

Tools to Start Over Reentry Guide



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Identification

Identification documentation is necessary for most aspects of life – to secure employment and housing, apply for benefits, access treatment, and much more. This is often the first step in the transition from incarceration to the community. Learn about the importance of each document and ways to obtain them for your state.

Birth Certificate

In order to receive a birth certificate, you will need to contact the Office of Vital Records in the state in which you were born. Find a local office to learn about the process.

Visit → <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm>

Driver's License or State ID

A driver's license or state ID are the most acceptable forms of photo identification. Learn about the documents you will need and find a local Department of Motor Vehicle office near you.

Visit → <https://www.dmv.com/>

Social Security Card

Having your social security number and card is important to have on hand for forms and documents. Visit the Social Security website to learn how to get a replacement copy.

Visit → <https://www.ssa.gov/>





Housing

Appropriate housing may be difficult to find due to requirements and background information needed. There are options including federal housing opportunities for low income families, and halfway houses to help you through early sobriety. Learn about the different housing options and find one that works best for you.

Federal Housing

The Department of Housing and Development (HUD) connects homeless individuals with public housing, also known as “Section 8”. Find out if you are eligible for government support.

Visit → https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/

Transitional Housing

Transitional housing is great option if you are not ready to live on your own, or if substance abuse is an issue. Search our map to find halfway houses near you.

Visit → <https://georeentryconnect.com/resources/>

Shelter Housing

Shelters offer temporary housing and are helpful in emergency situations. Search our map to find local shelters near you.

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Transportation

If you do not have your own car or bike, there are options to help you get around. Public transportation is a cost-effective option, but it varies state to state. Learn about the public transportation in your area.

Public Transit Routes + Schedules

Find public transit options near you.

Visit →

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_bus_transit_systems_in_the_United_States

Websites + Apps

Explore these popular transportation sites and mobile apps:

CityMapper → <https://citymapper.com>

Moovit → <https://moovit.com>

Financial Help

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provides funding to purchase or fix your vehicle. Find out if you are eligible for assistance.

Visit → <https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/613>



Substance Abuse

Sobriety is one of the most important aspects of a successful reentry, and oftentimes the transition from incarceration to the community can trigger relapse.

It's important to pinpoint treatment programs and support groups that can help you maintain sobriety.

Find Treatment

There are many options for starting and continuing treatment after release. Find a service provider in your area.

Visit → <https://findtreatmentbeta.18f.gov/>

Find Support

12-Step programs are widely accessible in the U.S. and offer a range of support. Find a local meeting near you.

Alcoholics Anonymous → https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/find-local-aa

Narcotics Anonymous → <http://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>

Cocaine Anonymous → <http://www.ca-online.org/meetings/>

Al-Anon → <https://al-anon.org/al-anon-meetings/>

Gambler's Anonymous → <http://www.gamblersanonymous.org/ga/locations>





Health Insurance

Everyone has access to healthcare and it's important to understand which coverage plans the government provides and your eligibility. Discover the three types of coverage and enroll in the right plan for you.

The Marketplace

A service offered by the federal government that helps you enroll in health insurance by state. Explore your state's plans.

Visit → <https://www.healthcare.gov/>

Medicaid

A four-part system that provides health coverage for some low-income people, families and children, pregnant women, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Find out if you are eligible.

Visit → <https://www.healthinsurance.org/medicaid/>

Medicare

A service provided by both the state and federal government that offers low-cost health insurance based on income levels. Find out if you are eligible.

Visit → <https://www.medicare.gov/index>

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is part of Medicaid. Find out if your family is eligible.

Visit → <https://www.insurekidsnow.gov/coverage/index.html>



Expungement + Legal Aid

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In some cases, you may find errors in your criminal record that can be removed or revised. It's important to become familiar with your state's expungement laws. Find record clearance overviews, lawyers, court forms, and resources in your area.

Visit → <https://cleanslateclearinghouse.org/states/>

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