

Bridgeport ReEntry Resource Guide



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ReEntry Collaborative
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Welcome Home!

If you are returning to Bridgeport to start a new life after being in prison, you are not alone.

Many have gone before you, and they have succeeded.

Many others are here to help.

This guide is intended to help you with some common issues and point you to people and places who can help.

Good luck as you begin your journey. It is not always easy and it won't be quick. But you can make a new future, and there is help.

Bienvenidos a Casa!

Si ha salido de la prisión, y desea empezar una nueva vida en Bridgeport, usted no esta solo.

Otros que han llegado antes que usted han tenido éxito.

Estamos aquí para ayudarle.

Esta guía le ayudara con algunos asuntos comunes y lo orientará hacia personas y lugares que pueden ayudarlo.

Buena suerte en su nueva jornada. No será fácil y probablemente no tendrá resultados inmediatos, pero usted puede hacerse de un nuevo futuro, y hay ayuda disponible.

RE-ENTRY POINTS

Career Resources \ReEntry Works

350 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 610-6209

www.careerresources.org

Job Leads, education, work readiness. Preparing youth and adults in southwestern Connecticut to gain employment and progress in their careers.

The Center for Women and Families

753 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 334-6154

www.cwfefc.org/

Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Women of CHANGE program, preparing incarcerated women for life after prison.

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport/ CO-OP Center

1100 Boston Avenue, Bldg. 5A
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 367-8441

www.ccgb.org/coop.htm

Monday though Friday, 8:45 am to 4:45 pm
Short/long term re-entry services for DOC/EOS referrals for men and women.

Family Re-Entry

126 Washington Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 362-2452
www.familyreentry.org

Fresh Start Reentry Program:

Employment counseling, case management, basic needs support and mentoring.

Beacon Mentoring Program:

Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 am to 6 pm;
Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 am to 8 pm.

Behavioral Health Program:

Substance abuse, anger management and mental Health treatment. Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 9 am to 8 pm;
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am to 6 pm.

Bridgeport Reentry Initiative (BRI)

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1. FOOD

Golden Hill United Methodist Church

210 Elm Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 336-0152

www.gbgm-umc.org

Serves Wednesdays, 5 pm - 6 pm

The Salvation Army

30 Elm Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 334-0995

www.salvationarmy.org

Serves Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 10 am - 1 pm; kitchen Sun. & Tues. - Thurs., no specific times, please call.

Bridgeport Rescue Mission

1088 Fairfield Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06605

(203) 333-4087

www.bridgeportrescuemission.org

Serves: kitchen, Mon. - Sat., 7 am - 7 pm

Pantry, Mon. - Thurs., 1:30 pm - 3 pm; mobile, Mon. - Sat., 6 pm - 7 pm

The Thomas Merton Family Center

43 Madison Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 367-9036

Serves Mon. - Fri., 9 am - 1:30 pm; Sat., 11 am - Noon

2. CLOTHING

Dress for Success

35 Brentwood Avenue

Fairfield, CT 06825

(203) 333-6505

www.dressforsuccess.org

Gently used professional attire for women only.

Salvation Army

30 Elm Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 334-0995

www.salvationarmy.org

Gently used clothing.

Bridgeport Rescue Mission

1088 Fairfield Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06605

(203) 333-4087

www.bridgeportrescuemission.org

Gently used clothing.

FSW

475 Clinton Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06605

(203) 368-4291

www.fswinc.org

Gently used clothing.

3. HOUSING

YMCA-Central Connecticut Coast Alpha House

387 Clinton Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06605

(203) 366-2809

www.cccymca.org

Emergency family shelter through the Families-in-Transition program.

Homes for the Brave

655 Park Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 338-0669

www.homesforthebrave.org

Transitional living program for homeless veterans.

Operation Hope

50 Nichols Street

Fairfield, CT 06824

(203) 254-2935

www.operationhopect.org

Homeless shelter for men, women, and women with children.

Women for Change inc.

62 Read Street

Bridgeport ,CT 06607

(203) 275-8508

Transitional living program for woman returning from incarceration who are homeless.

Bridgeport Rescue Mission

1088 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 333-4087

www.bridgeportrescuemission.org

Overnight emergency shelter for men; new life discipleship program for men and women.

Prospect House

392 Prospect Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 576-9041

Transitional homeless shelter for single men and women.

4. TRANSPORTATION

CO-OP Center/The Council of Churches

1100 Boston Avenue, Bldg. 5A
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 367-8441

www.ccg.org/coop.htm

Bus tokens and train fares.

Family Re-Entry

126 Washington Avenue # 3
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 576-6924

www.familyreentry.org

Bus tokens and train fares.

The Center for Women and Families

753 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203)334-6154
www.cwfefc.org

Bus tokens and train fares.

5. EDUCATION

CO-OP Center/ The Council of Churches

1100 Boston Avenue, Bldg. 5A
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 275-1508`

www.ccg.org/coop.htm

GED prep classes, computer training, and assistance for local community college courses.

Career Resources

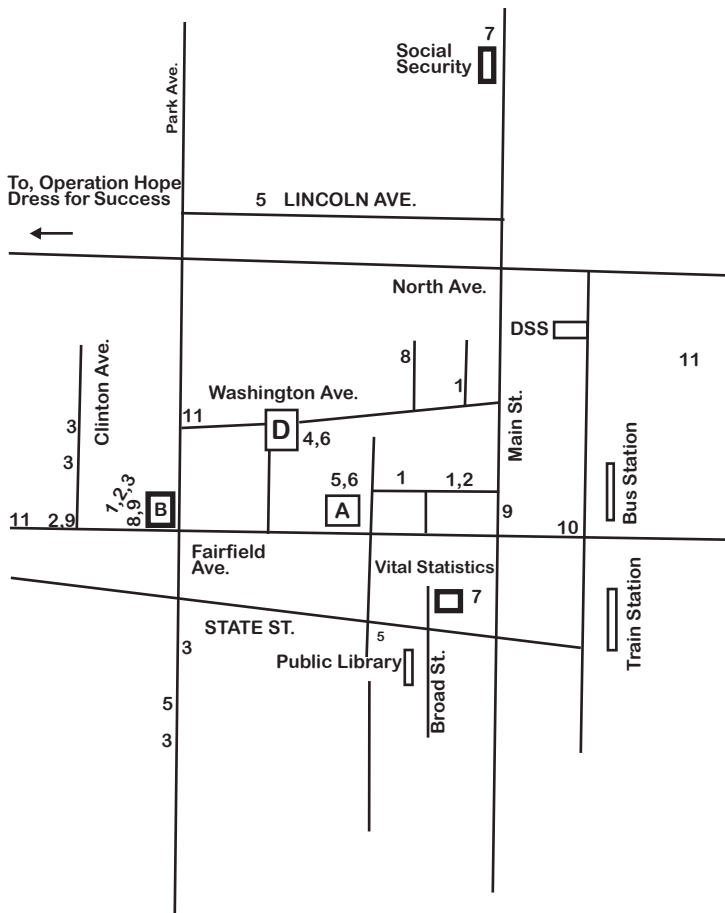
350 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 953-3270
www.careerresources.org

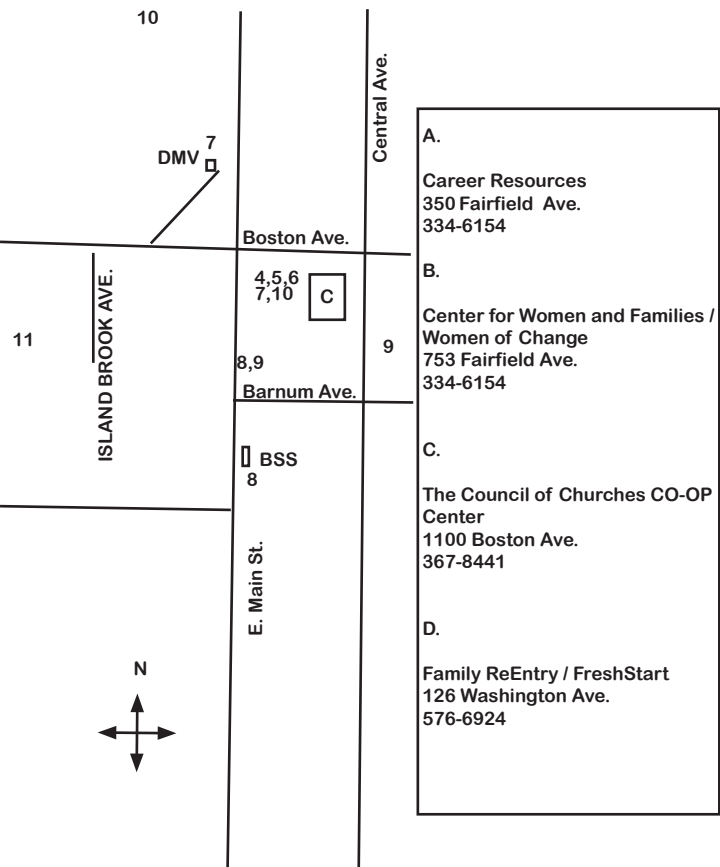
GED prep and ABE classes.

Map Key

Numbers on the following map correspond to these categories:

1. Food
2. Clothing
3. Housing
4. Transportation
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6. Employment
7. Identification
8. Health Care
9. Mental Health
10. Child and Family Resources
11. Other Resources





Housatonic Community College

900 Lafayette Boulevard

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 332-5000

www.hctc.commnet.edu

2-year associate degree and certificate-based programs.

Bridgeport Adult Board of Education

Central High School

1 Lincoln Boulevard

Bridgeport, CT 06606

(203) 275-1508

www.bridgeportedu.com

High School GED classes and testing center.

STRIVE

350 Fairfield Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 953-3233

www.careerresources.org

3-week intensive employment readiness program.

Mercy Learning Center

637 Park Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 334-6699

www.mercylearningcenter.org

Life skills/education programs for women only.

6. EMPLOYMENT

CT Works One Stop Career Center

2 Lafayette Square

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 455-2700

www.ctdol.state.ct.us

Meeting the needs of workers and employers.

Family Re-Entry

126 Washington Avenue #3

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203)362-2452

www.familyreentry.org

Vocational and educational planning, Fresh Start Works Crews.

7. IDENTIFICATION

CO-OP Center/ The Council of Churches

1100 Boston Avenue, Bldg. 5A

Bridgeport, CT 06610

(203) 367-8441

www.ccg.org/coop.htm

Assistance with obtaining all legal identification.

Department of Motor Vehicles

95 Sylvan Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06606

(860) 263-5700

www.ct.gov/dmv/

CT state driver's license, identification card.

Vital Statistics

202 State Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 576-7477

Bridgeport CT birth, death, and marriage records.

Social Security Department

3885 Main Street

Bridgeport, CT 06606

(203) 365-8452

Social Security card, SSI, SSD entitlements.

8. HEALTH CARE

Bridgeport Department of Social Services Health Department

752 East Main Street

Bridgeport, CT 06605

(203) 576-7680

Health insurance application through SAGA, food stamps.

Americares

115 Highland Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 333-9175

www.americares.org

Free clinic. Delivering medicine, relief supplies and health care to those in need.

Southwest Community Health Center

968 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 330-6000

www.swchc.org

Community outreach, health education/disease prevention programs, and entitlement enrollment services.

OPTIMUS

982 East Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608
(203) 696 – 3260

www.bridgeportchc.org

Outpatient health care for the entire family from prenatal through geriatric services.

9. MENTAL HEALTH

Bridgeport Mental Health

1635 Central Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203)-551-7400

www.ct.gov

Outpatient and inpatient mental health services for insured and uninsured.

CT Renaissance

1120 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 367-6827

www.ctrenaissance.com

Treatment of psychiatric disorders and/ or co-existing substance abuse and psychiatric disorders.

FSW

475 Clinton Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 368-5601

www.fswinc.org

Group and individual counseling, self-support skills and economic self-sufficiency.

Southwest Community Health Center

968 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 330-6000

www.swchc.org

Community outreach, health education/disease prevention programs, and entitlement enrollment services.

DMHAS

97 Middle Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 579-7444

CT Offender ReEntry Program (CORP), mental health diagnosis at Garner, Osborn, and York CI.

OPTIMUS

982 East Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608
(203) 696-3260

www.bridgeportchc.org

Outpatient health care for the entire family from prenatal through geriatric services.

10. CHILD AND FAMILY RESOURCES

DCF-Family and Children Association

180 Fairfield Avenue # 1
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 367-5361

www.ct.gov/dcf/site/default.asp

Protecting children, strengthening families, and helping young people reach their fullest potential.

Janus Center/ The Council of Churches

1100 Boston Avenue, Bldg. 5A
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 367-8441

www.ccg.org/janushouse.htm

Assists youth facing serious problems with their families, schools or the juvenile court.

Casey Family Services

789 Reservoir Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06606

Phone: (203) 372-3722

www.caseyfamilyservices.org

Changing needs of vulnerable children and families.

Fathers for Life / Families for Life

Career Resources

350 Fairfield Avenue, 3rd Floor

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 953-3269

www.careerresources.org

Separate group sessions for parenting and life skills for couples and parents.

Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition

2470 Fairfield Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06605

(203) 549-0203

www.bcacct.org/

Improving the well-being of children through programs combining research, community planning, education, and mobilization.

11. OTHER RESOURCES

Community Solutions, Inc.

255 Island Brook Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(203) 696-1323
www.csi-online.org

Alternative Incarceration Center (AIC)

Services for people referred by the courts, probation and parole only. Services include employment assistance, cognitive restructuring, & substance abuse groups.

ABCD, Inc.

1070 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 366-8241
www.abcd.org

Energy Assistance

All applicants must provide proof of income for all household members for the four weeks immediately prior to application date. All applicants must apply in person. Appointments can be made by calling (203) 384-6904.

The CT Pardon Team, Inc.

Toll Free Phone: (866) 251-3810
www.connecticutpardonteam.org
Provides information and step-by-step assistance to individuals in completing and filing a CT Pardon application.

Catholic Charities of Fairfield County

238 Jewett Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(203) 416-1322

www.bridgeportdiocese.com/catholiccharities

Direct services and case management, mental health, family counseling to needy people of all faiths.

Street Smart Ventures LLC

64 Cone Street
Hartford, CT 06105
(860) 233-5738

www.ssventures.com

Community development integrating mentoring and employment training workcrews and entrepreneurship.

Additional resources can be located through:

- www.211ct.org
- INFOLINE, call 2-1-1
- www.ct.gov
- Any public library branch

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